**SSEX WILDLIFE TRUST**



**COURSE INFORMATION SHEET FOR WEBSITE**

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| **Course Title:** Sussex Half-DayBird Safari Old Lodge SWT Reserve  and Weir Wood Reservoir | | | **Day/Date/Year:**  Friday 8 February 2019 |
| **Start Time:** 9.30am | | **Finish Time:** 1pm | |
| **Course Tutor:** | Mike Russell | | |
| **Course description and subjects covered** | This half-day bird safari takes in two different habitats within Ashdown Forest. We will meet and walk around the Old Lodge SWT Reserve, a major heathland reserve in Sussex. The visit is timed to hopefully see and hear woodlark who are establishing their territories at this time of year. It is possible to see crossbills, lesser redpolls, siskins and in some years’ brambling have been found feeding under the beech trees. We will then drive a few miles to Weir Wood reservoir to look for wildfowl, grebes and herons that can often be seen from the car park  No previous knowledge or skills required, just enthusiasm! | | |
| **Meeting point / Venue address:** | We will meet in the car park at Old Lodge which is situated on the A2086 between Maresfield and Hartfield. The nearest postcode is TN22 3JD, the entrance is on the left-hand side of the road heading north, about 100 metres past a sign to Old Lodge. Please do not go down this track as it is a private road.  Please look at Google maps for details of route and the SWT website for details on Old Lodge | | |
| **Other sites to be visited:** | Weir Wood Reservoir; details to be given on the day | | |
| **What to bring:** | * Suitable clothing and footwear for being outside in February * Drinks, light refreshments for the morning * Binoculars and a telescope if you have one * A Field guide might be useful though leader will have one available | | |
| **Other Information:** | There are no toilet facilities at Old Lodge or Weir Wood | | |
| **Public Transport:** | Contact Traveline for bus services at [www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk](http://www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk) | | |
| **Accessibility:** | It is flat walking on uneven ground that may be muddy after rain. There are some stiles  We will be walking for 2-3 miles. There are some seats at Old Lodge and at Weir Wood where there is also a hide or stiles | | |