

## WEST MIDLAND BIRD CLUB FIELD TRIPS 2022

Please be aware that all trips may be subject to last minute changes.

Sunday 9th January.                 RUTLAND WATER

Depart 0700.                         Expected return 1800. Cost £25.

Our traditional start to the new year with a visit to the reserve that has everything. The varied habitat gives us the chance of seeing a wide variety of birds. Please note that the cost of the trip also includes the reserve entrance fee.

Sunday 13th February.             POTERRIC CARR

Depart 0700.                         Expected return 1930. Cost £27.

We haven't visited this reserve for a few years. It provides a variety of habitats and birds.

Sunday 20th March.                 FOREST OF DEAN.

Depart 0700.                         Expected return 1900. Cost £25

Another annual favourite, we travel around key sites in the Forest looking for such specialities as Goshawk, Hawfinch and woodland species. Fingers crossed there will be a Great Grey Shrike back in the area again this year. This is also usually a good trip for reptiles such as Adder and Common Lizard, and some have seen Wild Boar on recent trips. Come prepared for all weathers and remember to bring your own food and drink as facilities are limited.

Friday 1st - Sunday 3rd April.         ...   DEVON WEEKEND.

Best Western Passage Hotel, Kingsteignton.

Travel by own transport.

This is a trip that we had to cancel due to the lockdown and is almost fully booked,.However please contact me if you are interested as a few spaces are available. We will as usual travel around the many excellent sites in the area looking for specialities such as Cirl Bunting and early summer migrants.

Sunday 24th April.                 St. AIDANS RSPB.

Depart 0700.                         Expected return 1900. Cost £27

One of the trips we had to cancel due to the lockdown, this reserve proved really popular when we visited in 2019. Hopefully the later date will give us a chance of seeing Black-necked Grebe and a variety of spring migrants. Limited facilities on site so remember to bring your own food and drink, and don't forget your RSPB membership cards.

Sunday 15th May.                    YNYS-HIR RSPB.

Depart 0700.                    Expected return 1900. Cost £27

We haven't visited this beautiful RSPB reserve for a few years but there is always plenty to see. Pied Flycatchers, Redstart, a variety of warblers and the chance of a distant view of Osprey. Another reserve where you need to take your own food and drink. Please don't forget your RSPB membership cards.

Sunday 12th June.                LAKENHEATH RSPB

Depart 0700.                    Expected return 1930. Cost £27.

A wide variety of species is on offer at this popular reserve, a good variety of water birds and warblers is complimented by an interesting selection of butterflies, dragonflies and damselflies. Again a good idea to bring your own food and drink and of course your RSPB membership cards.

Sunday 4th September.        FRAMPTON MARSH RSPB.

Depart 0700.                    Expected return 1900. Cost £27

Frampton is usually bustling with bird activity and hopefully this will be the case for our visit at the start of the migration season. Literally anything can turn up here and often does. Hot drinks are available at the visitor centre and a very small selection of sandwiches but it is probably safer to take your own along with your RSPB membership cards.

Sunday 2nd October.            SPURN

Depart 0700.                    Expected return 1930. Cost £30

A noted migration hotspot, where literally anything can turn up.

Friday 4th - Sunday 6th November.                      NORFOLK WEEKEND.

L'estrage Arms Hotel, Hunstanton..                      \* Travel by own transport.

Details to be confirmed.

A bird packed weekend visiting the birding hotspots of the North Norfolk coast. Pre breakfast birding in the hotel grounds can be very rewarding, but isn't compulsory!

Sunday 5th December.                                      BURTON MERE and PARKGATE RSPB

Depart 0700.    Expected return 19.00. Cost £25.

A popular reserve Burton Mere provides woodland, wetland and farmland and an interesting range of birds. We will spend the morning here before heading to Parkgate in time to watch birds assembling for the raptor roost. Hot drinks and limited sandwiches are available at Burton Mere but there are several shops in Parkend selling a range of edibles.