

**COURSE INFORMATION SHEET FOR WEBSITE**

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| **Course Title:** Sussex Half Day Bird Safari - Black Down, nr Haslemere | | | **Day/Date/Year:**  Friday 18 October 2019 |
| **Start Time:** 9.30am | | **Finish Time:** 1pm | |
| **Course Tutor:** | Mike Russell | | |
| **Course description and subjects covered** | This is a new walk right in the very north-west corner of Sussex and is the highest point in the County. Owned by the National Trust, this area has a mixture of downland, woodland and heathland and can hold some interesting birds throughout the year. A variety of raptors can glide across the sky and scarcer birds such as Dartford warbler and crossbill are often seen at this time of year, ring ousels often call in on their way back to Africa.  No previous knowledge or skills required, just enthusiasm! | | |
| **Meeting point / Venue address:** | Directions from the National Trust website  Located 2 miles from the A3, Haslemere can be accessed via the A286 and A287. Head out of Haslemere on B2131, turn right up Haste Hill, follow onto Tennyson's Lane and head south-west until you come to the main free NT car park (GU27 3BJ)  We will meet in the main car park in Tennyson’s Lane.  Grid Map Ref: SU923306.  Google Map link: <https://goo.gl/maps/z8nTuetZxkzoHQFv5> | | |
| **Other sites to be visited:** | N/A | | |
| **What to bring:** | * Suitable clothing and footwear for the weather conditions * Refreshments to last you for the morning * Sunscreen and hat * Binoculars and a telescope if you have one * A Field guide might be useful though the leader will have one available | | |
| **Other Information:** | There are no toilets or facilities on this walk. | | |
| **Public Transport:** | For bus services contact Traveline [www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk](http://www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk) | | |
| **Accessibility:** | We will be walking on downland on rough tracks and there will be some slopes and stiles. | | |