

Rye Harbour
Nature Reserve

WHAT'S ON 2018



Sussex
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Welcome to the Rye Harbour Nature Reserve What's On 2018 brochure with details of over 70 events, walks and talks that will help you discover this unique landscape, rich in wildlife at all times of year.

For map of reserve – see centre pages

About

Rye Harbour Nature Reserve is a large coastal reserve managed by Sussex Wildlife Trust and lies two miles southeast of the town of Rye in East Sussex. Made up of shingle beach, saline lagoons, freshwater scrapes and pools, saltmarsh and reedbeds, it is an important site for birds, plants and invertebrates.

The reserve has a network of 15 km of footpaths, many of which are accessible to wheelchairs, and each of our five birdwatching hides has some wheelchair access.

There is a large car park and public toilets opposite the reserve entrance, in the village of Rye Harbour; the nearest postcode is TN31 7TX.

There is a regular bus service to Rye Harbour village from Rye rail station. Visit www.traveline.info for more information.

Booking and payments

For your enjoyment, many of our events have a maximum number of participants, therefore booking is essential for these events. Please book early as places are limited.

Online booking: www.sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/whatson
Telephone: 01273 497561

For some events it is not necessary to book. Please ensure you are at the meeting point at the start time indicated.

Some events have a small charge payable upon booking, for others donations are appreciated. Suggested donation is £4 per person.



Events for children are indicated by this symbol.
All children aged under 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian unless otherwise stated.



Friends of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve
Events indicated by this symbol are for members of the Friends of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve only.



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bittern © Barry Yates

January

Monday 1 January 10am to 12.30pm

New Years Day Walk with a Warden

Burn off some of those festive calories with a birdwatching walk around our shortest circular route – taking in 3 bird watching hides, saltmarsh and the beach.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX

DONATIONS APPRECIATED

Sunday 7 January 10am to 1pm

Friends' Coastal Walk

For Friends members only

Come and take a closer look at the waders and waterfowl which make the reserve their home during the winter months.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX

FREE FOR MEMBERS OF THE FRIENDS



Sunday 28 January 10.30am to 2pm

A Winter Ramble around Pett Level

Pett Level

With reedbeds, grassland and wetlands to explore, Pett Pools and Pett Level are a perfect location for birdwatching. Join our warden Chris, along with bird ringer Phil Jones to explore this rich area looking for wildfowl, waders and birds of prey.

Bring a packed lunch and binoculars if you have them.

Meet at the roadside pool at Pett Level – TQ899142

DONATIONS APPRECIATED

February

Sunday 11 February 3pm to dusk

Friends' Winter Birds

For Friends members only

Join one of our wardens for a walk around the pits and reedbeds at Castle Water to learn about some of the reserve's winter birdlife, with a good chance of seeing species such as bittern and bearded tit.

*Meet on the road by the Rye Harbour church
(look for the RHNR Land Rover)*

FREE FOR MEMBERS OF THE FRIENDS



Tuesday 13 February 10am to 12noon

Brilliant Birds

Drop-in event

Enjoy a birdy morning making treats for your garden birds and trying to spot some winter birds on the nature reserve.

Suitable for accompanied children of all ages.

Drop in to the kiosk in the Rye Harbour car park TN31 7TX

SUGGESTED DONATION OF £1 PER ITEM



Wednesday 14 February 10am to 12noon

Collect and Create: Mask Making

Come on a guided walk around the reserve collecting natural materials to turn into magnificent masks with a wildlife theme.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX

Book on the website or phone 01273 497561

COST: £3 PER CHILD; ACCOMPANYING ADULTS £1



Thursday 15 February 10am to 3pm

Wild Woodland Holiday Club

Swallowtail Hill Farm, Beckley nr Rye

Forestry fun lighting campfires for hot chocolate, building dens, playing games and learning woodcrafts.

Suitable for children aged 6-11. Parents do not accompany children.

Meet at Swallowtail Hill Farm, Hobbs Lane, Beckley TN31 6TT

Book on the website or call 01273 497561

COST: MEMBERS £18 PER CHILD

NON-MEMBERS £23 PER CHILD



Saturday 17 February 2.30pm

Friend or Foe: The Herring Gull

Winchelsea Beach Community Hall

Part of the Friends Winter Talk series: Richard Thompson is Wildlife Rehabilitation Team Manager at the Mallydams Wood RSPCA Centre.

Many herring gulls have passed through Richard's care and he has accumulated a vast knowledge of this sometimes controversial bird and other gull species. Richard will provide us with some surprising statistics concerning the bird's lifestyle and habits.

Organised by the Friends of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve. Open to all.

DONATIONS APPRECIATED

Sunday 18 February 1pm to 4pm

Castle Water Wildlife Walk

A walk to Camber Castle with an opportunity to look inside and visit the birdwatching hide overlooking Castle Water where there should be many waders and ducks to see and possibly bittern and marsh harrier.

Meet at Brede Lock, car parking nearby in Rye

DONATIONS APPRECIATED

Sunday 25 February 2pm to 5pm

Saltmarsh Circular

For Sussex Wildlife Trust Members only

A 2 mile circular walk around the saltmarsh re-creation project looking at coastal birds

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX

Booking essential, please email membership@sussexwt.org.uk or call 01273 497532





herring gull © Neil Fletcher

March

March to May

Nature Tots



Bring your little ones for mornings of fun on the beach and help them explore the natural world with stories, games and hands-on outdoor activities such as rockpooling and beachcombing.

Weekly sessions from 10am to 12noon are themed around wildlife and the changing seasons. Suitable for children aged 3-5 years.

All children must be accompanied by an adult. Online booking is essential, in blocks of 4-7 sessions in line with the school terms.

For further information please visit
www.sussexwildlifetrust.org/naturetots

Sunday 4 March 10am to 12.30pm

Walk with a Warden

Join one of our experienced wardens for a short walk around our coastal reserve, looking to see what birds, insects and plants are around at this time of year.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX

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Saturday 10 March 10am to 12.30pm

Wildlife Watch



Monthly club for children aged 5-11 offering a chance to find out more about the natural world and the special wildlife we find at Rye Harbour Nature Reserve. Each session will have a different theme and will include exploring the reserve, playing games, craft activities and learning how to help wildlife thrive. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX
Book on the website or phone 01273 497561

**COST: MEMBERS £5 PER CHILD
NON-MEMBERS £6.50 PER CHILD**

Saturday 17 March 2.30pm

British Wildflowers

Winchelsea Beach Community Hall

Part of the Friends' Winter Talks series: A much travelled naturalist, photographer, tour leader and speaker, Brian Gallop has gathered images and information on a wide variety of wildflowers both common and rare from many sites in Britain.

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Saturday 24 March 10am to 1pm

Spring Beach Clean

Look out for the first wheatears and Sandwich terns of the year while helping to remove the rubbish blown in by winter storms. Hot soup will be served at the end.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX
(with work gloves if you have them)



wheatear © Derek Middleton



Wildlife Watch © Miles Davies

April

Tuesday 3 April 10am to 12noon

The Great Eggcase Hunt

An Easter 'egg' hunt with a difference: we will be looking for mermaids' purses – the EGG cases of sharks, skates and rays – and will see what other treasures we can find washed up on the beach.

Suitable for accompanied children of all ages.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX

DONATIONS APPRECIATED



Wednesday 4 April 2pm to 3pm

Minibeast Hunt

Take a closer look at some of the smaller creatures that live on the nature reserve with our resident expert, Chris.

Suitable for accompanied children aged 4-12.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX

Book on the website or phone 01273 497561

COST: £3 PER CHILD

ACCOMPANYING ADULTS £1



Thursday 5 April 10am to 3pm

Wild Woodland Holiday Club

Swallowtail Hill Farm, Beckley nr Rye

Forestry fun lighting a campfire, building dens, playing games and learning woodcrafts.

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Saturday 7 April 10am to 12.30pm

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COST: MEMBERS £5 PER CHILD

NON-MEMBERS £6.50 PER CHILD



Wednesday 11 April 2.30pm to 3.30pm

Rockpool Ramble

Pett Level

Find out more about our wonderful marine life with an exploration of the rockpools at low tide. Please wear wellies or sturdy shoes suitable for paddling in the water.

Suitable for accompanied children aged 4-12.

Meet alongside the Smuggler Inn on Pett Level Road, TN35 4EH

Book on the website or phone 01273 497561

COST: £3 PER CHILD

ACCOMPANYING ADULTS £1



Thursday 12 April 10am to 12noon

Collect and Create: Clay Creatures

Collect natural materials on a walk through the reserve to make a clay creature to take home with you.

Suitable for accompanied children of all ages.

Book on the website or phone 01273 497561

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX

COST: £3 PER CHILD

ACCOMPANYING ADULTS £1





cuckoo © Lisa Geoghegan

Sunday 15 April 10am to 12.30pm

Walk with a Warden

Join one of our experienced wardens for a guided walk to Ternery Pool to spot nesting gulls, terns and waders. Binoculars available to borrow.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX

DONATIONS APPRECIATED

Saturday 21 April 2.30pm

Adventures of a Whale Watching Naturalist

Winchelsea Beach Community Hall

Judith Scott is a marine naturalist, living her childhood dream travelling the world, working with whales and dolphins. Judith has worked on all continents spending long periods on a research vessel studying pollution levels in whales and, more recently, working as a naturalist and guide on whale watch expeditions. The talk includes a range of other wildlife and landscapes from many destinations and reflects on the effects of human activity on the planet.

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DONATIONS APPRECIATED

Saturday 28 April 1pm to 4pm

Castle Water Wildlife Walk

A walk to Camber Castle with an opportunity to look inside and visit the birdwatching hide overlooking Castle Water where there should be ducks, egrets and possibly a marsh harrier. We will also be listening for warblers and hopefully the first cuckoo.

Meet at Brede Lock, car parking nearby in Rye

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May

Saturday 5 May 10am to 1pm

Wildlife Watch



Our monthly club for children aged 5-11 offering a chance to find out more about the natural world and the special wildlife we find at Rye Harbour Nature Reserve.

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Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX

Book on the website or phone 01273 497561

COST: MEMBERS £5 PER CHILD

NON-MEMBERS £6.50 PER CHILD

Sunday 6 May 4.30am to 8am

Wader Watch

Celebrate International Dawn Chorus Day with an early morning walk to listen to some birdsong and spot a wide range of wading birds.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX

DONATIONS APPRECIATED

Saturday 12 May 2pm to 5pm

Castle Water Wildlife Walk

A walk to Camber Castle with an opportunity to look inside and visit the birdwatching hide overlooking Castle Water, looking for ducks, cormorants and egrets. Then listening for warblers and hopefully a cuckoo.

Meet at Brede Lock, car parking nearby in Rye

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Saturday 19 May 10am to 1pm

An Introduction to Rye Harbour Nature Reserve

This is the first in a series of three walks that aim to introduce people to the nature reserve and its wildlife, and perhaps take you to a part of the reserve you have never visited before. This walk will explore the southeast part of the reserve, looking at wildlife on the saltmarsh and on Wader, Quarry and Ternery Pools where there will be many seabirds nesting.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX

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sea kale © Barry Yates

Sunday 20 May 10am to 1pm

Friends' Breeding Seabirds

For Friends members only

Come and watch the sea come in on a spring tide and find out which birds are visiting the new saltmarsh. We should find many different nesting waders, gulls and terns.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX



Wednesday 23 May 10am to 1pm

Shingle Birds and Flowers

For Sussex Wildlife Trust members only

We will visit the southern half of the reserve and see the nesting terns, gulls and waders and a display of flowers including a profusion of sea kale.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX

Booking essential, please email membership@sussexwt.org.uk or call 01273 497532



Saturday 26 May 10am to 12.30pm

1066 Walking Festival – Coastal Plants

Find out how the shingle and saltmarsh plants cope with their harsh environment. We will also see some coastal birds.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX

DONATIONS APPRECIATED

Tuesday 29 May 10am to 12noon

Our Fabulous Feathered Friends

Come along to see the thousands of nesting birds squabbling and feeding their cute fluffy chicks, and enjoy some birdy crafts too.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX

Book on the website or phone 01273 497561

COST: £3 PER CHILD, ACCOMPANYING ADULTS £1



Wednesday 30 May 2pm to 3pm

Creepy Crawlies

Go a-hunting with the warden, Chris, as he takes a closer look at the fascinating and bizarre world of insects and spiders.

Suitable for accompanied children of all ages.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX

Book on the website or phone 01273 497561

COST: £3 PER CHILD, ACCOMPANYING ADULTS £1



Thursday 31 May 10am to 3pm

Wild Woodland Holiday Club

Swallowtail Hill Farm, Beckley nr Rye

Forestry fun lighting a campfire, building dens, playing games and learning woodcrafts.

Suitable for children aged 6-11. Parents do not accompany children.

Meet at Swallowtail Hill Farm, Hobbs Lane, Beckley TN31 6TT

Book on the website or call 01273 497561

COST: MEMBERS £18 PER CHILD, NON-MEMBERS £23 PER CHILD



June

June to July



Nature Tots

Bring your little ones for mornings of fun on the beach and help them explore the natural world with stories, games and hands-on outdoor activities such as rockpooling and beachcombing.

Weekly sessions from 10am to 12noon are themed around wildlife and the changing seasons. Suitable for children aged 3-5 years.

All children must be accompanied by an adult. Online booking is essential, in blocks of 4-7 sessions in line with the school terms.

For further information please visit
www.sussexwildlifetrust.org/naturetots

Friday 1 June 10am to 12.30pm



Wild Beach

Explore the shore with beach art, strandline safaris, kite-making and other fun stuff!

Suitable for accompanied children aged 5-12.
Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX
Book on the website or phone 01273 497561

COST: £5 PER CHILD, ACCOMPANYING ADULTS £2

Saturday 2 June 10am to 12.30pm



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Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX
Book on the website or phone 01273 497561

COST: MEMBERS £5 PER CHILD, NON-MEMBERS £6.50 PER CHILD

Wednesday 6 June 2pm to 4pm



Friends' Land Rover Safari

For Friends members only

Join the warden, Chris, for a Land Rover tour of the nature reserve.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX
Booking essential on rhnroffice@sussexwt.org.uk or 07884 494982

COST: £6 PER PERSON



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19 miles

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Rye



Brede Lock

Rye Harbour Road

A259

14

13

Castle Farm

12

Castle Water

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Camber Castle

Hastings
12.5 miles

River Brede

10

Barns

Barns

9

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7

West Beach

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Sea Road

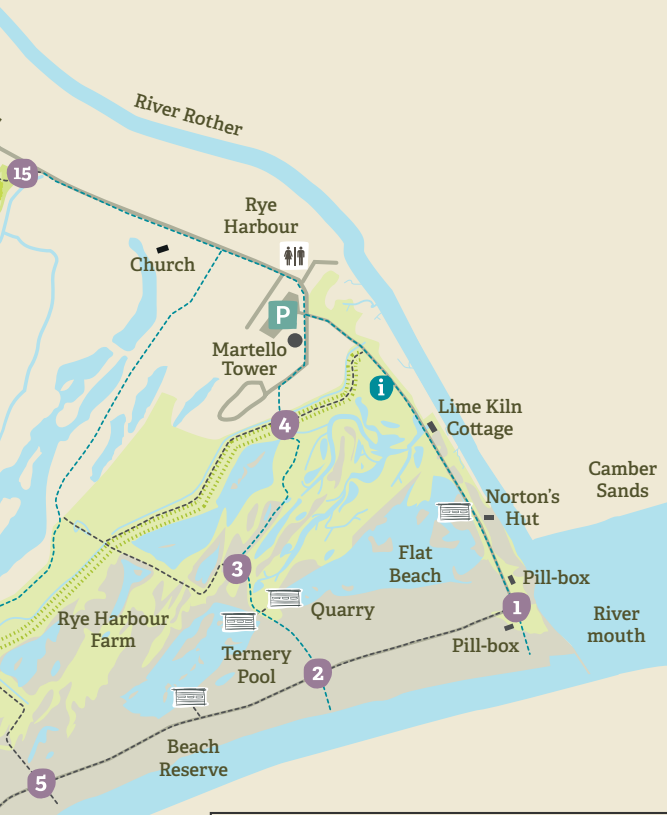
Winchelsea Beach

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To Pett Level

On the map there are numbers 1-15.
These correspond to white numbers
you will find on posts, stone blocks
or waste bins at those locations



Mary Stanford
Lifeboat House

Key

	Public Footpath		Grassland
	Permissive path		Wetland/Saltmarsh
	Water		Shingle
	Woodland/scrub		Embankment
	Road		Car park
	Viewpoint		Toilets
	Bird hide		Guided trail points
	Buildings		Information centre

Saturday 9 June 10am to 1pm

Beginners Birds – Summer Nesting

Many gulls, terns and wading birds choose to nest here, but can you tell them apart? This short course for beginners will hopefully help... Binoculars and field guides available to use on the day.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX

Book on the website or phone 01273 497561

COST: £12 PER PERSON

Sunday 10 June 2pm to 3.30pm

Spectacular Spiders



Learn to love our 8-legged friends as warden Chris shows you some of the spiders found on the nature reserve, and tells you more about their fascinating lives. Suitable for adults and children of all ages.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX

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Saturday 16 June 10am to 1pm

An Introduction to Rye Harbour Nature Reserve

In the second of our series of introductory walks we explore the North of the reserve, near to Rye. The walk will take us through Castle Farm, into Camber Castle and then to the birdwatching hide at Castle Water.

Meet at Brede Lock, car parking nearby in Rye

DONATIONS APPRECIATED

Sunday 17 June 10am to 12.30pm

Walk with a Warden

A guided walk with one of our experienced wardens with many opportunities to see nesting birds and their chicks, and lots of shingle plants in flower.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX

DONATIONS APPRECIATED

Sunday 24 June 10am to 11am

Moth Morning

A huge variety of interesting and very beautiful moths visit the nature reserve. Come and look in our moth trap to find out which moths were flying around last night.

Meet at Lime Kiln Cottage (wheelchair accessible)

DONATIONS APPRECIATED

July

Saturday 7 July 10am to 12.30pm

Wildlife Watch



Our monthly club for children aged 5-11 offering a chance to find out more about the natural world and the special wildlife we find at Rye Harbour Nature Reserve. Each session will have a different theme and will include exploring the reserve, playing games, craft activities and learning how to help wildlife thrive. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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Book on the website or phone 01273 497561

COST: MEMBERS £5 PER CHILD

NON-MEMBERS £6.50 PER CHILD

Sunday 8 July 2pm to 4.30pm

Walk with a Warden

A guided walk around Castle Water; an area of freshwater with reedbeds and many ditches – perfect for dragonflies, damselflies and marsh frogs!

Meet at Brede Lock, car parking nearby in Rye

DONATIONS APPRECIATED

Saturday 14 July 10am to 1pm

An Introduction to Rye Harbour Nature Reserve

In this third and final walk of the series, Barry Yates, the nature reserve's manager, will explore the southwest part of the nature reserve with a walk starting and ending at Winchelsea Beach.

Meet at public car park at Dogs Hill Road, Winchelsea Beach TN36 4LX

DONATIONS APPRECIATED

Sunday 15 July 9am to 12noon

Rye Harbour's Special Flowers

Take a closer look at the nature reserve's flowering plants, finding rarities like marsh helleborine, least lettuce, stinking hawksbeard and sea heath, but also looking at the special flowers of the shingle such as sea pea, sea kale and red hempenettle.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX

DONATIONS APPRECIATED



four-spotted chaser dragonfly © Lisa Geoghegan

Sunday 22 July 9pm-11pm

Moths by Moonlight

Find out what arrives at our moth traps after dark! This event is weather dependent, so please phone on the day to check that it will be going ahead (07835 666687).

Meet at Lime Kiln Cottage TN31 7TX (wheelchair accessible)

DONATIONS APPRECIATED

Tuesday 24 July 2pm to 4pm

Wild Beach

Pett Level

Celebrate Marine Weeks with some fabulous beach activities: rock pooling, kite-making and other fun stuff!

Meet alongside the Smuggler Inn on Pett Level Road, TN35 4EH

Book on the website or phone 01273 497561

COST: £5 PER CHILD

ACCOMPANYING ADULTS £2



Wednesday 25 July 10am to 11am

Marvellous Moths

Bring the family to learn about the moths that fly around the reserve at night and look at the moths we caught last night in our moth trap.

Meet at Lime Kiln Cottage, TN31 7TX (wheelchair accessible)

DONATIONS APPRECIATED

Sunday 29 July 10am to 12noon

Walk with a Warden

As the bird breeding season draws to a close and migrants start to pass south, we will be looking out for a variety of coastal birds. Binoculars available to borrow.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX

DONATIONS APPRECIATED

August

Camber Castle is open to the public on the first Saturday of August, September and October for a guided tour. Meet at the castle entrance at 2pm. Admission charges apply.

www.sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/ryeharbour

Wednesday 1 August 2pm to 3pm

Minibeasts

Bring the family to find out about the weird and wonderful world of minibeasts. Suitable for accompanied children of all ages.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX

Book on the website or phone 01273 497561

COST: £3 PER CHILD

ACCOMPANYING ADULTS £1



Friday 3 August 10am to 12noon

Beach Art & Craft

Come down to the beach at low tide and get creative with natural materials we find on the beach. Suitable for accompanied children of all ages.

Find us on the beach at the river mouth

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Saturday 4 August 10am to 12.30pm

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COST: MEMBERS £5 PER CHILD

NON-MEMBERS £6.50 PER CHILD

Sunday 5 August 10am to 11am

Moth Morning

Another chance to find out about the huge variety of moths we find on the nature reserve when the warden shows you what was caught in the moth trap last night.

Meet at Lime Kiln Cottage TN31 7TX (wheelchair accessible)

DONATIONS APPRECIATED

Tuesday 7 August 2pm to 3pm

Mud, Mud, Glorious Mud



Explore the saltmarsh looking for crabs and minibeasts hiding in the mud. Wellies and old clothes advisable! Suitable for accompanied children of all ages.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX

Book on the website or phone 01273 497561

COST: £3 PER CHILD

ACCOMPANYING ADULTS £1

Wednesday 8 August 3pm to 4pm

Rockpool Ramble



Pett Level

Explore the shore at Pett Level with a search in the rockpools for fascinating marine creatures. Please wear wellies or sturdy shoes suitable for paddling in the sea.

Suitable for accompanied children aged 4-12.

Meet alongside the Smuggler Inn on Pett Level Road, TN35 4EH

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Tuesday 14 August 1pm to 4pm

Castle Water Safari

A guided walk for children and their parents around Castle Farm finding out about the wildlife and the history. We will go pond dipping in Castle Water, look inside Camber Castle, and go birdwatching from the hide. Approximately 2.5 mile walk. Suitable for accompanied children aged over 5.

Meet at Brede Lock, car parking nearby in Rye

Book on the website or phone 01273 497561

COST: £5 PER CHILD, ACCOMPANYING ADULTS £2



garden tiger moth © Chris Bentley

Friday 17 August 10am to 11.30am

Shrimping

Explore the shore at low tide, looking for shrimps, crabs and flatfish. Please wear wellies or shoes suitable for paddling in the sea. Suitable for accompanied children aged 4-12.

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COST: £3 PER CHILD

ACCOMPANYING ADULTS £1



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Wednesday 22 August 10am to 12noon

Nature Treasure Trail

Follow the trail around the reserve, hunt for the clues and solve the puzzles to find the treasure.

Drop-in event: collect your map and answer sheet and head out on the trail any time between 10-12.

Suitable for accompanied children aged up to 12 years.

Meet at the information cabins on the reserve TN31 7TX

COST: £2 PER TRAIL SHEET



Sunday 26 August

2pm to 4.30pm

Walk with a Warden

Join one of our wardens on a walk looking at wildlife near Camber Castle, and join in with a spot of pond-dipping and birdwatching at Castle Water.

Meet at Brede Lock, car parking nearby in Rye

DONATIONS APPRECIATED



September

Camber Castle is open to the public on the first Saturday of September and October for a guided tour. Meet at the castle entrance at 2pm. Admission charges apply.

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September to October



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NON-MEMBERS £6.50 PER CHILD**





kestrel © Lisa Geoghegan

Sunday 2 September 10am to 1pm

Friends' Autumn Walk

For Friends members only

Look for departing summer visitors such as warblers and wagtails and winter visitors arriving such as ducks and waders.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX



Sunday 9 September 10am to 1pm

Castle Water Wildlife Walk

A walk to Camber Castle with an opportunity to look inside and visit the birdwatching hide overlooking Castle Water - we should see ducks, waders, little egrets and perhaps the last swallows and martins of the year.

Meet at Brede Lock, car parking nearby in Rye

DONATIONS APPRECIATED

Sunday 23 September 10am to 12.30pm

Walk with a Warden

A guided walk with one of our experienced wardens. September is a good time to spot lots of birds as our summer visitors are leaving, and winter birds are arriving. We will walk around the saltmarsh and beach to look for seabirds, ducks and waders refuelling on the pools and perhaps some raptors hunting them.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX

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October

Camber Castle is open to the public on the first Saturday of October for a guided tour. Meet at the castle entrance at 2pm. Admission charges apply.

www.sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/ryeharbour

Saturday 6 October 10am to 12.30pm

Wildlife Watch



Our monthly club for children aged 5-11 offering a chance to find out more about the natural world and the special wildlife we find at Rye Harbour Nature Reserve. Each session will have a different theme and will include exploring the reserve, playing games, craft activities and learning how to help wildlife thrive.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX

Book on the website or phone 01273 497561

COST: MEMBERS £5 PER CHILD, NON-MEMBERS £6.50 PER CHILD

Sunday 7 October 10am to 1pm

Walk with a Warden

Join one of our experienced wardens for a walk around Castle Water in a search for late warblers in the bushes, waders on the islands and wagtails overhead.

Meet at Brede Lock, car parking nearby in Rye

DONATIONS APPRECIATED

Saturday 13 October 1 to 4pm

Castle Water Wildlife Walk

A walk to Camber Castle with an opportunity to look inside and visit the birdwatching hide overlooking Castle Water where there should be ducks, waders and little egrets.

Meet at Brede Lock, car parking nearby in Rye

DONATIONS APPRECIATED

Saturday 20 October 2.30pm

An Introduction to Bird Ringing

Winchelsea Beach Community Hall

Part of the Friends Winter Talk series: Phil Jones has been involved in ringing and monitoring birds in various parts of the world, including locally at the Pannel Valley reserve and even in his garden. Phil has learned many amazing aspects of bird movements and migration.

Organised by the Friends of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve. Open to all.

DONATIONS APPRECIATED

Tuesday 23 October 1.30pm to 3pm

Strandline Safari

Take a stroll to the beach for some beachcombing along the strandline. What exciting things will the tide have washed up? Bring a bucket for your finds.

Suitable for accompanied children of all ages.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX

DONATIONS APPRECIATED



Thursday 25 October 10am to 3pm

Wild Woodland Holiday Club

Swallowtail Hill Farm, Beckley nr Rye

Forestry fun lighting a campfire, building dens, playing games and learning woodcrafts.

Suitable for children aged 6-11. Parents do not accompany children.

Meet at Swallowtail Hill Farm, Hobbs Lane, Beckley TN31 6TT

Book on the website or call 01273 497561

COST: MEMBERS £18; NON-MEMBERS £23



November

Saturday 3 November 10am to 12.30pm

Wildlife Watch

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Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX

Book on the website or phone 01273 497561

COST: MEMBERS £5 PER CHILD, NON-MEMBERS £6.50 PER CHILD



Sunday 4 November 10am to 12.30pm

Walk with a Warden

A guided walk with one of our experienced wardens on a circular route visiting three birdwatching hides, saltmarshes and the beach.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX

DONATIONS APPRECIATED



golden plovers © Barry Yates

Saturday 17 November 2.30pm

Birds and Wildlife of Costa Rica

Winchelsea Beach Community Hall

Part of the Friends' Winter Talk series: John Buckingham and his wife Sue have organised and led many wildlife and botanical tours worldwide, including more than a dozen to Costa Rica. John's superb photography illustrates the spectacular diversity of wildlife found in this naturalist's paradise. Supposedly retired, John now devotes much of his time to Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory Trust as programme secretary and bird ringer.

Organised by the Friends of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve. Open to all.

DONATIONS APPRECIATED

Saturday 24 November 1pm to 4pm

Beginners Birds – Winter Waders

Get to grips with those tricky winter waders with this short course for beginner birdwatchers. Binoculars and field guides available to use on the day.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX

Book on the website or phone 01273 497561

COST £12

December

Saturday 1 December 10am to 12.30pm



Wildlife Watch

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Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX

Book on the website or phone 01273 497561

COST: MEMBERS £5 PER CHILD

NON-MEMBERS £6.50 PER CHILD

Saturday 1 December 10am to 1pm

Festive Beach Clean

A clean-up of rubbish washed up along the beach by autumn storms, plus the chance to see many wintering birds. Your efforts will be rewarded with hot soup at Lime Kiln Cottage afterwards. Bring work gloves if you have them.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX



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(Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm)



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Friends of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve

The Friends of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve was founded in 1973 to raise money to improve and enlarge the nature reserve and encourage interest in the conservation of wildlife and scenic beauty within the area.

A registered charity, the Friends now has over 2,000 members and plays a vital role in the success of one of the most important conservation sites on the Sussex coast.

Rye Harbour Nature Reserve has been recognised as a Site of Special Scientific Interest, a Special Protection Area, a Special Area of Conservation and a Ramsar site that takes account of its importance as a wetland on an international scale.

To find out more about the Friends, details of their vital contribution to the success of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve and how to support their work please visit:

www.rhnrfriends.co.uk