

# WMBC FIELD TRIPS 2020

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Sunday 5th January. Rutland Water

Depart 07.00 Expected return 18.00 Cost £25

Our traditional location for the start of the year, lagoons, marshy areas, woodland and farmland give us a good chance of starting the year with an interesting range of species.

Please note that the cost of the trip includes the reserve entrance fee.

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Sunday 2nd February. Old Moor RSPB

Depart 08.00. Expected return 19.00. Cost £20

A return to this popular South Yorkshire reserve plenty of winter wildfowl, waders and farmland birds. The visitor centre includes an excellent cafe.

As with all RSPB reserves please remember your RSPB membership card or a fee may be payable.

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Sunday 15th March. Forest of Dean

Depart 07.00. Expected return 19.00. Cost £20

Our annual trip to the Forest of Dean where we hope to find some of the areas specialities such as Hawfinch, Dipper, Mandarins and Goshawk plus a good selection of woodland birds. Reptiles are always a possibility and some have been lucky enough to see wild boar on recent trips. It is advisable to bring your own food and drink on this trip.

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Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th April. Devon Weekend

Best Western Passage Hotel, Kingsteignton.

£60 per person dinner, bed and breakfast. £20 single supplement.

We return to this hotel situated adjacent to Hackney Marshes nature reserve an ideal location for some pre breakfast birding. We will be visiting various locations over the weekend hoping to pick up some migrants and also Cirl Bunting.

Please book places with Liz Palmer, 58 Fontenaye Road, Coton Green, Tamworth, Staffs. B79 8JU.

Payment will be required in full by February 29th please.

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Sunday 26th April.

St. Aidans RSPB

Depart 0700. Expected return 1900. Cost £20

This reserve proved very popular when we visited for the first time last year. A slightly later date this year in the hope of seeing Black necked grebe, plus many other birds. Please remember your RSPB membership cards.

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Sunday 17th May.

Lake Vyrnwy RSPB

Depart 0700. Expected return 1900. Cost £20

Our first visit here for a number of years. Hopefully Pied flycatcher, Redstart, Dipper and Goosander will enrich our day. Expect some rough terrain here but one of the hides is easier access. Another reserve where you will need your RSPB membership card.

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Sunday 7th June.

Bempton Cliffs RSPB and Blacktoft Sands RSPB

Depart 0700. Expected return 1930. Cost £25.

This combination of reserves is always popular, always good to catch up with our common seabirds at Bempton. We move on to Blacktoft at lunch time (probably a good idea to bring your own food and drink on this trip) for a totally different selection of birds. Spoonbill, Marsh barrier, Bearded tit and a selection of warblers. These reserves are both RSPB so don't forget your membership cards.

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Sunday 6th September.

Titchwell RSPB

Depart 0700. Expected return 19.30. Cost £25.

This flagship RSPB reserve always has plenty to offer and we are visiting at peak migration time, expect seabirds, wildfowl, waders and much more. Don't forget your RSPB membership card.

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Sunday 4th October.

Spurn

Depart 0700. Expected return 19.30. Cost £25.

A return to this migration hot spot at peak migration time when literally anything can turn up. The new visitor centre means that all the facilities are conveniently central.

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Friday 6th to Sunday 8th November

Norfolk Weekend

L'estrangle Arms Hotel, Hunstanton.

A bird packed weekend visiting the hot spots of the North Norfolk coast. Plenty of opportunity for pre breakfast birding in the hotel grounds.

£75 per person per night, dinner, bed and breakfast. No single supplement.

Travel by own transport. £50 deposit per person required by 30th September 2020.

Please send deposits to Liz Palmer, 58 Fontenaye Road, Coton Green, Tamworth. B79 8JU, cheques payable to West Midland Bird Club (WMBC).

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Sunday 6th December.

Llanfairfechan and Conway RSPB

Depart 0700. Expected return 19.00 Cost £25

Conway is another reserve we haven't visited for a few years. Nice flat paths right around the reserve with a selection of hides and view points. An excellent visitor centre and cafe. RSPB membership cards please! Llanfairfechan will give us a chance to look out over the sea and hopefully pick up some sea duck and green off shore. The tide will dictate which location we visit first.