

NORFOLK CONSERVATION CORPS

TASK PROGRAMME FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2018

N.B. Please read the section on task booking overleaf and note that bookings should be made with the task leader.

OCTOBER 7th CATFIELD FEN (16 miles NE Norwich)

O.S. map 134, grid ref. TG 367 214

Please check parking details with the task leader. Sat nav coords for Catfield fen are lat 52.738221 long 1.5061818.

This site is managed by the RSPB on behalf of Butterfly Conservation. It is part of the Ant Broads and Marshes National Nature Reserve, which is one of the best and largest remaining areas of fen habitat in Western Europe. Many uncommon and rare plants and animals are found on the reserve, including milk parsley (the food plant of swallowtail butterfly caterpillars) and crested buckler fern, and dragonflies such as the Norfolk hawk. The site is a stronghold for the swallowtail butterfly. We will be raking and burning fen mowings. This will be our last chance to work with the warden before he moves to a new post and will be a combined task with the NEWS group.

Task leader: Peter Cawley

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OCTOBER 14th WOODBASTWICK MARSHES (8 miles NE Norwich)

O.S. map 134, grid ref. TG 338 161

This site is part of the Bure Marshes National Nature Reserve. Like many sites in Broadland, it has to be managed to prevent it becoming dominated by alder and willow carr (wet woodland). Although the carr is an important habitat, a lot of wildlife (including the rare Swallowtail butterfly) needs open fen and marshes. We will be clearing scrub from the fen. NB. Wellington boots are usually essential for this site.

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OCTOBER 21st LONG ACRE WOOD, CATFIELD (17 miles NE Norwich)

O.S. map 134, grid ref. TG 393 218

Sat Nav coords for parking: lat 52.741200 long: 1.5425551

This is 7 acres of recently planted native broadleaved woodland. Half of it was planted in 1994, and the other half in 2001. Although the wood is relatively new, it is already showing its wildlife potential with two species of orchid, three species of deer, a great spotted woodpecker nest and regular sightings of woodcock. We will be clearing willow and aspen scrub from the wood.

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OCTOBER 28th CALTHORPE BROAD (16 miles NE Norwich)

O.S. map 134, grid ref. TG 410 257

Sat nav coords for parking: lat 52.774274 long 1.5711656

The main interest of this site is the broad and its plant life. The broad is surrounded by carr woodland, small areas of open fen, and an area of unimproved grazing marsh. The site is a National Nature Reserve used for research, and is not open to the public. So this is a rare opportunity to see an interesting corner of Broadland. We will cutting vegetation from the dyke edges, clearing scrub & tree felling.

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NOVEMBER 4th PENSTHORPE (2 miles SE Fakenham)

O.S. map 132, grid ref. TF 947 291

Sat nav coords for parking: lat 52.824623 long 0.88872448

Pensthorpe Natural Park is 500 acres of ancient fen meadows, woodlands and lakes in the Wensum valley. As well as the Conservation Centre (where rare UK birds such as cranes and corncrakes are bred) and a collection of water and other birds, there is a large area of nature reserve. We will be helping maintain the wildlife areas of the site.

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NOVEMBER 11th SWANNINGTON UPGATE COMMON (8 miles NW Norwich)

O.S. map 133, grid ref. TG 142 182

Sat nav coords for parking: lat 52.719290 long 1.1706407

This is an interesting and mixed site, with a range of habitats. The variation in soils and wetness has caused a wide range of vegetation including dry acidic heathland, wet heathland, fen, birch and alder woodland, scrub, bracken, rough grassland and ponds. We will be continuing to help with the maintenance of the site.

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NOVEMBER 18th FOXLEY WOOD (7 miles NE Dereham)

O.S. map 133, grid ref. TG 050 229

Sat nav coords: lat 52.765219 long 1.0359094 (site entrance)

At 180 ha, this is the largest remaining area of ancient woodland in Norfolk. The rides have a rich flora which supports a great number of woodland insects. We will be coppicing some of the hazel and other bushes/trees to encourage the ground flora.

Task leader: Peter Cawley

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NOVEMBER 25th WAYLAND WOOD (1 mile S Watton)

O.S. map 144, grid ref. TL 923 996

Sat nav coords for parking: lat 52.560096 long 0.83478257

This ancient and historic woodland is managed in the traditional way as coppice with oak standards, and has a varied and attractive ground flora. The wood was mentioned in the 11th century Domesday Book, and the medieval boundary banks can still be seen. We will be coppicing some of the hazel and other bushes/trees to encourage the ground flora.

Task leader: Sookie Boosey

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Task Booking Please phone the TASK LEADER to book any of the above tasks, preferably on the FRIDAY evening before the task, or by 6.30 p.m. at the latest on Saturday. It is essential that you do book for a task, as tasks sometimes have to be changed or cancelled at short notice, and you may, otherwise, find yourself alone at the site. We meet at 10 a.m. at the map reference given. If you do not have the relevant O.S. map, please phone to ask for directions. If you need transport, this can usually be provided if you phone to ask for it. If you book for a task, but then cannot come, please let us know beforehand.

Task Timing We aim to start work at 10.00, and stop for lunch at 12.30. This is usually followed by a walk before we start work in the afternoon, and we finish at 4.30 (or earlier in the winter). Working for half a day does not usually present a problem, but please check with task leader before the task.

Footwear This will depend on the weather and ground conditions, but as many of the sites can be wet underfoot (especially in winter), it is a good idea to bring wellington boots if you have some.

Tetanus To keep safe, please ensure that you are up to date with your tetanus protection.