

SWT Central Borders group. Walks programme 2018

Hirsel Estate, Coldstream. Sat 12 May. 12:00 to 17:00. A level walk of about 4 miles . Many mature oak and yew trees which attract nuthatch, jay and woodpeckers. It is a wild fowl roost e.g.teal ,shoveler: otter and kingfisher possible. Bring a snack lunch. Meet at Melrose Health Centre car park (NT545341) at 11:00h to organise car share OR meet at the Hirsel (NT824403) at 12:00h. Enquiries: Jim Russell 01835-824898 who will lead the walk.

Lindean Loch. (NT505293) Sat 9 June. 13:30 to 17:30. A fairly level walk of about 2 miles, led by Sarah Eno, around a lime-rich marl loch with a rich array of plants and a good variety of insects and birds. Good footwear needed. Meet at St. Dunstons car park (Health Centre) Melrose (TD6 9RX) at 13:00 for car-sharing or at Lindean Loch (TD7 4QN) at 13:30 Enquires: Jim Russell 01835-824898.

Chisholme Estate. (NT418122) Sat 7 July. 11:00 to about 17:00. A 3 mile walk, led by Alison Smith, around the estate and adjacent Chapel Hill - interesting botany, possibly red squirrels, demonstration of moths trapped previous evening - tea and cakes to finish. Bring a snack lunch and good footwear as parts might be muddy. Meet at Melrose Health Centre car park (NT545341) at 10:00 to organise car share OR at Chisholme (NT418122) at 11:00h. Directions at <http://www.chisholme.org/contact/contact-directions>. Enquiries: Jim Russell 01835-824898 .

Harestanes—Monteviot. (NT642245) Sat 11 August. 12:00 to about 16:00. A 4 mile level walk. We will visit Monteviot garden. The walk alongside the R. Teviot is good for birds and plants. Bring a snack lunch. Meet at Melrose Health Centre car park (NT545341) at 11:30h. to organise car share OR at Harestanes (NT642245) at 12:00h. Enquiries: Jim Russell 01835-824898 who will lead the walk.