

**COURSE INFORMATION SHEET FOR WEBSITE**

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| **Course Title:** Sussex Bird Safari – Thorney Island  | **Day/Date/Year:** Friday 30 August 2019 |
| **Start Time:** 9.30am | **Finish Time:** 4.30pm |
| **Course Tutor:**  | Mike Russell |
| **Course description and subjects covered** | This safari takes us to the most western point of Sussex and we follow the footpath all the way around the Island that juts out into Chichester Harbour. It is a time where autumn migration reaches its peak and there will hopefully a variety of waders probing for food in the mudflats. Also, whinchats, wheatears and other small birds will also be passing through. There is a good chance of seeing osprey as well as one or two stay around here for a few weeks in the autumn. On the western side of the Island there is a reedbed which holds one of the only populations of bearded tits in West Sussex.No previous knowledge or skills required, just enthusiasm!  |
| **Meeting point / Venue address:** | We will meet at a small car park in Prinsted Lane. This is situated about half a mile off the A259; just before getting to Emsworth take the left turn into Prinsted Lane, the nearest postcode is PO10 8HS, which is the 1st Southbourne Sea Scouts building opposite the car park. **Please see google maps for details of route** |
| **Other sites to be visited:** | N/A |
| **What to bring:** | * Suitable clothing and footwear for being outside all day
* Bring water, sunscreen and hat as we will be out in the open all day
* Drinks, lunch refreshments to last you for the day
* Binoculars and a telescope if you have one
* A Field guide might be useful though leader will have one available
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| **Other Information:**  | There are no public toilets on Thorney Island, although if the Sailing Club is open, we are sometimes allowed to use these.**Thorney Island is a military base so we will have to pass security gates to walk around the peninsular and you may be asked for identification, although this is unusual.**  |
| **Public Transport** | For bus services Contact Traveline via their website at [www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk](http://www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk)  |
| **Accessibility:**  | **The walk is about 8 miles in length so you need to be comfortable walking this distance**. It is on flat, uneven ground on various surfaces. There are no stiles.  |