

2019 Outings programme

Sat. 25 May Spottiswoode

NT602498 1:30 –4:30pm

Botanist and bryophyte expert, David Long, will lead us through his woodland estate at Spottiswoode. Trees, plants, bryophytes and insects.

Meet at St. Dunstons car park (Health Centre) Melrose (TD6 9RX) at 12:45pm for car-sharing or at Spottiswoode House at 1:30pm. Directions - take B6362 just S of Lauder, then A697 for 3Km to Cambridge picnic area, then turn left signed Spottiswoode and go 2Km to second arch and further signpost. Enquiries : Malcolm Lindsay 01896 753425.

Sat. 8 June Middletoun Farm.

NT44895068, Postcode TD1 2RZ. 2-4:30pm.

3 to 5 mile walk across parts of a 2,000 acre livestock farm which tries to match farming with environmental responsibilities. It should be alive with wild flowers and nesting birds. Wear stout boots and dress according to the weather. No dogs please. Meet at St. Dunstons car park (Health Centre) Melrose (TD6 9RX) at 1:15pm to organise car share or at the farm at 2pm. Directions - take A7 north from Galashiels. 4 miles north of Stow and just before the Fountainhall turn off, take minor road to the right signposted "Cortleferry". This is a no through road. After c. 100 yards veer right following single track road. After c. 1¼ miles you will arrive at Middletoun Farm on the right, just before the road ends.

Enquiries : Kate Bisset 01579730535, walk leader.

Sat.13 July Hare Moss & Dunhog Moss SWT Nature Reserves .

NT466242. 2-4:30pm.

A short walk (1 to 2 miles). We will visit the hide and surrounding areas to see a variety of birds, wild flowers and insects. Wear stout shoes or boots and clothing to match the weather. Meet at St. Dunstons car park (Health Centre) Melrose (TD6 9RX) at 1:30pm to organise car share or at the reserve at 2pm. Directions: the vehicle entrance to the reserve is on the left hand side of the A7 two miles south of Selkirk (just after the large TV mast at NT466242). Enquiries : Alison Smith 01896754082 , walk leader.

Sat. 27 July St.Mary's Loch. (Ring of the Loch pathway)

NT237204. 11am to 4pm

A 7½ mile walk around the loch on the "Ring of the Loch" pathway. A shorter 3½ mile option along only the south-eastern side of the loch via Bowerhope should be possible. The whole walk is very scenic and there should be interesting plants, insects and other wildlife. Wear stout shoes or boots and clothing to match the weather. Bring picnic lunch. Meet at St. Dunstons car park (Health Centre) Melrose (TD6 9RX) at 10:00am to organise car share or at the car park below the James Hogg Monument at the south end of the Loch (NT237204, Nearest postcode TD7 5LH) at 11:00 am.

Enquiries : Jim Russell 01835824898 , walk leader.

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