

Lothian Wildlife Information Centre

Field Excursion programme 2008

Lothian Wildlife Information Centre organises a programme of field excursion each year. These excursions are planned primarily to obtain biodiversity data from sites in the Lothians, and recorders of any and all groups of organisms are welcome. Whether or not you have been on one of our excursions before or are a newcomer you would be most welcome to join us.

This year's excursions will be held on Saturdays and Sundays alternately, which is hoped will provide suitable dates for as many people as possible. These excursions will run from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. In addition, there will be an evening excursion in the summer, from 6 p.m. – 8.30 p.m.

Full details of each excursion will be sent out about 10 days beforehand. You will be given contact details for a leader and we can help coordinate transport if you need a lift. Meanwhile, if you have any queries, or want to register interest in these excursions then do contact us (details below).

Saturday 19th April: Brock Wood, East Lothian (NT 663749)

New SWT reserve near Stenton. Mostly woodland (both deciduous and coniferous). Some open grassy and boggy areas.

Sunday 18th May: Bogburn Flood Lagoons, Bathgate, West Lothian (NS 972679)

Wetland site – with ponds and grassland. Known water vole site. SWT reserve, owned by West Lothian Council

Saturday 21st June: Torphin Quarry (NT 203679)/Harperrig Reservoir (NT 089606), Midlothian

Area rich in dragonflies, butterflies and amphibians. Pentland Ranger Service has requested information

Wednesday 2nd July, evening, 6 p.m. – 8.30 p.m.: Easter Craiglockhart LNR (NT 2370), Edinburgh

Steep grassy hill, with mature woodland at base, adjacent to an artificial pond with marshy area. Proposed by City of Edinburgh Ranger Service

Sunday 20th July: Linlithgow Loch, West Lothian (NT 0077)

SSSI. Largest natural water body in Lothians – hopefully we will carry out dipping at the edges of the loch and inlets. Information requested by SNH

Saturday 16th August: Roslin Glen, Midlothian (NT 275625)

Ancient deciduous woodland in the North Esk Valley. SWT reserve

Sunday 21st September: Eaglescairn Farm, Gifford, East Lothian (NT 516689)

Farm with wide variety of habitats, including ancient woodland and ponds. Farmer is wildlife-friendly.

Saturday 18th October (provisional): Water of Leith, Edinburgh (NT 221706)

Recorders' Forum, including recording sessions.

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