

GUIDED WALKS & EVENTS 2008 - HUMBERHEAD PEATLANDS NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE (Thorne & Hatfield Moors)

March

Sunday 30 Meet at 10.30am - Guided Walk Thorne Moors.

A circular walk of approx. 2 hours taking in a viewing platform and tracks next to old peat cuttings and the Moor's canals. You will hear some of summer's first visiting birds such as chaffinch and warblers, possible see roe deer.

April

Sunday 27 Meet at 10.30am - Guided Walk Hatfield Moor.

This walk will take between 1.5 and 2 hours and is a fantastic trip around part of this beautiful lake and its surroundings. Participants will experience woodland, peatland, and waters edge habitats. The car park picnic area is a great place to stop for lunch.

May

Sunday 18 Meet at 8.30pm in Swinefleet village - Nightingale Guided Walk Thorne Moors.

Experience the Moors on a Summer's evening and hear the nightingale's song as you walk down green tracks. Older cut-over and restored parts of the site will be covered in the white fluffy seed heads of cottongrass. Approx. 2 hours plus travelling time on and off site. Part of this is down a rough track.

June

Saturday 14 Meet at 10am - Photography Guided Walk Hatfield Moor.

The walk will last 3 hours looking at pleasing scenes for the budding photographer with natural history in mind as you take a gentle stroll around the site. A chance to get close up pictures of Hatfield's reptiles such as grass snake and adder or a postcard scene of its special habitats - peatbog, heathland, woodland and water expanses.

Friday 20 Meet at 9pm - Nightjar Guided Walk Hatfield Moor.

Friday 27 Meet at 9pm in Swinefleet village - Nightjar Guided Walk Thorne Moors.

Saturday 28 Meet at 9pm - Nightjar Guided Walk Hatfield Moor.

Each nightjar guided walk will last between 2.5 and 3 hours at Hatfield and slightly longer at Thorne due to the time to travel to the site from the meeting place. Part of this is down a rough track. Visitors will hopefully hear the song of the nightjar, a sighting is always an added bonus. You may also see other species such as roe deer, owls and woodcock

July

Sun 13 Meet at 10.30am - Butterfly Guided Walk Thorne Moors.

A walk looking at and identifying some of Thorne Moor's varied beautiful butterflies on a sunny day such as brimstone, small copper, speckled wood and its speciality the large heath. The site is home to more than 4,000 insects including some of Britain's rarest and most endangered.

Weds 28 Meet at 2pm - Family Guided Walk Hatfield Moor.

If you would like something different to do in the school holidays why not come along on this specially organised walk for families, get some exercise and see the wonderful dramatic and unique Humberhead Peatlands. The walk is suitable for all ages but children should be accompanied by an adult.

August

Weds 6 Meet at 2pm - Family Guided Walk Hatfield Moor. As above.

September

Friday 12 Meet at 6pm - Deer Guided Walk Thorne Moors.

Focussing on the Will Pitts area of the site. Hopefully visitors will have chance to both hear and see the red deer, see some roe deer and other species such as tawny owl and maybe even badgers. Approx. 2 hours plus travelling time on and off site. Part of this is down a rough track.

Friday 19 Meet at 6pm - Deer Guided Walk Thorne Moors. As above

Oct

Sunday 12 Meet at 10.30am - Fungi Foray Hatfield Moor.

Led by Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council officers, you will learn about the very wide and varied world of fungi for which Hatfield is host to many species. You may also see roe deer running the tracks and meet our grazing stock as you pass by. It will last around 2-3 hours depending on what you find!

Dec

Sunday 14 Meet at 10.30am - Guided Walk Thorne Moors.

A walk of approx 2 hours, this is a great opportunity to see the Reserve in its Winter glory.

Due to the popularity of these events, booking is essential. To do this or find out more about the events themselves or for more information relating to specialist access requirements, please call the Natural England Wakefield Office on 01924 334500.