

Essex Field Club Programme for 2019 as on 25 Aug 2019

Please check online at www.essexfieldclub.org.uk/portal/p/Our+meetings for new meetings and any changes.

Improve your skills. Join our field meetings and as well as enjoying the social side of the meetings, get help from specialists on identification and field survey techniques

Botany Group – Contact Ken Adams 020 8508 7863

Essex Moth Group – contact Dougal Urquhart 01206 383868 email: dougal.urquhart@essex.gov.uk

Fungus Group – contact Tony Boniface 01245 266316

Geology Group – contact Peter Allen 01992 630661

Herpetofauna Group – contact Jim Silverstone essex_arg@hotmail.com

INFORMATION FOR PEOPLE JOINING THE FIELD MEETINGS OF THE ESSEX FIELD CLUB

1. Please confirm that you are coming to Essex Field Club meetings by emailing or telephoning the leader a few days beforehand to check for details; and let the leader know if you later find you can't attend so we don't wait needlessly, or if you need to leave early, to save us registering you as lost and possibly injured.
2. Health and safety of participants is an Essex Field Club priority, but you have some duty of care for your own safety and that of others during a meeting. The leader will brief you on the day about any particular hazards of the site known to them; please make sure you listen.
3. Do not attempt a walk (which may cover several miles) unless you are fit and able to do so and be prepared for normal footpath hazards. Check when booking if doubtful.
4. EFC Field meetings, unless otherwise stated, are led by members working in an amateur and volunteer capacity on behalf of fellow members and others in the Group. Meeting leaders are not expected to administer first aid, or to provide first aid equipment.
5. On meetings which include a picnic, we recommend you bring your own wipes or water to clean your hands before eating, and a plastic bag for sitting on which can then be used to carry waste home.
6. If you have a medical condition such as angina, a pacemaker, diabetes, blackouts or allergy to stings etc. that may give rise to a medical emergency during a meeting, you must inform the leader 2 days in advance to see if there might be a problem. N. B. Mobile phone contact to emergency services may not be available in remote areas. (A fuller version is on our website at www.essexfieldclub.org.uk/portal/p/Meetings+guidance)

For all geology field meetings, it is essential that you book ahead and that you read and agree to the rules and advice outlined on the Essex Rock and Mineral Society web site (www.erms.org). Copies can be supplied on request from Peter Allen (01992 630661; peter.allen6@virgin.net).

January Tue 1st 2019 10:00	Basildon NHS. Annual walk around Marks Hill and Hoppit Shaw, SS16 6LR, meet at Delmores Car Park	
February Sat 23rd 2019 10:30-16:00	Essex Moth Group annual meeting. At the Green Centre, Wat Tyler Country Park, Pitsea, Basildon, Essex SS16 4UH. Lunch and refreshments on the day, £10 charge on the day. Essential to book in good time. Guest speakers, slide shows, specimen displays.	Leader: Essential to contact Peter Harvey or Dougal Urquhart in good time beforehand if attending: Email: grayspeterharvey@gmail.com or dougal.urquhart@essex.gov.uk
March Sat 9th 2019 10:00	Basildon NHS. BNHS Birdwatch at Thameside Nature Park, Mucking Wharf Road, Stanford le Hope SS17 0RN	
March Sat 16th 2019 14:00-17:00	Essex Field Club Spring Meeting and AGM. At the Green Centre, Wat Tyler Country Park, Pitsea, Basildon, Essex SS16 4UH.	
March Mon 25th 2019 08:00	Littoral invertebrate surveying. Southend Foreshore. Meet at the Three Shells Cafe, Western Esplanade, Southend-on-Sea SS1 1EE, Morning only	Leader: Simon Taylor book via 07947 388180 or abmanuk@hotmail.com
April Sat 13th 2019 10:00	Molluscs and other invertebrates. Marks Hill Wood, Langdon Hills. Meet at the car park on Delmores, Langdon Hills (TQ682874). Bring packed lunch.	Leader: Simon Taylor book via 07947 388180 or abmanuk@hotmail.com
April Thu 18th 2019 10:30	General Meeting. HenHam Village woods. Henham Parish Council have bought woodland 1 mile outside of Henham which they would like us to survey, as well as the 7 ponds scattered throughout the village. Park in the High Street TL549285 at 1030am and survey the village before heading out to the woods in as few cars as possible as, there is not enough suitable parking places by the wood. The woodland strip is located at TL544274. As you come out of Henham on Mill Road the wood is on the right hand side opposite a haulage yard known as Hill Top Farm. There is a very straight public footpath which leads to Elsenham, it appears to be part of a disused railway line. This could form a circular walk for those who like a ramble (approx. 2.5 miles). Bring a packed lunch. There is a village shop which is open 9am-1pm and 2-430pm. The Cock Inn pub is open 12-3pm and 5-11pm.	Leader: Email to confirm in advance efcsecretary2018@gmail.com
April Sat 27th 2019 10:00	Basildon NHS. Bluebell Walk from St Mary's & All Saints Church car park SS16 6HY	
April Sat 27th 2019 11:00am	General Meeting. Mann Wood, Great & Little Leighs. At the invitation of owner David Boyle, Fairstead Hall. Meet promptly at 11.00 in the parking area at the end of the long drive from Boreham Road beside Bishop's Hall Farm CM3 1PP at the entrance to the wood at TL74191706.	Leader: Leader Ken Adams. 0208 508 7863 or 07773 493260.
April Sun 28th 2019 10:30	General Meeting. Rainham Wildspace SSSI (TQ520819). Wildspace is part of the Inner Thames Marshes SSSI, and has reedbeds, hedgerows and general herbaceous/scrub. Meet at Rainham station, Ferry Lane, RM13 9HY (TQ521820), at 10.30 am. We then cross the railway to the entrance to Wildspace. Parking around the station and on Wennington Road (single yellow line is OK for parking on Sundays).	Leader: Yvonne Couch; j_couch@sky.com ; 07729867278
May Sun 5th 2019 10:00	Molluscs and other invertebrates. Hainault Forest. Meet at the Camelot car park, Manor Road, Lambourne, opposite the Miller & Carter pub RM4 1NH (TQ478944). Bring packed lunch.	Leader: Simon Taylor book via 07947 388180 or abmanuk@hotmail.com

May Sat 11th 2019 10:00-17:00	RHS Hyde Hall Wildlife Weekend. RHS Hyde Hall gardens. Creep hedge Lane, Rettendon Common, CHELMSFORD, CM3 8ET	
May Sat 11th 2019 11:00am	General meeting. Mann Wood. Great Leighs. General recording but especially bryophytes and lichens. Meet along track by Bishops Hall Farm TL7381,1683 (CM3 1PP) off Boreham Road - and owner David Boyle will open the gate for us to drive up into the wood. Bring packed lunch. Please book with Ken Adams.	Leader: Leader Ken Adams. 0208 508 7863 or 07773 493260.
May Sun 12th 2019 10:00-17:00	RHS Hyde Hall Wildlife Weekend. RHS Hyde Hall gardens. Creep hedge Lane, Rettendon Common, CHELMSFORD, CM3 8ET	
May Wed 15th 2019 10:30	General Meeting. Dick Ball Meadow, Clavering TL477321 CB11 4QR Parking at the Fox and Hounds pub, Clavering. (Pub opens from 4pm weekdays and from 12pm weekends).	Leader: Fiona Hutchings Please book: fiona.77h@hotmail.com
May Fri 17th 2019 19:30-late	A wildlife extravaganza. will occur in the historic market town of Saffron Walden. From sunset there will be: - *torch searches for amphibians at Swan Meadow ponds, *a bat walk from Saffron Walden Museum, through the High Street to Swan Meadow and then onto Bridge End Gardens *moth trapping at Bridge End Gardens and Saffron Walden Museum.	
May Thu 23rd 2019 10:30	Joint meeting with LNHS. Mayesbrook Park, general meeting. Meet at Lodge Avenue car park (not sports centre car park) TQ465845. Nearest station Becontree, District Line (approx 1km walk). Bring lunch. No toilets.	Leader: EFC members contact Peter Harvey grayspeterharvey@gmail.com
May Sat 25th 2019 10.30am	General meeting. Saxonbury Wood consists of 4 acres on the west side of Chantry Wood. This private ancient woodland has few records. Park to one side of the wooden five bar gate at TL839128 where there is parking for 2-3 cars or in Wickham Bishops, the village at the eastern end of Chantry Wood, a couple of hundred yards away along Witham Road. Please refer to your newsletter for more details.	Leader: Contact Peter Harvey: grayspeterharvey@gmail.com
June Sat 1st 2019 10:30	General Meeting. Scotch Patch and Ellis Green TL602341 Starting at Scotch Patch -an orchard owned by the Walden Countryside CIC- we will work our way northwest along Ellis Green; a LoWS. A visit here will truly feel like being in the middle of nowhere! Park at Scotch Patch, turning is opposite Swallows Farm, Thaxted Road CB10 2XP.	Leader: Fiona Hutchings Please book: fiona.77h@hotmail.com
June Thu 6th 2019 10:30 - 16:00	General Meeting. Carver Barracks Airfield TL565342 CB11 3JY. Meet at the layby for Rowney Woods. Bring a packed lunch.	Leader: Fiona Hutchings Please book: fiona.77h@hotmail.com well ahead so that civilian numbers can be passed on to the barracks
June Fri 7th 2019 19:30	Evening for moths. Carver Barracks Airfield TL565342 CB11 3JY. Meet at the layby for Rowney Woods.	Leader: Fiona Hutchings Please book: fiona.77h@hotmail.com well ahead so that civilian numbers can be passed on to the barracks
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June Fri 21st 2019 19:15	BNHS with Wickford Wildlife Society. Midsummer Day Evening Walk, 19:15 for 19:30, Meet at Westley Heights car park SS16 6HU. Then refreshments at Miller and Carter, High Roar, Langton Hills.	
June Thu 27th 2019 10:30	General Meeting. Lucy May field. TL588345 Broadoaks Manor is nearby, for anyone wishing to go on a circular walk. Nearest parking is along Howlett End road. Bring a packed lunch. n.b. Fiona will try to arrange parking with the new owners of the White Hart pub (when someone takes it on)	Leader: Fiona Hutchings Please book: fiona.77h@hotmail.com
June Sat 29th 2019 11:00-16:00	General meeting. EWT Wrabness. TM167314, Car park at entrance	Leader: Sue Hooten, Contact Fiona on EFCmedia2019@gmail.com to confirm attendance
July Fri 5th 2019 19:30	Evening for Moths. Carver Barracks Airfield TL565342 CB11 3JY Evening for moths. Meet at the layby for Rowney Woods.	Leader: Fiona Hutchings Please book: fiona.77h@hotmail.com well ahead so that civilian numbers can be passed on to the barracks
July Sat 6th 2019 10:00	Basildon NHS. Butterfly Safari at Marks Hill/Willow Park. Meet at 10:00 at the green gate and seat in Staneway near SS16 5RN. Parking inside the green gate, no parking on verge.	
July Sat 6th 2019 10:30	General Meeting. Carver Barracks Airfield TL565342 CB11 3JY. Meet at the layby for Rowney Woods. Bring a packed lunch.	Leader: Fiona Hutchings Please book: fiona.77h@hotmail.com well ahead so that civilian numbers can be passed on to the barracks
July Sun 21st 2019 All day	INQUA Visit To The Quaternary Of The Lower Thames. The Quaternary fluvial record of England is remarkably rich in fossils and artefacts, providing a record of environmental change and human occupation over multiple glacial-interglacial cycles. This excursion will visit key fluvial sedimentary sequences, with biostratigraphical and Palaeolithic components emphasized. Section visits will be reinforced by displays of fossils and artefacts. Locations to be visited: Greenlands Pit, Purfleet and Lion Pit Tramway Cutting, Chafford, West Thurrock. Wansunt Pit and Swanscombe, Kent. The cost for a single day is £50 including a Field Guide or £30 without a Field Guide. It does not include transport.	Leader: International Union for Quaternary Research: There is an application form for participants to complete, and send to: Dr Becky Briant b.briant@bbk.ac.uk copied to Val Siviter (QRA administrator) valeriesiviter@btinternet.com. Please contact John Cooke at jhc@johocooke.plus.com for a copy of the form

July Sat 27th 2019 10:30	General Meeting. Birchanger Woods Parking available at TL497227 CM23 3BJ A list of species previously recorded at or near the site can be found on the Birchanger Trust's website. http://www.birchangerwoodtrust.org/natural%20history.html Followed by an optional afternoon stroll around a newly created Country Park opposite Birchanger Woods to round off the day.	Leader: Fiona Hutchings Please book: fiona.77h@hotmail.com
August Sat 3rd 2019 10:30	General Meeting. Dick Ball Meadow, Clavering TL477321 CB11 4QR. Parking at the Fox and Hounds pub, Clavering. (Pub opens from 4pm weekdays and from 12pm weekends).	Leader: Fiona Hutchings Please book: fiona.77h@hotmail.com
August Sun 11th 2019 11am - 5pm	The Essex Natural History Show. The Essex Natural History Show. Activities taking place at: the Green Centre, Wat Tyler Country Park, Pitsea, Basildon, Essex SS16 4UH.	Leader: Contact: Peter Harvey. Email: grayspeterharvey@gmail.com
August Sun 25th 2019 10:30	General Meeting. General Meeting. Rainham Wildspace SSSI (TQ520819). Wildspace is part of the Inner Thames Marshes SSSI, and has reedbeds, hedgerows and general herbaceous/scrub. Meet at Rainham station, Ferry Lane, RM13 9HY (TQ521820), at 10.30 am. We then cross the railway to the entrance to Wildspace. Parking around the station and on Wennington Road (single yellow line is OK for parking on Sundays).	Leader: Yvonne Couch; j_couch@sky.com; 07729867278.
September Sat 14th 2019 10:30	EFC General meeting and Fungi. Sandon Churchyard. Church Car Park at TL743047 off Hall Lane. Also Parking in Sports Ground off Woodhill Road at TL741048. Packed Lunch. To Be Confirmed. CHECK WITH LEADER BEFORE ATTENDING	Leader: Tony Boniface Please book 01245 266316 Mobile on the day 07582 775754
September Sun 15th 2019 10:00	Basildon NHS. Walk around Marks Hill. meet at delmores car park SS16 6LR.	
September Mon 23rd 2019 10:30	EFC Fungus group. Danbury Common NT Car Park off Bicknacre road at TL781043. Packed Lunch. To Be Confirmed. CHECK WITH LEADER BEFORE ATTENDING	Leader: Martin Gregory Please book 01245 223300.
September Fri 27th 2019 10:30	EFC General meeting and Fungi. Mill Green Common. Parking off Mill Gree Road at TL638012. Packed lunch. To Be Confirmed. CHECK WITH LEADER BEFORE ATTENDING	Leader: Graham Smith Please book 01277 354034.
October Sat 5th 2019 10:30	EFC Fungus group. Norsey wood. Parking off Norsey Drive at TQ690956. Packed lunch. To Be Confirmed. CHECK WITH LEADER BEFORE ATTENDING	Leader: Tony Boniface Please book 01245 266316 Mobile on the day 07582 775754
October Sat 5th 2019 10:30	Joint meeting with LNHS. Mayesbrook Park, plant gall survey with Tommy Root and general meeting. Meet at Lodge Avenue car park (not sports centre car park) TQ465845. Nearest station Becontree, District Line (approx 1km walk). Bring lunch. No toilets.	Leader: EFC members contact Peter Harvey: grayspeterharvey@gmail.com
October Thu 10th 2019 10:30	EFC Fungus group. Swan and Cygnet woods, and Hankin's wood, Stock. Packed Lunch. Parking in small layby or on road at TQ688992. To Be Confirmed. CHECK WITH LEADER BEFORE ATTENDING	Leader: John Cooke, 01708 223477, mobile 07941507549 email jhc@johcooke.plus.com
October Tue 15th 2019 10:30	EFC Fungus group. Belhus Woods Country Park, Running Water Wood North and South, packed lunch, Charge for parking. To Be Confirmed. CHECK WITH LEADER BEFORE ATTENDING	Leader: Mary Smith Please book 01708 228921, mobile on the day 07903 052095
October Sat 19th 2019 11:00	Essex Field Club with Wickford NHS and Basildon HNS. Marks Hill nature Reserve. Meet at Delmores Car Park SS16 6LR TQ681875. Bring lunch if staying all day.	Leader: Glenn Jacobs 01268 551146
October Fri 25th 2019 10:30	EFC Fungus group. Hazeleigh Wood. Packed lunch. Small off-road parking area at TL833038, Sign on verge to indicate parking. Collection strictly for identification only. Small charge for entry £2-£3 each. To Be Confirmed. CHECK WITH LEADER BEFORE ATTENDING	Leader: Graham Smith Please book 01277 354034. silaum.silau@tiscali.co.uk
October Sat 26th 2019 10.30am	General meeting. Saxonbury Wood consists of 4 acres on the west side of Chantry Wood. This private ancient woodland has few records. Park to one side of the wooden five bar gate at TL839128 where there is parking for 2-3 cars or in Wickham Bishops, the village at the eastern end of Chantry Wood, a couple of hundred yards away along Witham Road. Please refer to your newsletter for more details.	Leader: Contact Peter Harvey: grayspeterharvey@gmail.com
November Sat 2nd 2019 10:30	EFC Fungus group with Mill Meadows Society. Mill Meadows Billericay. Access and very small parking area by scouts hut off Greens Farm Lane TQ 685943. If full there is off street parking available in the town centre which is a short walk from the reserve. Packed Lunch. To Be Confirmed. CHECK WITH LEADER BEFORE ATTENDING	Leader: Tony Boniface Please book 01245 266316 Mobile on the day 07582 775754
November Sat 9th 2019 10:30	EFC Fungus group. Waxcap special. Starting from Fryerning Churchyard. TL 638 001. Packed lunch. Fungus group AGM after the meeting at 40 Pentland Avenue CM1 4AZ. To Be Confirmed. CHECK WITH LEADER BEFORE ATTENDING	Leader: Tony Boniface Please book 01245 266316 Mobile on the day 07582 775754
December Sat 7th 2019 11:00-16:00	Annual Exhibition & Social. At the Green Centre, Wat Tyler Country Park SS16 4UH, TQ738, 865	Leader: Contact: Peter Harvey. Email: grayspeterharvey@gmail.com