



# Humberhead Peatlands and Lower Derwent Valley

National Nature Reserves  
Events 2009–2010



# Humberhead Peatlands NNR

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Events for all

**Sat 4  
Apr  
10am**

## **A healthy walk – Thorne Moors**

Use this walk as an introduction to the many events happening this year on the Reserve and to staying fit and healthy as part of World Health Day 2009.

**Sat 2  
May  
10am**

## **Cottongrass walk – Thorne Moors**

A chance to find out about the types of plant that specifically like the peatland habitat.  
2–3 hours.

**Tue 5  
May  
6pm**

## **Stories from the oral history project and walk**

In 2006, an oral history was carried out in the area about Thorne and Moorends. Come and listen to some stories it unearthed whilst having an evening stroll on Thorne Moors.  
2–3 hours.

**Thu 28  
May  
10am**



## **Snakes and lizards – Hatfield Moors**

Kids like wriggly things and the Humberhead Peatlands is home to a sizeable population. Did you know that adders dance? Come and find out more about this protected species on a short walk. Look but do not touch.

**Sun 7  
Jun**  
10am

**Fancy becoming a volunteer?  
Taster day**

Meet the Volunteer Co-ordinator and NNR Volunteers at Thorne Moors on one of the task days to see if it appeals.

**Sun 28  
Jun**  
10am

**Butterfly walk (part of National Insect Week)**

Help us count the many species fluttering around Thorne Moors and add to the important collection of records for this Reserve. 2–3 hours.

**Fri 26  
& Sat 27  
Jun**  
9pm

**Things that 'churr' in the night**

On Hatfield Moors. Each nightjar walk will last between 2.5 and 3 hours. Visitors will hopefully hear the churr of the nightjar. A sighting is always an added bonus. You may see other species such as roe deer, owls and woodcocks.

**Fri 3 &  
Sat 4 Jul**  
9pm

**Things that 'churr' in the night**

As above.

**Tue 28  
Jul**  
10am



**Paint a landscape more than 5,000 years old**

Part of Children's Art Day. Creating a scene of how Hatfield Moors would have looked all those years ago and how they might look in the future following restoration of the site. Materials provided, bring an apron or old clothes.

**Tue 11**  
**Aug**  
2pm



### **Family walk incorporating a children's activity**

A short walk on Hatfield Moors with an activity along the route.

**Tue 18**  
**Aug**  
2pm



### **Dragon (fly) spotting on Hatfield Moors**

With names like four-spotted chaser and black darter, dragonflies are plentiful this month. Bring the kids along for a study and spotting walk. ID charts supplied.

**Tue 1**  
**Sep**  
2pm



### **Family walk incorporating a children's activity**

A short walk on Hatfield Moors with an activity along the route.

**Sun 20**  
**Sep**  
11am

### **Heath walk on Hatfield Moors**

This is the habitat that supports the nightjar bird species which is special to the Moors. Find out why it likes living here each summer and how Natural England manages the breeding area.

**Fri 18**  
**Sep**  
6pm

### **Deer walk on Thorne Moors**

Focussing on the Will Pits area of the site. With luck, you will hear and see the red deer as well as seeing roe deer and other species such as tawny owl. Approx. 2 hours plus travelling time on and off site, part of which is down a rough track.

**Tue 22**  
**Sep**  
10am

### **Pushabout on Hatfield Moors**

A chance to get out with the younger ones on terrain suitable for buggies. Would suit local play groups.

**Wed 23**  
**Sep**  
6pm

### **Deer walk on Thorne Moors**

As above.

**Sun 11**  
**Oct**  
10am

### **Fungi foray**

Led by an expert, you will learn about the varied world of fungi living on Thorne Moors. Lasts 2–3 hours depending on what you find!

**Tue 27**  
**Oct**  
10am



### **Peanut and fat feeder making for the birds**

Make a feeder out of wood collected on the Hatfield Moors Reserve. Take home and watch the birds in your own garden enjoy a feast through the colder months.

**Tue 24**  
**Nov**  
10am

### **15,000 years ago...historical walk on Hatfield Moors**

Looking at how the Moors evolved, going through its significant timeline featuring Bronze and Middle Ages, the industrial revolution and up to more recent times and the future.

**Sun 13**  
**Dec**  
10am

### **Winter wonderland on Hatfield Moors**

A great opportunity to see the Reserve in its winter glory. 2–3 hours.

**Sat 9**  
**Jan**  
10am

### **New Year waist whittler on Hatfield Moors**

Start the New Year with this brisk walk. 3–5 miles. Find out about the Reserve and why it is special for wildlife on the route. Up to 3 hours.

**Tue 9**  
**Feb**  
11am

### **Spring just around the corner walk on Hatfield Moors**

A long stroll around lakes and ponds and through woods stopping for lunch half way at Badger Corner Lake. 3–4 hours.

**Sat 6**  
**Mar**  
10am

### **Put a spring in your step on Thorne Moors**

Taking in a viewing platform and tracks besides old peat cuttings and the Moors' canals. You will hear some of summer's first visitors such as chiff chaff and warblers and possibly see roe deer. 2–3 hours.

### **Health walks at Hatfield Moors - no booking necessary**

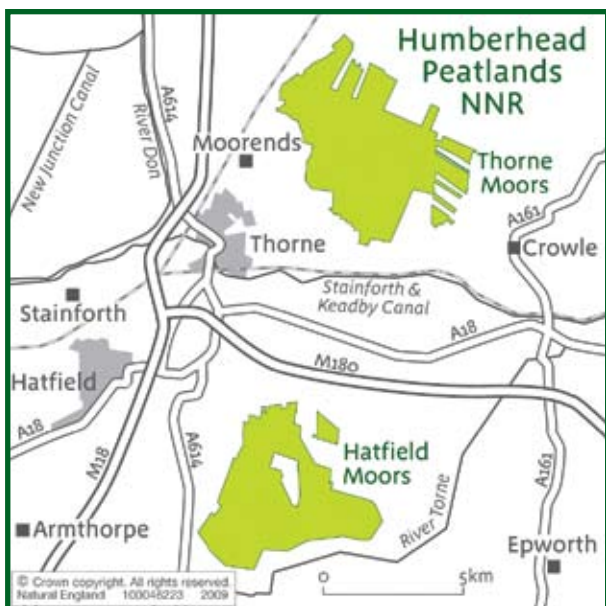
These are run every first Tues of the month (except January), starting from the Boston Park car park.

## Volunteering on the Humberhead Peatlands Reserve

We have a wide range of practical habitat management, species surveying and wardening tasks on the NNR and are always looking for new recruits. Contact the Community Support Officer on 07766 420290 or email [janet.canning@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:janet.canning@naturalengland.org.uk) for more information.

### Public transport

The Peatlands Wayfarer Bus Service runs from Thorne North Station 09.30, 11.30, 14.30, 16.30 travelling to Moorends, Crowle, Belton, Epworth, Haxey, Wroot, Lindholme, Hatfield Woodhouse, Stainforth and back to Thorne taking approx. 2 hours. It takes in stops for both Thorne and Hatfield.



# Lower Derwent Valley NNR

'Wild things around the Ings'

Sun 3  
May  
5.30am

## Dawn chorus

Come along to hear the wonders of a dawn chorus and through the guidance of an experienced bird watcher listen to the amazing song from our favourite songsters.

**Meet: Bank Island car park.**

Wed 10  
Jun  
10am

## Practical work day

Join Natural England and Yorkshire Wildlife Trust volunteers at Wheldrake Ings as we undertake the annual task of ragwort pulling. Find out why, as we work in the heart on these lovely meadows.

**Meet: Wheldrake Ings car park.**

Mon 15  
Jun  
6.30pm



## Pond life secrets

Join us as we explore the pond life at Hassacarr Nature Reserve with local warden and naturalist Terry Weston, Dunnington Conservation group hopefully finding newts, snails, water boatmen, dragonflies bugs and beetles.

**Meet: Hassacarr Nature Reserve.**

Thu 18  
Jun  
7pm

## Hay meadow wonders

Natural England's Simon Christian takes an evening stroll through the wonderful meadows of Melbourne Ings alongside the Pocklington Canal.

**Meet: Melbourne Arms car park.**

**Tue 23**  
**Jun**  
7pm

### **Insect walk**

As part of National Insect Week, come along and enjoy a fascinating evening's walk with local naturalist, Roy Crossley F.R.E.S, in search of insects alongside the Pocklington Canal. **Meet: Church Bridge, Melbourne.**

**Sat 18**  
**Jul**  
6pm



### **Bird Ringing Demonstration**

Join Natural England and local experienced licensed bird ringers as we monitor our feathered friends. A chance to get up close and personal with birds, such as sedge warblers and kingfishers. **Meet: Church Bridge, Melbourne.**

**Fri 18**  
**Sep**  
8pm



### **Wings of the night**

On National Moth night join Julian Small for an evening's moth trapping to see close up the wonders of these magical insects. **Meet: Bank Island car park.**

**Sat 12**  
**Dec**  
2pm



### **Bird Ringing Demonstration**

Another chance to join local licensed bird ringers to get a close up view of birds which you may see in your garden. 3 hours. **Meet: Bank Island car park.**

### **Practical Conservation Work Days**

The Yorkshire Wildlife Trust has volunteer work days, walks and events on its Nature Reserves in the area. Please contact YWT (01904 659570) or visit [www.ywt.org.uk](http://www.ywt.org.uk) for details.

## Meeting points

### Bank Island

Bank Island car park, off Thorganby road near Wheldrake (SE 691447).

### Church Bridge, Melbourne

This is the hump back bridge over the Pocklington Canal from the road between the villages of Melbourne and Thornton (SE 758445).

### Hassacarr Nature Reserve

From Dunnington, past Dunnington Sports and Social Club or from A1079 to Dunnington, past the industrial estate and look for track with footpath sign 'to Hull Road' (SE 673521).  
Drive down track to Reserve.

### Melbourne Arms car park

Parking at Melbourne Arms in Melbourne village (SE 753441).

### Wheldrake Ings

Wheldrake Ings car park near Bailey bridge, off Thorganby road near Wheldrake (SE 694612).



## General information

### **Humberhead Peatlands events**

All events are free but due to their popularity booking is essential.

Please call the Natural England Wakefield office on 0300 060 1863. Details of the meeting points will be supplied at time of booking. For more details of an event content call 07766 420290.

Dogs are welcomed but must be on a short lead during bird nesting season and under close control at all other times.

### **Lower Derwent Valley events**

All events are free, booking not required but for any further information please call the Natural England York office on 0300 060 1911.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

All walks will last between 1–2 hours and cover 2–3 km over easy ground unless otherwise stated. Duration may vary to suit weather conditions.

Dogs are not allowed at these events as they may disturb the wildlife or other participants.



An 'easy access' event that is accessible for wheelchairs.



Events for children and families

For further information on these National Nature Reserves please see our website [www.naturalengland.org.uk](http://www.naturalengland.org.uk)

## A family day at Hatfield Moors



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