



Essex Field Club Programme 2010



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Herpetofauna Group – contact Ray Cranfield 01702 540600

People wishing to book onto events with the **Herpetofauna Group** need to contact Ray Cranfield so that they can be advised when the event will be taking place; field trips are dependent on timing – tides and toad migration etc.

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

1. If you wish to join an Essex Field Club Field Meeting please confirm that you want to attend by telephoning the leader a few days beforehand and checking all details. You should also tell the leader if you later decide not to attend (so the group are not kept waiting for you needlessly), or if you have to leave a meeting early (so they know you are not lost or injured).
2. The Essex Field Club considers the health and safety of participants in their events to be a high priority. You are asked to remember that you have some duty of care for your own safety and that of others during a meeting. At the start of each meeting the leader will brief you about any particular hazards of the site known to them; please make sure you listen.
3. Do not attempt a walk unless you are fit and able to do so. Walks often cover several miles and you must expect at least the kind of hazards you would encounter on any public footpath. If in doubt, ask the meeting leader when booking.
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. You should provide basic medical and first aid supplies for your own use. Meeting leaders are not expected to administer first aid, or to provide first aid equipment.
5. On all meetings which include a picnic, we recommend that you bring your own wipes or water with you to clean your hands before eating. A plastic bag for sitting on can be helpful, and later used to carry waste home.
6. If you have a particular condition that may give rise to a medical emergency during a meeting eg allergy to insect stings, blackouts, pacemaker etc, be sure to contact the meeting leader at least 2 days beforehand to enquire if there might be a problem for you during the meeting (See note 1). You should not assume that mobile phone contact to emergency services will be available as meetings often take place out of range of a mobile phone. (A fuller version is on our website www.essexfieldclub.org.uk)

Date and time	Venue	Leader(s)
February Date to be negotiated for maximum participation. 2.00–5.00.	Botany Group 'Spring Chicken' Annual & Buffet Lunch. Planning the big push for 3 rd Flora Mapping. Epping Conservation Centre. High Beach. Loughton. 2-5.	Please book: Ken and Ann Adams: 0208 508 7863.
February Saturday 27 th 10.30-5.00	ESSEX MOTH GROUP. Venture 2000 Centre, Wignall Street, Lawford, nr. Manningtree. Essex. TM093,310. Lunch and refreshments £5 for the day.	Guest speakers, slide shows, specimen displays. Please ring Joe Firmin on 01206 241389 if attending.
March Saturday 13 th 2.30-5.00	ESSEX FIELD CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Hall of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Melbourne Avenue (north side). Chelmsford. TL689,083. Annual address: Peter Allen 'The Geodiversity of Tendring.'	Please bring any unusual specimens for display.
March Sunday 14 th 11.00 (Rye rlv. st.)	Geology Group & Rock and Mineral Soc. Evolution of Romney Marsh & Dungeness. Meet Rye rlv. Station. 1:50,000 Sheet 189. TQ 919,205.	Leader: Peter Allen Please book: 01992 630660
March Saturday 20 th 10.30	Essex Bryology Group. Rowney Wood, Forestry Commission. Debden. Meet in lay-by in Water Lane. TL568,344.	Leader: Tim Pyner. Please book: 01702 580402
March Saturday 27 th 11.00	General Meeting. Norsey Wood, Billericay. Meet at the Information Centre car park, entrance in Outwood Common Road. TQ691,956. Packed lunch.	Leader: Ken Adams Please book: 020 85087863.
April Saturday 17 th 10.30	Essex Bryology Group. Epping Lower Forest. Meet in car park on south side of B181 at TL 4720,0310.	Leader: Ken Adams Please book: 0208 508 7863
April Sunday 25 th 11.30	Geology Group & Rock and Mineral Soc. Walton on the Naze for London Clay and Red Crag fossils. Meet at the cliff top tower the café. TM264,234. Low tide 15.48.	Leader: Gerald Lucy Please book: 01799 523310
May Saturday 15 th from 8.30pm.	Essex Bat Group & EFC. Talk plus Soprano bat count at EWT Hanningfield Res. Centre., Hawkswood Road, Billericay. TQ736,975. Bring your bat detector (we have some spares) plus fold-up chair and hot flask.	Leaders: Becky Gibson & Frank Last. Please book: 07720 397320.

May Saturday 15 th 4.00pm – 8.00pm	Marine Algal Group. Harwich for rocky sea shore and walk to Dovercourt. Low tide at 7.13pm. Meet in Cliff Park at junction of promenade and harbour wall TM263,316. Car parks at Milton Rd. CO12 3LA and Wellington Rd. CO12 3DL. Wellington Boots essential.	Leader: Ian Tittley Please book: 01227 365671 Mobile on the day: 0781 829 2936
May Saturday 22 nd 11.00	BSBI/Wiltshire Botanical Soc. Grays Chalk Quarry. Meet Chafford Gorges Visitor Centre, western end of Drakes Road. Grays. TQ5992,7936.	Leader: Ken Adams Please book:020 8508 7863
May Sunday 23 rd 11.00	BSBI/Wiltshire Botanical Soc. Fobbing Marshes. Meet Fobbing Church, in Wharf Road. TQ7179,8389.	Leader: Ken Adams Please book:020 8508 7863
June Thursday 17 th 10.30	Botany Group. Dagnam Park, Harold Hill. Meet in car park at northern end of Settle Road (off Dagnam Park Drive) TQ550,928. Packed Lunch.	Leader: Mary Smith Please book: 01708 228921 Mobile on the day: 07903 052095
June Wednesday 23 rd 10.30	Botany Group. Thorndon Country Park South, Meet in car park off Brentwood Road A128. TQ779,860. Packed lunch.	Leader: Mary Smith Please book: 01708 228921 Mobile on the day: 07903 052095
June Saturday 26 th 10.30	Botany Group. Little Wakering Creek, meet at end of Kimberley Road, Lt. Wakering TQ931,889. Salt marsh and old coastal pastures. Packed lunch.	Leader: Tim Pyner Please book: 01702 580402
July Saturday 3 rd 11.00	Botany Group Benfleet Downs, meet Benfleet Station TQ777,859. Car parking available off School Lane TQ779,860. Packed lunch.	Leader: Ken Adams Please book 020 8508 7863
July Sunday 4 th 10.00	Geology Group & Rock and Mineral Soc. Butt's Cliff, Althorne, Burnham on Crouch. Foreshore at Cliff Reach TQ921,967 for fossil sharks teeth, corals and molluscs. Meet Althorne rlw. station. TQ905,979.	Leaders: Rick Johnson & Jeff Sayward. Please book: David Turner 01245 267450
August Saturday 21 st 10.00	Geology Group & Rock and Mineral Soc. Bull & Lodge Quarry, Boreham. Meet in quarry car-park TL738,104 off Generals Lane. Hard hats essential.	Leader: Peter Allen Please book: 01992 630 661
September Saturday 18 th , 11.00	Fungus Group. Swan Wood, Stock. Park in layby in Swan lane at TQ688,992. Packed lunch.	Leader: Graham Smith Please book: 01277 354034.
September Wednesday 22 nd , 11.00	Fungus Group. The Mores, Coxtie Green, nr Brentwood. Park by St. Pauls church in Snakes Hill. Packed lunch. TQ 565,966.	Leader: Ken Adams Please book: 020 8508 7863
September Saturday 25 th 11.00	Fungus Group. Chalkney Wood, Earles Colne.ECC, FC Meet in car park SW side at TL872,273. Bring lunch.	Leader: Ken Adams Please book: 020 8508 7863
September Monday 27 th , 10.30	Fungus Group joint with BNA. Thrift Wood, Bicknacre. Park off the B1418 at TL790,017. Packed lunch.	Leader: Tony Boniface. Please book: 01245 266316. Mobile on the day 07881 974720.
October Saturday 9 th , 11.00	Fungus Group. Stour & Copperas Woods, nr. Harwich. Meet in Stour Wood car park at TM 190,309. Packed lunch.	Leader: Ian Rose Please book: 01206 392870
October Wednesday 13 th , 10.30	Fungus Group. Starvelarks and Tile Woods & Little Haven N.R. Thundersley. Meet in EWT volunteer's car park, TQ817,888. St.Michael's Road. Packed lunch.	Leader: Graham Price Please book: 01268 776945. Mobile on the day 07812 708444.
October Saturday 16 th 11.00	Marine Algal Group. Leigh on Sea for sea-shore, saltmarsh, sandflats and walk towards Chalkwell.11.00 for midday low tide, finish no later than 16.00. Meet at Leigh on Sea Station TQ 831857.Car parks at Belton Gardens SS92EJ, New Road SS92EA, Victoria Wharf SS92EN. Wellington Boots essential.	Leader: Ian Tittley Please book: 01227 365671. Mobile on the day: 0781 829 2936
October Sunday 17 th , 11.00	Fungus Group. Great & Little Bendysh Woods, Radwinter End. Park near Swan's Farm at TL618,397. Packed lunch.	Leaders: Ken Adams Please book:020 85087863.
October Wednesday 20 th , 10.00	Fungus Group. Joint with BNA. Blakes Wood, Little Baddow. NT/EWT. Entrance TL775,064. Packed lunch.	Leader:Tony Boniface. Please book: 01245 266316. Mobile on the day: 07881 974720
October Monday 25 th , 11.00	Fungus Group. Hadleigh Great Wood & Belfairs. Meet at the end of Poors Lane TQ 814,877. Packed lunch.	Leader: Barbara Chapman.Please book: 01268 765597. Mobile on the day: 07742 291986
October Saturday 30 th , 10.00	Fungus Group joint with Basildon NHS. Westley Heights, Langdon Hills. Meet in car park, 200 yds behind Harvester pub: TQ 682,867. Packed lunch.	Leader: Rodney Cole Please book: 01268 553149
November Friday 6 th , 10.30.	Fungus Group. Waxcap Special. Starting from Fryerning Churchyard TL638,001. Packed lunch.	Leader: Tony Boniface. Please book: 01245 266316. Mobile on the day 07881 974720.
December Saturday 4 th 2.30-5.00pm	11th ANNUAL EXHIBITION AND SOCIAL. Hall of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Melbourne Avenue (north side). Chelmsford. TL689,083.	Exhibitors must book space with Mary Smith by 20 th November: 01708 228921.