

Rye Harbour
Nature Reserve

WHAT'S ON

2017



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Welcome to the Rye Harbour Nature Reserve What's On 2017 brochure with details of over 70 events, walks and talks that will help you discover this unique landscape, rich in wildlife at all times of year.

For map of reserve – see inside back cover

About

Rye Harbour Nature Reserve is a large coastal reserve managed by Sussex Wildlife Trust and lies two miles southeast of the town of Rye in East Sussex. Made up of shingle beach, saline lagoons, freshwater scrapes and pools, saltmarsh and reedbeds, it is an important site for birds, plants and invertebrates.

The reserve has a network of 15 km of footpaths, many of which are accessible to wheelchairs, and each of our five birdwatching hides has some wheelchair access.

There is a large car park and public toilets opposite the reserve entrance, in the village of Rye Harbour; the nearest postcode is TN31 7TX.

There is a regular bus service to Rye Harbour village from Rye rail station. Visit www.traveline.info/ for more information.

Booking and payments

For your enjoyment, many of our events have a maximum number of participants, therefore booking is essential for these events. Please book early as places are limited.

Online booking: www.sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/whatson
Telephone: 01273 497561

For some events it is not necessary to book. Please ensure you are at the meeting point at the start time indicated.

Some events have a small charge payable upon booking, for others donations are appreciated.
Suggested donation is £4 per person.



Events for children are indicated by this symbol.
All children aged under 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian unless otherwise stated.



Friends of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve

Events indicated by this symbol are for members of the Friends of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve only.



Sussex Wildlife Trust

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bearded tit © Hugh Clark FRPS

January

Sunday 1 January 10am to 12.30pm

New Years Day Walk with a Warden

Burn off some of those festive calories with a bird watching walk around our shortest circular route – taking in three bird watching hides, saltmarsh and the beach.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN3 17TX.

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Sunday 8 January 10am to 1pm

Friends' Coastal Walk

For Friends members only

Come and take a closer look at the waders and waterfowl which make the reserve their home during the winter months.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN3 17TX.

FREE FOR MEMBERS OF THE FRIENDS



Sunday 29 January 10.30am to 2pm

A Winter Ramble around Pett Level

With reedbeds, grassland and wetlands to explore, Pett Pools and Pett Level are a perfect location for birdwatching. Join our warden Chris, along with bird ringer Phil Jones to explore this rich area looking for wildfowl, waders and birds of prey.

Bring a packed lunch and binoculars if you have them.

Meet at the roadside pool at Pett Level – TQ899142.

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February

Sunday 12 February 3pm to dusk

Friends' Winter Birds

For Friends members only

Join one of our wardens for a walk around the pits and reedbeds at Castle Water to learn about some of the reserve's winter birdlife, with a good chance of seeing species such as bittern and bearded tit.

Meet on the road by the Rye Harbour church

(look for the RHNR Land Rover).

FREE FOR MEMBERS OF THE FRIENDS



Wednesday 15 February 10am to 12 noon

Feed the Birds

Drop-in event

Be prepared to get messy and have a go at making tasty treats and feeders for your garden birds. Suitable for accompanied children of all ages.

Drop in to Lime Kiln Cottage, Rye Harbour Nature Reserve TN3 17TX .

DONATIONS APPRECIATED



Saturday 18 February 14.30pm

A Sussex Wildlife Safari

Winchelsea Beach Community Hall

Part of the Friends Winter Talk series: Fasten your seat belts as Michael Blencowe of Sussex Wildlife Trust takes us on a virtual tour of the Trust's nature reserves, looking for our county's most beautiful and bizarre wildlife. We will encounter various plants, elusive birds, beautiful beetles and maybe a wild boar, learning about the history, habitats and wildlife of our reserves.

Those of you who attended Michael's last talk will certainly want to come again. He is a most entertaining speaker – please recommend to others.

Organised by the Friends of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve. Open to all.

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Sunday 19 February 1pm to 4pm

Castle Water Wildlife Walk

A walk to Camber Castle with an opportunity to look inside and visit the birdwatching hide overlooking Castle Water where there should be many waders and ducks to see and possibly bittern and marsh harrier.

Meet at Brede Lock, car parking nearby in Rye.

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Sunday 26 February 2pm to 5pm

Castle Water Birdwatching

For Sussex Wildlife Trust Members only

A chance to see some winter waterfowl at Castle Water, hopefully including bittern and little egret arriving at their roosts.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park, TN31 7TX.

To book email: membership@sussexwt.org.uk or call 01273 497532



March

March to May

Nature Tots

Bring your little ones for mornings of woodland fun and help them explore the natural world with bushcraft activities, stories, games, hot chocolate around the campfire and lots more.

Weekly sessions from 10am – 12 noon are themed around wildlife and the changing seasons. Suitable for children aged 3–5 yrs.

All children must be accompanied by an adult. Online booking is essential, in blocks of 4–7 sessions.

For Rye Harbour Nature Tots please visit www.sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/naturetots



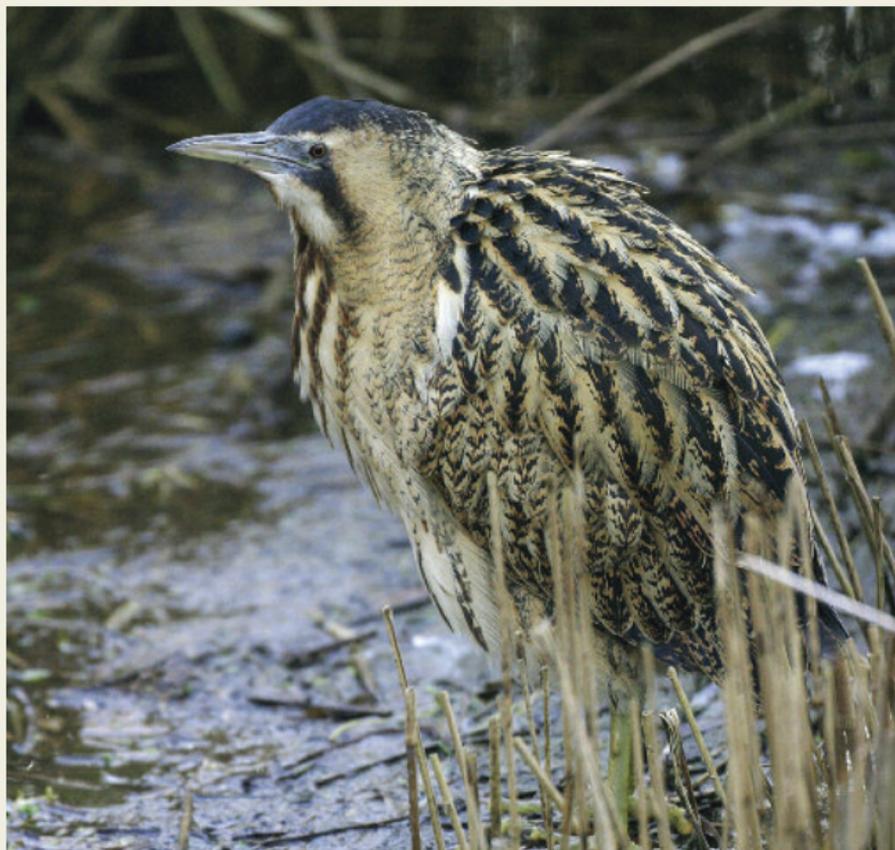
Sunday 5 March 10am to 12.30pm

Walk with a Warden

Join one of our experienced wardens for a short walk around our coastal reserve, looking to see what birds, insects and plants are around at this time of year.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX.

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bittern © Hugh Clark FRPS

Saturday 18 March 2.30pm

Rye Harbour, My Camera and Me

Winchelsea Beach Community Hall

Part of the Friends' Winter Talks series: Toby Houlton takes us on a walk through some of the wildlife gems to be found at Rye Harbour, accompanied by images, experiences and stories on the inspiration the nature reserve provides, and how the images are taken. Toby's images are nothing short of spectacular but however good a photographer you are you also need to be a good naturalist with excellent background knowledge of your subject to produce work of this quality.

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Saturday 25 March 10am to 1pm

Spring Beach Clean

Look out for the first wheatears and Sandwich terns of the year while helping to remove the rubbish blown in by winter storms. Hot soup will be served at the end.

*Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX
(with work gloves if you have them).*

April

Saturday 1 April 10am to 12.30pm

Wildlife Watch

Our NEW monthly club for children aged 5-11 offering a chance to find out more about the natural world and the special wildlife we find at Rye Harbour Nature Reserve. Each session will have a different theme and will include exploring the reserve, playing games, craft activities and learning how to help wildlife thrive. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX.

Book on the website or phone 01273 497561

COST £5 PER CHILD FOR MEMBERS; £6.50 PER CHILD NON-MEMBERS



Monday 3 April 10.30am to 11.30am

Rockpool Ramble

Pett Level

Find out more about our wonderful marine life with an exploration of the rockpools at low tide. Please wear wellies or sturdy shoes suitable for paddling in the water.

Suitable for accompanied children aged 4-12.

Meet alongside the Smuggler Inn on Pett Level Road, TN35 4EH.

Book on the website or phone 01273 497561

COST £3 PER CHILD; ACCOMPANYING ADULTS £1



Wednesday 5 April 2pm to 3pm

Minibeast Hunt

Take a closer look at some of the smaller creatures that live on the nature reserve with our resident expert, Chris.

Suitable for accompanied children aged 4-12.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX.

Book on the website or phone 01273 497561

COST £3 PER CHILD; ACCOMPANYING ADULTS £1



Tuesday 11 April 10 am to 12 noon

The Great Eggcase Hunt

An Easter 'egg' hunt with a difference: we will be looking for mermaids' purses – the EGG cases of sharks, skates and rays - and will see what other treasures we can find washed up on the beach.

Suitable for accompanied children of all ages.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX.

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© Miles Davies

Thursday 13 April 2pm to 3pm

Make a Minibeast Home

Collect natural materials to make homes for wildlife in your garden. Suitable for accompanied children of all ages.

Meet at Lime Kiln Cottage, Rye Harbour Nature Reserve, TN31 7TX.

Book on the website or phone 01273 497561

COST £3 PER CHILD; ACCOMPANYING ADULTS £1



Sunday 16 April 10am to 12.30pm

Walk with a Warden

Join one of our experienced wardens for a guided walk to Ternery Pool to spot nesting gulls, terns and waders. Binoculars available to borrow.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX.

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Saturday 22 April 1pm to 4pm

Castle Water Wildlife Walk

A walk to Camber Castle with an opportunity to look inside and visit the birdwatching hide overlooking Castle Water where there should be ducks, egrets and possibly a marsh harrier. We will also be listening for warblers and hopefully the first cuckoo.

Meet at Brede Lock, car parking nearby in Rye.

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sea kale © Barry Yates

May

Saturday 6 May 10am to 12.30pm

Wildlife Watch

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Sunday 7 May 4.30am to 8am

Wader Watch

Celebrate International Dawn Chorus Day with an early morning walk to listen to some birdsong and spot a wide range of wading birds.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX.

DONATIONS APPRECIATED

Saturday 13 May 2pm to 5pm

1066 Walking Festival – Castle Water Wildlife Walk

A walk to Camber Castle with an opportunity to look inside and visit the birdwatching hide overlooking Castle Water, looking for ducks, cormorants and egrets and listening for warblers and hopefully a cuckoo.

Meet at Brede Lock, car parking nearby in Rye.

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Saturday 20 May 10am to 1pm

An Introduction to Rye Harbour Nature Reserve... Part 1

This is the first in a series of three walks that aim to introduce people to the nature reserve and its wildlife, and perhaps take you to a part of the reserve you have never visited before. This walk will explore the southeast part of the reserve, looking at wildlife on the saltmarsh and on Wader, Quarry and Ternery Pools where there will be many seabirds nesting.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX.

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Sunday 21 May 10am to 1pm

Friends' Breeding Seabirds

For Friends members only

Come and watch the sea come in on a Spring Tide and find out which birds are visiting the new saltmarsh. We should find many different nesting waders, gulls and terns.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX.



Wednesday 24 May 10am to 1pm

Shingle Birds and Flowers

For Sussex Wildlife Trust members only

We will visit the southern half of the reserve and see the nesting terns, gulls and waders and a display of flowers including a profusion of sea kale.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX.

To book email: membership@sussexwt.org.uk or call 01273 497532



Saturday 27 May 10am to 1pm

Coastal Plants

Find out how the shingle and saltmarsh plants cope with their harsh environment. We will also see some coastal birds.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX.

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Tuesday 30 May 2pm to 4pm

Brilliant Birds

Find out about the amazing seabirds that nest at Rye Harbour Nature Reserve with a short walk to our bird watching hides where you will see thousands of gulls and terns on their nests and feeding their cute fluffy chicks!

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX.

Book on the website or phone 01273 497561

COST £3 PER CHILD; ACCOMPANYING ADULTS £1



Wednesday 31 May 2pm to 3pm

Go Bug Hunting

Go a-hunting with the warden, Chris, as he takes a closer look at the fascinating and bizarre world of insects and spiders.

Suitable for accompanied children of all ages.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX.

Book on the website or phone 01273 497561

COST £3 PER CHILD; ACCOMPANYING ADULTS £1



June

June to July

Nature Tots

Bring your little ones for mornings of woodland fun and help them explore the natural world with bushcraft activities, stories, games, hot chocolate around the campfire and lots more.

Weekly sessions from 10am-12 noon are themed around wildlife and the changing seasons.

Suitable for children aged 3-5 yrs. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Online booking is essential, in blocks of 4-7 sessions.

For Rye Harbour Nature Tots please visit www.sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/naturetots



Saturday 3 June 10am to 12.30pm

Wildlife Watch



Our monthly club for children aged 5-11 offering a chance to find out more about the natural world and the special wildlife we find at Rye Harbour Nature Reserve. Each session will have a different theme and will include exploring the reserve, playing games, craft activities and learning how to help wildlife thrive. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX.

Book on the website or phone 01273 497561

COST £5 PER CHILD FOR MEMBERS; £6.50 PER CHILD NON-MEMBERS

Thursday 1 June 10.30 to 11.30am

Rockpool Ramble



Pett Level

Explore the shore searching in the rockpools for fascinating marine creatures such as hermit crabs, prawns, blennies and whelks. Please wear wellies or sturdy shoes suitable for paddling in the sea. Suitable for accompanied children aged 4-12.

Meet alongside the Smuggler Inn on Pett Level Road, TN35 4EH.

Book on the website or phone 01273 497561

COST £3 PER CHILD; ACCOMPANYING ADULTS £1

Wednesday 7 June 2pm to 4pm

Friends' Land Rover Safari



For Friends members only

Join the warden, Chris, for a Land Rover tour of the nature reserve.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX.

Booking essential on rhnoffice@sussexwt.org.uk or 01797 227784

COST £6

Saturday 10 June 10am to 1pm

Beginners Birds – Summer Breeders

Many gulls, terns and wading birds choose to nest here, but can you tell them apart? This short course for beginners will hopefully help. Binoculars and field guides available to use on the day.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX.

Book on the website or phone 01273 497561

COST £12

Sunday 11 June 2pm to 3.30pm

Spectacular Spiders

Learn to love our eight-legged friends as warden Chris shows you some of the spiders found on the nature reserve, and tells you more about their fascinating lives. Suitable for adults and children.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX.

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Saturday 17 June 10am to 1pm

An Introduction to Rye Harbour Nature Reserve... Part 2

In the second of our series of introductory walks we explore the north of the reserve, near to Rye. The walk will take us through Castle Farm, into Camber Castle and then to the birdwatching hide at Castle Water.

Meet at Brede Lock, car parking nearby in Rye.

DONATIONS APPRECIATED

Sunday 18 June 10am to 12.30pm

Walk with a Warden

A guided walk with one of our experienced wardens with many opportunities to see nesting birds and their chicks, and lots of shingle plants in flower.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX.

DONATIONS APPRECIATED

Sunday 25 June 10am to 11am

Moth Morning

A huge variety of interesting and very beautiful moths visit the nature reserve. Come and look in our moth trap to find out which moths were flying around last night.

Meet at Lime Kiln Cottage, Rye Harbour Nature Reserve TN31 7TX (wheelchair accessible).

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July

Saturday 1 July 10am to 12.30pm

Wildlife Watch

Our monthly club for children aged 5-11 offering a chance to find out more about the natural world and the special wildlife we find at Rye Harbour Nature Reserve.

Each session will have a different theme and will include exploring the reserve, playing games, craft activities and learning how to help wildlife thrive. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX.

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marsh frog © Neil Fletcher

Sunday 9 July 2pm to 4.30pm

Walk with a Warden

A guided walk around Castle Water; an area of freshwater with reedbeds and many ditches - perfect for dragonflies, damselflies and marsh frogs!

Meet at Brede Lock, car parking nearby in Rye.

DONATIONS APPRECIATED

Saturday 15 July 10am to 1pm

An Introduction to Rye Harbour Nature Reserve... Part 3

In this third and final walk of the series, Barry Yates, the nature reserve's manager, will explore the southwest part of the nature reserve with a walk starting and ending at Winchelsea Beach.

Meet at public car park at Dogs Hill Road, Winchelsea Beach.

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Sunday 16 July 9am to 12 noon

Rye Harbour's Special Flowers

Take a closer look at the nature reserve's flowering plants, finding rarities like marsh helleborine, least lettuce, stinking hawksbeard and sea heath, but also looking at the special flowers of the shingle such as sea pea, sea kale and red hempnettle.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX .

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Camber Castle © Barry Yates

Wednesday 26 July 10am to 11am

Marvellous Moths

Bring the family to learn about the moths that fly around the reserve at night and look at the moths we caught last night in our moth trap.

Meet at Lime Kiln Cottage, Rye Harbour Nature Reserve TN31 7TX (wheelchair accessible).

DONATIONS APPRECIATED

Friday 28 July 10am to 12 noon

Wild Beach

Pett Level

Celebrate Marine Week with some fabulous beach activities: rock pooling, kite-making and other fun stuff!

Meet alongside the Smuggler Inn on Pett Level Road, TN35 4EH.

Book on the website or phone 01273 497561

COST £5 PER CHILD; ACCOMPANYING ADULTS £2



Sunday 30 July 10am to 12 noon

Walk with a Warden

As the bird breeding season draws to a close and migrants start to pass south, we will be looking out for a variety of coastal birds. Binoculars available to borrow.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX.

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August

Camber Castle is open to the public on the first Saturday of August, September and October for a guided tour. Meet at the castle entrance at 2pm. Admission charges apply.
www.sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/ryeharbour

Wednesday 2 August 2pm to 3pm

Minibeasts

Bring the family to find out about the weird and wonderful world of minibeasts. Suitable for accompanied children of all ages.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX .

Book on the website or phone 01273 497561

COST £3 PER CHILD; ACCOMPANYING ADULTS £1



Thursday 3 August 2pm to 4pm

Beach Art & Craft

Come down to the beach at low tide and get creative with natural materials we find on the beach. Suitable for accompanied children of all ages. Find us on the beach at the river mouth.

Follow the path past Lime Kiln Cottage, Rye Harbour Nature Reserve TN31 7TX.

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Saturday 5 August 10am to 12.30pm

Wildlife Watch

Our monthly club for children aged 5-11 offering a chance to find out more about the natural world and the special wildlife we find at Rye Harbour Nature Reserve TN31 7TX . Each session will have a different theme and will include exploring the reserve, playing games, craft activities and learning how to help wildlife thrive. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park.

Book on the website or phone 01273 497561

COST £5 PER CHILD FOR MEMBERS; £6.50 PER CHILD NON-MEMBERS



Sunday 6 August 10am to 11am

Moth Morning

Another chance to find out about the huge variety of moths we find on the nature reserve when the warden shows you what was caught in the moth trap last night.

Meet at Lime Kiln Cottage, Rye Harbour Nature Reserve TN31 7TX (wheelchair accessible).

DONATIONS APPRECIATED

Tuesday 8 August 2pm to 5pm

Castle Water Safari

A guided walk for children and their parents around Castle Farm finding out about the wildlife and the history. We will go pond dipping at Castle Water, look inside Camber Castle, and go birdwatching from the hide. Approximately 2.5 miles. Suitable for accompanied children aged over 5.

Meet at Brede Lock, car parking nearby in Rye.

Book on the website or phone 01273 497561

COST £5 PER CHILD; ACCOMPANYING ADULTS £2



Friday 11 August 10am to 11am

Mud, Mud, Glorious Mud

Explore the saltmarsh looking for crabs and minibeasts hiding in the mud. Wellies and old clothes advisable! Suitable for accompanied children of all ages.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX .

Book on the website or phone 01273 497561

COST £3 PER CHILD; ACCOMPANYING ADULTS £1



Sunday 13 August 8.30pm to 10.30pm

Moth Evening

Come and see a range of moths as they arrive at our moth traps! This event is weather dependant, so please phone on the day to check that it will be going ahead (01797 227784).

Meet at Lime Kiln Cottage, Rye Harbour Nature Reserve TN31 7TX (wheelchair accessible).

DONATIONS APPRECIATED

Monday 14 August 10am to 11am

Rockpool Ramble

Pett Level

Explore the shore at Pett Level with a search in the rockpools for fascinating marine creatures. Please wear wellies or sturdy shoes suitable for paddling in the sea. Suitable for accompanied children aged 4-12.

Meet alongside the Smuggler Inn on Pett Level Road, postcode TN35 4EH.

Book on the website or phone 01273 497561

COST £3 PER CHILD; ACCOMPANYING ADULTS £1





garden tiger moth © Derek Middleton

Tuesday 15 August 10am to 12 noon

Shrimping

Explore the shore at low tide, looking for shrimps, crabs and flatfish. Please wear wellies or shoes suitable for paddling in the sea. Suitable for accompanied children aged 4-12.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX .

Book on the website or phone 01273 497561

COST £3 PER CHILD; ACCOMPANYING ADULTS £1



Wednesday 23 August 10am to 12 noon

Nature Treasure Trail

Drop-in event

Follow the trail around the reserve, hunt for the clues, solve the puzzles and collect the treasure for your chance to win a prize. Starting off at the Information Centre, collect your map and answer sheet and head out on the trail.

Suitable for accompanied children aged up to 12 years.

Meet at Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Information Centre TN31 7TX.

COST £2 PER TRAIL SHEET



Friday 25 August 10am to 11am

Mud, Mud, Glorious Mud

Explore the saltmarsh looking for crabs and minibeasts hiding in the mud. Wellies and old clothes advisable! Suitable for accompanied children of all ages.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX.

Book on the website or phone 01273 497561

COST £3 PER CHILD; ACCOMPANYING ADULTS £1



Sunday 27 August 2pm to 4.30pm

Walk with a Warden

Join one of our wardens on a walk looking at wildlife near Camber Castle, and join in with a spot of pond-dipping and birdwatching at Castle Water.

Meet at Brede Lock, car parking nearby in Rye.

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September

Camber Castle is open to the public on the first Saturday of September and October for a guided tour. Meet at the castle entrance at 2pm. Admission charges apply.

September to October

Nature Tots

Bring your little ones for mornings of woodland fun and help them explore the natural world with bushcraft activities, stories, games, hot chocolate around the campfire and lots more. Weekly sessions from 10am-12 noon are themed around wildlife and the changing seasons. Suitable for children aged 3-5 yrs. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Online booking is essential, in blocks of 4-7 sessions.

For Rye Harbour Nature Tots please visit

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Saturday 2 September 10am to 12.30pm

Wildlife Watch

Our monthly club for children aged 5-11 offering a chance to find out more about the natural world and the special wildlife we find at Rye Harbour Nature Reserve. Each session will have a different theme and will include exploring the reserve, playing games, craft activities and learning how to help wildlife thrive. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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Book on the website or phone 01273 497561

COST £5 PER CHILD FOR MEMBERS; £6.50 PER CHILD NON-MEMBERS



Sunday 3 September 10am to 1pm

Friends' Autumn Walk

For Friends members only

Look for departing summer visitors such as warblers and wagtails and winter visitors arriving such as ducks and waders.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX.



Sunday 10 September 10am to 1pm

Castle Water Wildlife Walk

A walk to Camber Castle with an opportunity to look inside and visit the birdwatching hide overlooking Castle Water where we should see ducks, waders, little egrets and perhaps the last swallows and martins of the year.

Meet at Brede Lock, car parking nearby in Rye.

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Sunday 24 September 10am to 12.30pm

Walk with a Warden

A guided walk with one of our experienced wardens. September is a good time to spot lots of birds as our summer visitors are leaving, and winter birds are arriving. We will walk around the saltmarsh and beach to look for seabirds, ducks and waders refuelling on the pools and perhaps some raptors hunting them.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX.

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little egret © Mike Read

October

Camber Castle is open to the public on the first Saturday in October for a guided tour. Meet at the castle entrance at 2pm. Admission charges apply.

Saturday 7 October 10am to 12.30pm

Wildlife Watch



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Sunday 8 October 10am to 1pm

Walk with a Warden

Join one of our experienced wardens for a walk around Castle Water in a search for late warblers in the bushes, waders on the islands and wagtails overhead.

Meet at Brede Lock, car parking nearby in Rye.

DONATIONS APPRECIATED

Saturday 14 October 1pm to 4pm

Castle Water Wildlife Walk

A walk to Camber Castle with an opportunity to look inside and visit the birdwatching hide overlooking Castle Water where there should be ducks, waders and little egrets.

Meet at Brede Lock, car parking nearby in Rye.

DONATIONS APPRECIATED

Saturday 21 October 2.30pm

Travels of a Whale Watching Naturalist

Winchelsea Beach Community Hall

Part of the Friends Winter Talk series: Judith Scott is a Marine Naturalist and Photographer following her dream travelling the world working with whales and dolphins. Having worked on all the world's continents, spent two and a half years on a research vessel studying whales and pollution levels and, more recently, working as a naturalist and guide on whale watch trips in Iceland, Judith's talk includes photos of a variety of wildlife from many destinations.

Organised by the Friends of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve. Open to all.

DONATIONS APPRECIATED

Tuesday 24 October 10am to 12 noon

Make a Minibeast Home

Make homes for minibeasts to overwinter in. Suitable for accompanied children of all ages.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX.

Book on the website or phone 01273 497561

COST £3 PER CHILD; ACCOMPANYING ADULTS £1



Thursday 26 October 10am to 12 noon

Strandline Safari

Take a stroll to the beach for some beachcombing along the strandline. What exciting things will the tide have washed up? Bring a bucket for your finds.

Suitable for accompanied children of all ages.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX.

DONATIONS APPRECIATED



November

November to December Nature Tots



Bring your little ones for mornings of woodland fun and help them explore the natural world with bushcraft activities, stories, games, hot chocolate around the campfire and lots more.

Weekly sessions from 10am – 12 noon are themed around wildlife and the changing seasons.

Suitable for children aged 3–5 yrs. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Online booking is essential, in blocks of 4–7 sessions.

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Saturday 4 November 10am to 12.30pm

Wildlife Watch



Our monthly club for children aged 5-11 offering a chance to find out more about the natural world and the special wildlife we find at Rye Harbour Nature Reserve.

Each session will have a different theme and will include exploring the reserve, playing games, craft activities and learning how to help wildlife thrive. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX .

Book on the website or phone 01273 497561

COST £5 PER CHILD FOR MEMBERS; £6.50 PER CHILD NON-MEMBERS

Sunday 5 November 10am to 12.30pm

Walk with a Warden

A guided walk with one of our experienced wardens on a circular route visiting three birdwatching hides, saltmarshes and the beach.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX .

DONATIONS APPRECIATED

Saturday 18 November 2.30pm

The Spanish Pyrenees

Winchelsea Beach Community Hall

Part of the Friends' Winter Talk series: Departing from his usual haunts around the local area near Rye, Colin Page embarks on a walking tour in the National and Natural Parks of this fascinating area.

Here we glimpse some of the history, landscapes and botanical interest of the area on a trip that came close to being cancelled due to Air Traffic Controllers strikes in France and extreme weather conditions.

Organised by the Friends of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve.

Open to all.

DONATIONS APPRECIATED

Saturday 25 November 1pm to 4pm

Beginners Birds – Winter Waders

Get to grips with those tricky winter waders with this short course for beginner birdwatchers. Binoculars and field guides available to use on the day.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX.

Book on the website or phone 01273 497561

COST £12



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December

Saturday 2 December 10am to 12.30pm

Wildlife Watch

Our monthly club for children aged 5-11 offering a chance to find out more about the natural world and the special wildlife we find at Rye Harbour Nature Reserve. Each session will have a different theme and will include exploring the reserve, playing games, craft activities and learning how to help wildlife thrive. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX.

Book on the website or phone 01273 497561

COST £5 PER CHILD FOR MEMBERS; £6.50 PER CHILD NON-MEMBERS



Saturday 2 December 10am to 1pm

Festive Beach Clean

A clean-up of rubbish washed up along the beach by autumn storms, plus the chance to see many wintering birds. Your efforts will be rewarded with hot soup at Lime Kiln Cottage afterwards. Bring work gloves if you have them.

Meet at Rye Harbour village car park TN31 7TX.



RYE

Brede Lock

Rye Harbour Road

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A259

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Viewpoint

Castle Farm

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Castle Water

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Camber Castle

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River Brede

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Long Pit

Rye Harbour Farm

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WINCHELSEA BEACH

To Pett Level

On the map there are numbers 1-15. These correspond to white numbers you will find on posts, stone blocks or waste bins at those locations.





common terns © Barry Yates



Friends of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve

The Friends of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve was founded in 1973 to raise money to improve and enlarge the nature reserve and encourage interest in the conservation of wildlife and scenic beauty within the area.

A registered charity, the Friends now has over 2,000 members and plays vital role in the success of one of the most important conservation sites on the Sussex coast.

Rye Harbour Nature Reserve has been recognised as a Site of Special Scientific Interest, a Special Protection Area, a Special Area of Conservation and a Ramsar site that takes account of its importance as a wetland on an international scale.

To find out more about the Friends, details of their vital contribution to the success of Rye Harbour nature reserve and how to support their work please visit:

www.rhnrfriends.co.uk