



Essex Field Club Programme 2012



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Botany Group – contact Ken Adams 020 8508 7863
Essex Moth Group – contact Joe Firmin on 01206 241389
Fungus Group – contact Tony Boniface 01245 266316
Geology group – contact Peter Allen 01992 630661
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 & Time	Venue	Leader
January Saturday 21st 11:00	Essex Bryology Group. Debden Slade and Loughton Brook, Epping Forest. Meet in Earl's Path car park at TQ4176,9705. Packed lunch.	Leader: Ken Adams Please book: 020 8508 7863.
February Saturday 18 th 10:30-5:30	ESSEX MOTH GROUP annual meeting and exhibition. 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.
February Saturday 18 th 10:00 - 4:00	ESSEX GEM & MINERAL SHOW. Essex Rock & Mineral Soc. North Romford Community Centre, Clockhouse Lane, Collier Row. Admission £1.00. Bus 365 from Romford Station.	Just turn up.
February Saturday 25th 11:00	Essex Bryology Group. Wall Wood & Hatfield Forest. Meet at southern end of the Forest at TL5288,1873. Packed lunch.	Leader: Ken Adams Please book: 020 8508 7863.
March Saturday 10 th 2:00 - 5:00pm	ESSEX FIELD CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Hall of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Melbourne Avenue (north side). Chelmsford. CM1 3DU. TL689,083. Annual address: Ken Adams, ' <i>Changes in the Flora of Essex 1974-2012</i> '.	Please bring along anything unusual to show or which you need identified.
March Saturday 24th 11:00	Essex Bryology Group. Liston/Foxearth Old Gravel Pits. Meet at the junction of the road and entrance track at TL840,458. Packed lunch. N.B. CHANGE OF DATE	Leader: Ken Adams Please book: 020 8508 7863.
March March 31 st 12 noon	Seaweeds Group. Shoeburyness, meet at East Beach car park in George Street TQ941,849 (additional parking at Station car park ,TQ939,850). Seashore walk from Shoeburyness towards Southend (low water 13.00 approx.)	Leader: Ian Tittley Please book: 01227 365671. Mobile on the day: 0781 829 2936
April Sunday 1 st 10:00	Geology Group + ER&MS. Walton on the Naze. Red Crag and London Clay fossils. Meet in car park by café/cliff top tower at TM 264,234.	Leader: Gerald Lucy: Please book: 01799 523310.
April Monday 2 nd 1:30 - 4:30pm	Botany Group. Belhus Woods Country Park, for early flowers, suitable for beginners and improvers. Meet by Visitor Centre, in the main car park. Entrance TQ564,825. Free parking pass from leader on arrival.	Leader: Mary Smith Please book: 01708 228921. Mobile on the day. 07903 052095.
April Monday 30 th 10:30	Fungus Group. Pheasanthouse Wood & Woodham Walter Common. Meet at Dukes Orchard, Spring Elms Lane, Lt. Baddow. CM3 4SG.TQ 7864,0730. Packed lunch.	Leader: Martin Gregory. Please book:01245 223300.

May Saturday 5 th	8:30	Geology Group + ER&MS. Elsenham Quarry. Meet in the car park by the works at the end of a 1km long private road that joins Hall Road at TL 547,255 (sign here for Elsenham Landfill Site). Anglian till, Kesgrave Sands, Chillesford Sands, Red Crag sands (without fossil shells) & basal gravel, and some London Clay. Hard hats, high visibility jackets and strong footwear essential.	Leader: Gerald Lucy. Please book with David Turner 01245 267450.
June Saturday 30 th	10:30	Botany Group & LNHS. Lakeside Complex. TQ5878 and TQ5978, developed land in an old chalk pit, monad recording for the Essex & London Flora Projects. Meet at Chafford Hundred Station (TQ589,787, NR Fenchurch St.) Free parking in retail areas over the footbridge W of the station. Packed lunch.	Leader: Mary Smith Please book: 01708 228921. Mobile on the day: 07903 052095.
July Saturday 21 st	9:30	Geology Group + ER&MS. Boreham. Bulls Lodge Quarry. Meet in quarry car park off General's Lane by roundabout. TL738,104. Hardhats & yellow jackets.	Leader: David Turner Please book: 01245 267450.
July Saturday 28 th	11:00	Botany Group. Wanstead Park & City of London Cemetery. Meet and park in Northumberland Ave. at TQ414,871. Packed lunch.	Leader: Ken Adams. Please book: 020 8508 7863. Mobile on the day: 07773 492260.
August Tuesday 7 th	10:30	Botany Group. Cranham Marsh & Cranham Brickfields survey. Meet & park in Argyle Gardens TQ566,859. Packed lunch.	Leader: Ken Adams. Please book: 020 8508 7863. Mobile on the day: 07773 492260.
August Saturday 11 th	10:30	Botany Group & LNHS. Paglesham for saltmarsh flora. Meet Rochford Stn. at TQ873,904. NR from Liverpool St. Cars needed. Packed lunch.	Leader: Tim Pyner. Please book: 01702 580402.
August Sunday 12 th	12 noon	Seaweed Group. Burnham on Crouch. Meet in Millfield Recreation Ground car park TQ952,957. Seashore walk along the estuary (low water 13.00 approx)	Leader: Ian Tittley Please book: 01227 365671. Mobile on the day: 0781 829 2936.
September Saturday 8 th	10:00	Snail Hunt. Aquatic Mollusca and other invertebrates in borrow dykes east of South Woodham Ferrers. Meet at Saltcoats Recreation Ground parking area TQ817,973. Follow up to the visit in 2009. Packed lunch, wellies and sampling net if you have one.	Leader: Simon Taylor Please book: 01621 810141 or 07947 388180. or abmanuk@hotmail.com
September Saturday 15 th	11:00 sharp!	Botany Group. Wallasea Island for saltmarsh and seawall flora. Meet at Grapnels Farm RSPB Centre TQ942,947 to collect key to drive further on. Packed lunch.	Leader: Ken Adams Please book: 0208508 7863. Mobile on the day: 07773 492260
September Wednesday 19 th	11:00	Fungus Group. Hockley Woods. Meet in car park at Gt. Bull Wood, entrance off Main Road, Hockley, just east of the Bull Pub. TQ83352,92386. Packed lunch.	Leader: Graham Price. Please book 01268 776945. Mobile on the day 07812 708444.
September Sunday 23 rd	10:30	Fungus Group. Mill Meadows, Billericay. Joint meeting of EFC, Mill Meadows Society and Wickford Wildlife Group. Meet in car park by Scouts' Hut in Green Farms Lane, Billericay. TQ 683,941 (Very limited parking so please car share if possible)	Leader: Barbara Chapman. Please book 01268 765597. Mobile on the day 07742 291986.
September Friday 28 th	10:30	Fungus Group. Danbury Common, Backwarden N.R. Meet in the car park at TL7801,0404. Packed lunch.	Leader: Graham Smith Please book: 01277 354034.
October Thursday 4 th	10:30	Fungus Group. Avely. Belhus Woods Country Park. Warwick & Brickiln Woods. Meet in the car park at TQ564,825. Free parking pass from leader on arrival.	Leader: Mary Smith. Please book 01708 228921. Mobile on the day 07903 052095.
October Wednesday 10 th	10:30	Fungus Group. Epping forest, Great Monk Wood. Meet in the New Ride car park on the east side of Epping New Road at TQ4176,9826. Tea and cakes afterwards at 63 Wroths Path.	Leaders: Tony Boniface & Ken Adams. Please book 01245 266316. Mobile on the day 07582 775754.
October Saturday 13 th	9:30 - 5:30	Recording the Biodiversity & Geodiversity of Essex Conference. EFC Biodiversity & Geodiversity Centre. Wat Tyler C.P. TQ738,865. £19 booking & refreshments. Further details in May Newsletter.	Organiser: Ken Adams 020 8508 7863.
October Monday 15 th	10:30	Fungus Group. Gosfield, Broaks Wood & Shardlowes Woods. Meet in car park at TL7866,3147. Packed lunch.	Leader: Martin Gregory. Please book: 01245 223300.
October Saturday 20 th	10:00	Fungus Group. + Basildon NHS. Langdon Hills, Marks Hill Wood. Joint meeting with Basildon Natural History Soc. Meet at the Fife Road entrance car park. TQ687,875.	Leaders: Rodney Cole and Tony Boniface. 01268 553149 (and 01245 266316). Mobile on the day 07582 775754.
October Thursday 25 th	11:00	Fungus Group. Pitsea, Wat Tyler Country Park. Meet at the Green Centre car park TQ7782,8660. Packed lunch.	Leaders: Tony Boniface & Ken Adams. Please book 01245 266316. Mobile on the day 07582 775754.
November Saturday 3 rd	10:30	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.	Leader: Tony Boniface. Please book 01245 266316. Mobile on the day 07582 775754.
November Saturday 10 th	10:00 - 5:00	Fungus Group: Microfungi Microscope day. EFC Wat Tyler Green Centre. TQ738,865. [bring Ellis & Ellis if you have one]. Beginners welcome. Refreshments on site.	Leaders: Martin Gregory & Ken Adams. Please book: 0208 508 7863.
December Saturday 1 st	2:30 - 5:00	Annual Exhibition & Social. In our new EFC Biodiversity & Geodiversity Centre in Wat Tyler Country Park. TQ738,865.	Organisers: Mary Smith & Ken Adams. 01708 228921.