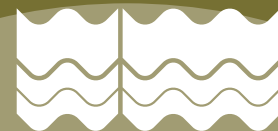


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Exploring East Sussex

Guided walks and
environmental events

Winter 2011-2012



About the walks and events

Getting to the start point

A grid reference will help you find the start point, and it is recommended that you use this in conjunction with the Ordnance Survey Landranger (1:50,000) or Explorer (1:25,000) maps for the county.

For help in understanding grid references try www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk.

Many walks and events in the booklet can be reached by bus or train. **It is always advisable to check bus and train times, especially at weekends when engineering works may affect train services.** Telephone contacts are listed below. If you have to use your car, parking is usually available at start point or venue, but space is often limited: please ensure that you do not park in entrances or driveways, and try to share cars where possible.

For Bus and Train information

Traveline 0870 608 2 608

For Train information only

National Rail enquiries 08457 48 49 50

What to wear and bring

















Sensible footwear is essential. For all countryside walks and events please wear stout waterproof shoes or wellingtons. Trainers are not really suitable except for town walks. Warm and waterproof clothing may also be needed.

Bad weather – won't usually stop a walk from taking place, but it may result in the route being shortened. If you decide to leave a walk before the end, for whatever reason, please tell the leader or they will think that they have lost you. In cases of extremely bad weather please try to contact the leader beforehand to find out whether the walk will go ahead (where a telephone no. has been provided)

Food and drink – some of the longer walks stop at pubs or tearooms, but it is advisable to bring some food and drink with you to stifle hunger pangs in between! Remember, however, landlords who serve meals may not take kindly to people eating their own food on the pub premises.

Our Thanks to all the organisations, groups, countryside staff and individuals who have volunteered to lead the walks. Also to you, for taking part in "Exploring East Sussex"; we hope that you enjoy the walks and countryside events.

Symbols for the walks and events

 Town walk	WC Toilet facilities at or near start point/venue. Where appropriate, facilities for the disabled are mentioned in the walk details.	 Dogs not allowed (otherwise, well behaved dogs welcome, under control and on a lead where appropriate)
 Dawn or dusk walk (Starts before 8am or after 6pm)	 Pub lunch or refreshments available	 Other facilities for the disabled (details in event description or phone 01273 481654 for further information)
 Very easy walk	 Bring a packed lunch or picnic	£ Charge for event
 Easy walks with some gentle hills	 Bus services connect with start/venue	£ FREE event
 Typical country walk with some hills, stiles and muddy paths (depending on the weather)	 Train services connect with start/venue	£d Donations appreciated
 More difficult walking including steep hills, muddy paths, stiles	 Suitable for children (children should be accompanied by adult)	£! Discount or incentive for non car users (specified in description)
 Exhibition/demonstration		
 Talk		
 Course		

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Welcome to the Winter 2011/12 edition of Exploring East Sussex, listing guided walks and environmental events from October to April.

Around 70% of the walks, rides and events featured in this publication are led and arranged by volunteers. Without this extremely valuable contribution to the work that we do, we would not be able to run this programme so successfully.

The walks and events are listed in chronological order. Symbols with each walk tell you at a glance if it is likely to be of interest; please turn to the inside cover for a key to the symbols and other important background information. All walks are circular unless otherwise stated and do not need booking unless mentioned in the text.

Exploring East Sussex is produced by the Countryside Management and Community Engagement Team, part of Environmental Operations, which is responsible for a variety of countryside sites and co-ordinating the work of volunteers.

General information

For details of access and facilities for people with disabilities, if not listed in the event description, please contact the event organiser.

Some but not all leaders of these walks and events are trained in First Aid and have been CRB (Criminal Records Bureau) checked. Participants are reminded that they walk at their own risk.

There is minimum donation of £1 for all walks led by East Sussex County Council Rangers, which goes towards the trainee ranger scheme. Non car users need not make this donation.

You can get this leaflet in large print, on audio tape or in other languages by phoning **01273 481654** or you can email **WalksandRides@eastsussex.gov.uk**.
Minicom facility on 01273 482257

Descriptions of events in this calendar are provided in good faith by the respective organisations and individuals. East Sussex County Council cannot take any responsibility for any changes. We have made every effort to ensure that the information here is accurate, but if there is a contact listed we strongly recommend you contact them first if you wish to check details.

The views and opinions expressed by the leaders in the walk and event descriptions and on the walks and events, are not necessarily those of East Sussex County Council.

October

The Observatory Science Centre Open Evening

Saturday 1 October, 6.30pm-11pm

Are you interested in the night sky? Have you ever wondered what it would be like to look at the stars, planets and the moon through some of the country's largest telescopes? Come and join us on our open evenings and take a glimpse of what it would have been like to use these amazing instruments. Viewing subject to weather conditions – please phone 01323 832731. **Meet at:** The Observatory Science Centre Herstmonceux. **Leader:** Dr Sandra Voss, The Observatory Science Centre, Herstmonceux (Map Ref. TQ653103). Charge: Adults £7.80 Senior £6.10 Child £5.85. **Public transport:** Follow the brown tourist signs to Herstmonceux Castle from the A271 or A27 (Pevensey roundabout).

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Dudwell Valley Explorer

Sunday 2 October at 10.45am

Distance: 7½ miles (4½ hours). A Mid Sussex Ramblers Circular Walk in the Dudwell valley near Burwash East Sussex. Please park tidily in Vicarage Road. Picnic lunch and pub stop at Three Cups Corner – 45 minutes. **Meet at:** Vicarage Road Burwash Common (Map Ref. TQ642232). **Leader:** William Coleman, Mid Sussex Ramblers.

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Bedelands Farm LNR – autumnal landscapes

Sunday 2 October at 10am

Distance: 5 miles (3 hours).

Bedelands Farm LNR is an area of ancient woodland and old meadows on the fringe of Burgess Hill; we cross the county border through the landscape of the Low Weald. **Meet at:** Burgess Hill football club car park, Maple Drive, Leylands Park, Burgess Hill (Map Ref. TQ316204).

Leader: Geoffrey Mead, Burgess Hill Green Circle. Charge: £3 min to Burgess Hill Green Circle. **Public transport:** Wivelsfield station 400 yards.

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Firle Downland Ridge – a Nordic Fitness Walk

Sunday 2 October, 1.50pm for 2pm

Distance: 6 miles (2½ hours).

Sample Nordic Walking : circular walk from Firle lower car park to Firle Beacon via radio masts. Ascent 775 ft. Loan Nordic poles available (pre-booking is essential). **Booking essential** – phone 01323 871554 / 07930 738034. **Meet at:** Firle lower public car park close to the Ram Inn (Map Ref. TQ468074). **Leader:** Nigel Bentley, Oakleafe Sussex Nordic Walking. Charge: £7.

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A walk in the woods around Battle

Tuesday 4 October at 10am

Distance: 6 miles (3 hours). First part of a figure-of-8 in “A Walk in the Woods week” with lunch in Battle (picnic or pubs/restaurants). Opportunity to join second part in afternoon – see separate event.

Meet at: Abbey Green, Battle (Map Ref: TQ748158). **Leader:** John Harmer, Rother Ramblers. **Public transport:** Buses to Abbey Green; Rail Station ¼ mile.

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A walk in the woods around Battle

Tuesday 4 October at 1.30pm

Distance: 3 miles (1½ hours).

Second part of a figure-of-8 in “A Walk in the Woods week”. **Meet at:** Battle Rail Station (Map Ref: TQ755155). **Leader:** John Harmer, Rother Ramblers. **Public transport:** Buses to top of Station Approach.

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The best of 1066!

Wednesday 5 October at 10.30am

Distance: 4½ miles (2 hours).

A very scenic walk following the 1066 Country Walk for part of the way, with glorious views of Lower Snailham, Guestling and the Brede valley. **Booking recommended**

– phone 07918 907265. **Meet at:** Broad Street fishery lake lay-by, Broad Street, Icklesham (Map Ref. TQ864165). **Leader:** Nick Brown.

Public transport: bus service to within ½ mile of the start

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Circular walk from Woodingdean

Thursday 6 October at 10am

Distance: 12 miles (6 hours).

To Balsdean Farm, Highdole Hill, Rodmell (pub lunch at Abergavenny Arms) on South Downs Way returning by Castle Hill and Newmarket Hill. Remember suitable footwear and clothing for weather.

Meet at: Woodingdean car park (Map Ref. TQ357064). **Leader:** Brian, South Downs Society.

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RX Bird Race

Saturday 8 October at 6am

Duration: 8½ hours.

Teams of 4-5 people race to find the most bird species in the RX area in one day. A sponsored event organised by RSPCA and RHNR to celebrate 50 Years of RSPCA Mallydams Wood. Prizes and trophies at 7.30pm at Mallydams. Full details at www.rxwildlife.org.uk/rx-bird-race.

Booking essential – phone 0300 123 0723 or 01797 223862. **Meet at:** RSPCA Mallydams Wood (Map Ref: TQ860124). Disabled toilets available. **Leader:** Richard Thompson (Mallydams)/Dr Barry Yates (Friends of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve), RSPCA Mallydams Wood/Friends of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve. Charge: Entry fee £12 per adult, under 16's £6 and children under 8 free. £10 non-returnable deposit required per team entry.

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Autumn Migration Watch

Saturday 8 October at 8am

Join two expert local ornithologists for a walk through Hastings Country Park Nature Reserve to observe the movements of numerous migrating birds from various vantage points in this scenic area. **Meet at:** Hastings Country Park Visitor Centre (Map Ref. TQ860117). **Leader:** Andrew Grace & Alan Parker, The Friends of Hastings Country Park Nature Reserve. Charge: £2, free to Friends of HCPNR. **Public transport:** 344 bus route.

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Autumn Migration Watch

Saturday 8 October at 9am

Distance: 3 miles (3 hours). Join the warden in a search for warblers in the bushes, waders on the islands and wagtails overhead. **Meet at:** Meet at Brede Lock (Map Ref. TQ919198). **Leader:** Chris Bentley, Rye Harbour Nature Reserve. **Public transport:** Rye train & bus station ½ mile away

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BTCV health walks

Gentle, short walks at your own pace, lasting about an hour. FREE! Open to all ages and abilities. Please wear sensible shoes. Walks take place every week except on bank holiday Mondays. No booking necessary.

Leader: Various, BTVC.

John's Cross health walk

Every Monday at 9.15am

Distance: 1½ miles (1 hour). Buggy and toddler friendly. **Meet at:** Car park of Mountfield and Whatlington CE Primary School (Map Ref. TQ745210).

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Rye health walk

Every Monday at 10am

Distance: 1½ miles (1 hour). **Meet at:** Gibbett Marsh car park, Udimore Road, Rye (Map Ref. TQ915202).

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Ticehurst health walk

Every Monday at 10am

Distance: 1½ miles (1 hour). **Meet at:** Pickford Lane car park (Map Ref. TQ689302).

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Hastings Old Town health walk

Every Monday (except Bank Holidays) at 2pm

Distance: 1½ miles (1 hour). **Meet:** Opposite the Jenny Lind, High Street, Hastings (Map Ref. TQ824096).

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Robertsbridge health walk

Every Tuesday at 9.30am

Distance: 1½ miles (1 hour). Buggy and toddler friendly. **Meet:** Outside the Youth Centre, The Grove (Map Ref. TQ738235).

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St Leonards Seaford health walk

Every Tuesday at 11am

Distance: 1½ miles (1 hour). **Meet:** Inside WRVS Centre, South Street, St Leonards (Map Ref. TQ803090).

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Alexandra Park health walk

Every Wednesday at 12 noon

Distance: 1½ miles (1 hour). **Meet at:** Café in the Park, Alexandra Park, Hastings (Map Ref: TQ813103).

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Ashdown House health walk

Every Wednesday at 1pm

Distance: 1 mile (½ hour). **Meet at:** E Floor reception, Ashdown House, Sedlescombe Road North, St Leonards (Map Ref. TQ796128).

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Hastings Town Centre health walk

Every Thursday at 2pm

Distance: 1½ miles (1 hour). **Meet:** Outside United Reformed Church, Robertson Street, Hastings (Map Ref: TQ815093).

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Battle health walk

Every Friday at 10am

Distance: 1½ miles (1 hour). **Meet:** On the Green, opposite Battle Abbey (Map Ref: TQ748157).

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Church Wood health walk

Every Friday at 10.30am

Distance: 1½ miles (1 hour). **Meet at:** Church in the Wood car park, Hollington, St Leonards (Map Ref: TQ786113).

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Bexhill health walk

Every Friday at 11am

Distance: 1½ miles (1 hour). **Meet:** Foyer of De La Warr Pavilion (Map Ref: TQ741070).

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Highwoods Fungi Foray

Saturday 8 October at 10am

Distance: 1 mile (1½ hours).

Come for a stroll around our ancient woodland SSSI looking for autumn fungi. Children should be accompanied by an adult. Bring camera & field guide. Suitable footwear for uneven terrain advisable. See our web site. **Meet at:** Highwoods Car Park, Peartree Lane, Bexhill-on-Sea (Map Ref. TQ716096). **Leader:** Alan Dengate & Alan Malpass, Highwoods Preservation Society.

Public transport: Cooden Beach Railway station 2½ miles. Bus 99 to Little Common 1¼ miles. Buses 95 & 98 to Lunsfords Cross ¾ mile.

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Poo and paw Prints

Saturday 8 October at 11am

Be a nature detective and find out which creatures have visited the reserve by identifying their tracks and signs. **Booking essential** – phone 01273 497561. **Meet at:** Linklater Pavilion, Railway Land Nature Reserve, Railway Lane, Lewes, BN7 2FG (Map Ref. TQ419100). **Leader:** Kate Tiffin, Sussex Wildlife Trust. Charge: SWT Members: adults £5/child £6, family ticket £13 TBC. **Public transport:** Lewes Railway station 10 minute walk away.

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Dormice – Hailsham Wildlife Watch Event

Sunday 9 October at 10am

We will be checking dormice boxes with Forestry Commission Ranger before these cute little rodents hibernate. **Booking essential** – phone 01323 844094. **Meet at:** Abbots Wood, Hailsham – in the main Forestry Commission car park (Map Ref. TQ555073). **Leader:** Lisa Stevens, Sussex Wildlife Trust/Hailsham Wildlife Watch.

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Circular walk from Scaynes Hill village car park

Tuesday 11 October at 10am

Distance: 12 miles (6¼ hours). Scaynes Hill, Waspbourne Wood, Fletching Common, Lunch stop at Royal Oak Newick, on to Chailey, Vale Farm. Please arrive by 9.45, suitable clothing & footwear. **Meet at:** Scaynes Hill Village Centre Car Park (A272) (Map Ref. TQ367233). **Leader:** Richard, South Downs Society.

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To the end of the Rainbow

Wednesday 12 October at 9.45am

Distance: 8 miles (6 hours). A figure of eight walk centred on Broad Oak Rye exploring this wonderful area of hills and valleys.

Meet at: The Rainbow Trout, Broad Oak, Rye (Map Ref. TQ825198).

Leader: Sue Clark, Northiam Footpath Group.

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Iron, steam and speed

Thursday 13 October at 2pm

Distance: 4 miles (2½ hours). To “Turner” phrase. This walk looks at the historical effects and the physical remains as the industrial revolution comes to rural Sussex.....twice. **Meet at:** Horsted Keynes Village Green (Map Ref. TQ385282). **Leader:** Graham Kean, Wealden District Council. **Public transport:** Bus to Horsted Keynes.

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Walks for Well-Being – Hedgerow Harvest

Friday 14 October at 10am

Distance: 3 miles (2½ hours).

Wild food expert, Anna Richardson, will join us to discover the abundant autumn harvest of our hedgerows and to talk about the plant's culinary and medicinal uses. www.solesandsouls.co.uk. **Booking essential** – phone 01273 813722. **Meet at:** Roebuck Inn, Laughton (Map Ref. TQ501131). **Leader:** Louise Gorst & Anna Richardson, Soles & Souls. Charge: £10.

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Poo and paw prints

Saturday 15 October at 11am

Become a nature detective and find out which animals visit the park by identifying their tracks and signs.

Booking essential – phone 01273 497561. **Meet at:** Stanmer Park, Brighton (Map Ref. TQ337096).

Leader: Kate Tiffin, Sussex Wildlife Trust. Charge: SWT Members: adults £5/child £6/family £13. To be confirmed. **Public transport:** Trains to Falmer Station, one mile walk to meeting point.

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Walks for Well-Being – Friston in the Fall

Saturday 15 October at 2pm

Distance: 5 miles (2½ hours).

Enjoy the array of autumn colours in Friston Forest and the delightful historic settlement of West Dean. The focus of the walk is to wind down, relax and reflect. www.solesandsouls.co.uk. **Booking essential** – phone 01273 813722. **Meet at:** Litlington Road car park (Map Ref. TQ518002). **Leader:** Louise Gorst, Soles & Souls. Charge: £5.

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Stepping out to Bexhill's 'Manor House'

Sunday 16 October at 2pm

Distance: ½ mile (2 hours).

An exploration of a mediaeval manor house which was much added to over the centuries, then largely demolished in 1968. Remaining walls, archives and testimonies offer clues to past histories. **Meet at:** Manor Gardens Car Park, Bexhill Old Town (Map Ref. TQ747080). **Leader:** Heather Morrey and Judith Carey, Bexhill Museum. Charge: £2.50. **Public transport:** Bexhill Station 10 minutes (uphill) walk.

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Wildlife tracking

Sunday 16 October at 2.30pm

Discover the art of looking for the signs of wildlife that inhabits the countryside within suburban Sussex. Search for the tracks, and other clues that animals have behind. **Booking essential** – phone 01444 414381. **Meet at:** Blunts Wood Car Park, Haywards Heath. **Leader:** Phil Haskell, Sussex Wildlife Trust/Friends of Blunts Wood and Paiges Meadow.

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Hebridean adventure

Thursday 20 October at 7.30pm

An illustrated Talk given by our bird expert, Ian Woolsey, of one of his holidays in the Outer Hebrides during the summer of 2010. **Meet at:** Chailey Village Hall (Map Ref. TQ394189). Ramp into entrance and disabled toilets available. **Leader:** William Coleman, Chailey Commons Society.

Poo and paw prints

Saturday 22 October at 11am

Become a nature detective and find out which animals have been visiting the reserve by identifying their tracks and signs. **Meet at:** Woods Mill, Henfield, BN5 9SD (Map Ref. TQ218138). **Leader:** Kate Tiffin, Sussex Wildlife Trust. Charge: SWT Members: Adult £5/child £6/ family £13. To be confirmed.

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Circular walk from Ditchling Village Hall

Saturday 22 October at 10am

Distance: 10 miles (5¾ hours). Ditchling Common, Blackbrook Wood, Plumpton Green, pub lunch at Fountain Inn, Plumpton Station, Elmgrove Farm. Please arrive by 9.45 with clothing & footwear to suit the weather. **Meet at:** Ditchling Village Hall Car Park (Map Ref. TQ326152). **Leader:** Frances, South Downs Society.



The Observatory Science Centre Open Evening

Saturday 22 October, 6.30pm-11pm
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Walk and Ride – The Bluebell Railway

Sunday 23 October at 10am

Distance: 8½ miles (6 hours). A linear walk from Sheffield Park to Horsted Keynes. Pub lunch at the Green Man. Continue on to the station for return by train, £7-Third Class. A great day out. **Meet at:** Sheffield Station car park on the A275 (Map Ref. TQ405236). **Leader:** Adrian White. **Public transport:** Betrobus route 270 from Haywards Heath.

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Crowlink Walk from The Tiger, East Dean

Sunday 23 October at 1.50 for 2pm

Distance: 3¾ miles (2 hours). A guided ramble taking a circular route from East Dean around Crowlink paths down to the Seven Sisters coast. Some stiles, and ascending 675 feet. **Meet at:** The Tiger Inn, East Dean (from car park behind the pub) (Map Ref. TV577977). **Leader:** Nigel Bentley, Oakleafe Sussex Rambling. Charge: £4. **Public transport:** Route 12 or 12A bus service via A259 to East Dean.

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Puck of Pook's Hill family walk

Tuesday 25 October at 11am

Distance: 2 miles (1½ hours). A lovely family walk through the countryside that surrounds Bateman's. Join our warden and follow in the footsteps of Puck, the magical fairy from Kipling's book. Discover more about the story and try to find the characters from the book hidden along the trail. Wear walking shoes or wellies. Disabled toilets at start and finish of walk.

Booking essential – phone 01435 882302. **Meet at:** Bateman's car park (Map Ref. TQ671238). **Leader:** Kevan Gibbons, National Trust. **Public transport:** 318 Renown Uckfield to Etchingham.

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Children's workshops – Eyes On The Universe

Tuesday 25 October at 10.30am - 1pm or 2pm-4.30pm.

'Eyes on the Universe' half day workshops for children (6+ years) Find out how we study the heavens around us. Make and use your own telescope and sundial as well as learning how to use the large telescopes on site. **Booking essential** – phone 01323 832731. **Meet at:** The Observatory Science Centre Herstmonceux. **Leader:** Sandra Voss, The Observatory Science Centre, Herstmonceux (Map Ref. TQ653103). Charge: £9.50 per child per session. **Public transport:** Follow the brown tourist signs to Herstmonceux Castle from the A271 or A27 (Pevensey roundabout).

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Autumn Camp – Holiday Club

Tuesday 25 October at 10.30am

Come out into the woods and find out how to light fires, find and cook food and build shelters ready for winter. **Booking essential** – phone 01273 597561. Children do not need to be accompanied by an adult.

Meet at: Forestry Commission Car Park, Littlington Road, half a mile north of Seven Sisters Country Park (Map Ref. TQ518002). **Leader:** Ronnie Reed, Sussex Wildlife Trust. Charge: SWT members £9, non members £12. **Public transport:** Regular bus service along A259.

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Circular walk from Maresfield

Tuesday 25 October at 9.30am

Distance: 14½ miles (6½ hours). To Buxted Park, Wealdway, Vanguard Way, High Hurstwood (Pub lunch Maypole Inn) Barnsgate Manor, Cackle Street, Maresfield Park. Clothing & footwear suited to weather please arrive 9.15. **Meet at:** Car park opposite Maresfield Church (Map Ref. TQ466241). **Leader:** Juliet, South Downs Society.

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Twilight Special 'Earth & Beyond'

Wednesday 26 October, 2pm-8pm

Spend an afternoon carrying out some fascinating experiments learning about volcanoes, earthquakes, ice caps and more before looking through the Centre's giant telescopes (weather permitting). Children's workshop (9+ years). **Booking essential** – phone 01323 832731. **Meet at:** The Observatory Science Centre Herstmonceux. Disabled toilets, chair lift to first floor. **Leader:** Dr Sandra Voss, The Observatory Science Centre, Herstmonceux (Map Ref. TQ653103). Charge: £19.95 per child.

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Fungus Foray with Rosalie Sinclair-Smith

Wednesday 26 October at 2pm.

Distance: 2 miles (2 hours). Looking for fungus on Red House Common North Chailey. Children especially welcome with parents to help find and identify the many species of fungus to be found on the commons. **Meet at:** Red House Common Car Park (Map Ref. TQ391218). **Leader:** William Coleman, Chailey Commons Society. **Public transport:** Countryliner Bus 121 and 31, alight Chailey Cross Roads - half mile walk.

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Stepping out to Bexhill's Highwoods

Wednesday 26 October at 10.30am

Distance: 1 mile (1½ hours). A family ramble led by a former warden. Spot varied wildlife; hear about bodgers, tinkers, charcoal burners and sawpits; make a souvenir postcard to take home. Wellies best after rain. **Booking recommended** – phone 01424 224785. **Meet at:** Car park off Peartree Lane (upper) Little Common, Bexhill (Map Ref. TQ715096). **Leader:** Alan Malpass, Bexhill Museum. Charge: £2.50.

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Glorious Mud

Friday 28 October at 2pm

Distance: 1½ miles (1½ hours). Investigate the saltmarsh looking for minibeasts hiding in the mud. Wellies advisable! **Meet at:** Lime Kiln Cottage information centre (Map Ref. TQ945186). **Leader:** Lucy Balmforth, Rye Harbour Nature Reserve. **Public transport:** Bus 325 to Rye Harbour village.

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Camber Castle Exploration

Saturday 29 October at 1pm

Distance: 2½ miles (3 hours). Explore the Castle, the birdwatching hide and the Castle Water wetland for early winter wildlife. **Meet at:** Brede Lock (Map Ref. TQ919198). **Leader:** Barry Yates, Rye Harbour Nature Reserve. **Public transport:** Rye train & bus station ½ mile away.

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Circular Walk from Millbrook West Car Park

Saturday 29 October at 10am

Distance: 11 miles (6 hours).

Chelwood Corner, Sheffield Forest, Woolpack Farm, Nutley (Pub lunch) Misbourne, Friends Clump. Please arrive by 9.45 with clothing and footwear suited to the weather.

Meet at: Millbrook West CP on A22 (Map Ref. TQ437298). **Leader:** Chris, South Downs Society.



Friston Forest and Crowlink Nordic Walk

Saturday 29 October at 1.50 for 2pm

Distance: 6¼ miles (2¾ hours).

Nordic Walk into the Forest and along Seven Sisters from Haven Brow to Crowlink path. Ascent of 1135 ft. Loan Nordic poles available (but pre-booking essential).

Booking essential – phone 01323 871554 / 07930 738034. **Meet**

at: Crowlink NT car park (parking charged; or NT pass required) (Map Ref. TV549978). **Leader:** Nigel Bentley, Oakleafe Sussex Nordic Walking. Charge: £7.

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Halloween ghost walks on Beachy Head

A number of walks starting late afternoon Sunday 30 October 2011

Distance: 1½ miles (1 hour).

For our fourth year we are taking chilling Ghost Walks onto Beachy Head from East Dean village green, with new stories for 2011. The walks are guided by professional actors. **Booking essential** – phone 01732 835595 or 07768 276978.

Meet at: East Dean village green (Map Ref. TQ557974). **Leader:** Keith Stitchman, The Company Upfront. Charge: Adults £7.50 - Children £4.50. Reduced rate for non-car users: 50p per person. **Public transport:** 12 or 12a bus from Eastbourne or Brighton.

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Circular walk from Firle Village

Monday 31 October at 10am

Distance: 8 miles (3½ hours).

Flattish walk, east on old drove road to Berwick, back across farmland and through pretty villages. Pub (The Ram) available at end. Arrive 9.45, clothing and footwear suited to weather. **Meet at:** Firle Village Car Park (Map Ref. TQ468074).

Leader: Sally, South Downs Society.



November

Walks for Well-Being – Chalk Pit to Black Cap

Wednesday 2 November at 10am

Distance: 5 miles (2½ hours).

A winter walk that takes in stunning views across to the Ouse valley and south to the Downs. www.

solesandsouls.co.uk. **Booking**

essential – phone 01273 813722.

Meet at: Chalk Pit Inn, Offam (Map Ref. TQ401121). **Leader:** Louise Gorst, Soles & Souls. Charge: £5.

£ 93 WC 🐾 🐾

Archaeology Walk on Chailey Common with Linda Ball

Saturday 5 November at 10am

Distance: 2 miles (2 hours).

Now the bracken has died down, come and join Linda Ball to discover the many interesting features on the common. **Meet at:** Red House Common Car Park (Map Ref. TQ391218). **Leader:** William Coleman, Chailey Commons Society. **Public transport:** Countryliner Bus 121 and 31, alight Chailey Cross Roads – half mile walk.

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Following in William the Conqueror's Footsteps!

Saturday 5 November at 10.30am

Distance: 5½ miles (2¼ hours).

A cracking walk following in William the Conqueror's footsteps, heading out along the 1066 Country Walk towards Rickney before returning via Hankham, Westham and through Pevensey Castle itself.

Booking recommended – phone 07918 907265. **Meet at:** East Gate, Pevensey Castle (Map Ref. TQ645047). **Leader:** Nick Brown. Charge: £3. **Public transport:** Pevensey & Westham rail station 8 mins walk.

£ 1 WC ✂ ➡

Highwoods Fungi Foray

Saturday 5 November at 10am

Distance: 1 mile (1½ hours).

Come for a stroll around our ancient woodland SSSI looking for autumn fungi. Children should be accompanied by an adult. Bring camera & field guide. Suitable footwear for uneven terrain advisable. See our web site. **Meet at:** Highwoods Car Park, Peartree Lane, Bexhill-on-Sea (Map Ref. TQ716096). **Leader:** Alan Dengate & Alan Malpass, Highwoods Preservation Society. **Public transport:** Cooden Beach Railway station 2½ miles. Bus 99 to Little Common 1¼ miles. Buses 95 & 98 to Lunsfords Cross ¾ mile.

Meet at: Highwoods Car Park, Peartree Lane, Bexhill-on-Sea (Map Ref. TQ716096). **Leader:** Alan Dengate & Alan Malpass, Highwoods Preservation Society. **Public transport:** Cooden Beach Railway station 2½ miles. Bus 99 to Little Common 1¼ miles. Buses 95 & 98 to Lunsfords Cross ¾ mile.

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The Gunpowder Plod

Saturday 5 November at 2pm

Distance: 4½ miles (2½ hours).

Walk around the Powdermill area of Battle to discover the history of gunpowder manufacture in past centuries and then, perhaps, stay on for the Bonfire Night celebrations. **Meet at:** Battle Abbey Gatehouse frontage (Map Ref. TQ748158). **Leader:** John Harmer, Battle Ramblers. **Public transport:** Buses to Abbey Green

£ 3 ☺ WC 🚌

Pelhams, parks and poachers

Thursday 10 November at 2pm

Distance: 4 miles (2½ hours).

The buckle badge of the Pelham family can be seen at many locations along this walk around Laughton. The walk takes in buried prime ministers, a short lived mansion and an unsuccessful one-eyed assassin (did he close the wrong eye when firing?). And all in only four miles. **Meet at:** Laughton Church, Church Lane, Laughton (Map Ref. TQ502126). **Leader:** Graham Kean, Wealden District Council.

£ 3 WC ✂

Comets & Curry Themed Evening

Saturday 12 November, 7pm-11pm

Come and enjoy a warming curry and a glass of wine before trying to spot an impressive shooting star or two. Viewing subject to weather conditions. **Booking essential** – phone 01323 832731. **Meet at:** The Observatory Science centre, Herstmonceux (Map Ref. TQ653103). **Leader:** Dr Sandra Voss, The Observatory Science Centre, Herstmonceux. Charge: Adults £22.95.

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Scenic Sedlescombe

Wednesday 16 November at 9.45am

Distance: 6½ miles (3 hours, plus lunch).

A late autumn walk in the beautiful countryside of the High Weald AONB, finishing with a pub lunch.

Meet at: Sedlescombe public CP (Map Ref. TQ784182). **Leader:** Keith Morris, Northiam Footpath Group.

£ 3 WC ✂ ✂

Ancient Woodlands

Thursday 17 November at 7.30pm

An illustrated talk, by Victoria Bebestead-Hume from the Weald and Downs Ancient Woodland Survey, updating us on her survey work.

Meet at: Chailey Village Hall (Map Ref. TQ394189). Ramp at entrance and disabled toilets available.

Leader: William Coleman, Chailey Commons Society

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Old Maps of Hastings and the Country Park

Friday 18 November at 7pm

An illustrated talk by local historian, Steve Peak, on the history of Hastings Country Park Nature Reserve and the surrounding area as seen through old maps. **Meet at:** Hastings History House, Courthouse Street, TN34 3AU. **Leader:** Steve Peak, The Friends of Hastings Country Park Nature Reserve.

Charge: £2, free to Friends of HCPNR

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Walks for Well-Being – Along the Old Coach Road

Saturday 19 November at 10.30am

Distance: 5 miles (3 hours).

A walk along the Old Coach Road to Charleston and back past the medieval tithe barn at Alciston for lunch at the Cricketers. www.solesandsouls.co.uk. **Booking essential** – phone 01273 813722.

Meet at: Cricketers Arms, Berwick (Map Ref. TQ520052). **Leader:** Louise Gorst, Soles & Souls. Charge: £5.

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Prehistoric Walk

Saturday 19 November at 1pm

Distance: 2 miles (3 hours).

Explore the many prehistoric sites scattered locally around the renowned Long Man of Wilmington. Examples of stone age tools will be available to view and handle.

Walking boots advised. **Booking essential** – phone 07714923925.

Meet at: Long Man and Priory Car Park (Map Ref. TQ544042).

Leader: Stewart Angell and Stephen Edwards, Sussex Biodiversity Partnership. Charge: £2.

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Sussex Border Path from Cowden – Guided Ramble or Nordic Walk

Saturday 19 November, 1.50 for 2pm

Distance: 5 miles (Rambles) or 7 miles (Nordic Walkers) (2½ hours).

Fine views from rolling northern edge of East Sussex. Oakleafe Club offers a Guided Ramble and a Nordic Walking event. Loan Nordic Walking poles available subject to availability (pre-booking essential).

Booking essential – phone 01323 871554 / 07930 738034. **Meet at:**

The Fountain Pub at Cowden (Map Ref. TQ465404). **Leader:** Nigel Bentley, Oakleafe Sussex Rambling and Nordic Walking. Charge: £4 (Rambles) or £7 (Nordic Walkers).

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The Observatory Science Centre Open Evening

Saturday 19 November, 6.30pm-11pm

Are you interested in the night sky? Have you ever wondered what it would be like to look at the stars, planets and the moon through some of the country's largest telescopes? Come and join us on our open evenings and take a glimpse of what it would have been like to use these amazing instruments. Viewing subject to weather conditions – please phone 01323 832731. **Meet at:** The Observatory Science Centre Herstmonceux. **Leader:** Dr Sandra Voss, The Observatory Science Centre, Herstmonceux (Map Ref. TQ653103). Charge: Adults £7.80 Senior £6.10 Child £5.85. **Public transport:** Follow the brown tourist signs to Herstmonceux Castle from the A271 or A27 (Pevensy roundabout).

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Walk – Arlington Reservoir near Berwick

Sunday 20 November at 10.30am

Distance: 9 miles (5½ hours).

Easy circular country walk with the reservoir at its centre. Moated farmhouses, Downland views. lunch at the Yew Tree, Arlington. Return through Abbott's Wood. **Meet at:** Reservoir car park. Pay and display, or free lay by on road if lucky! (Map Ref. TQ528075). **Leader:** Adrian White. **Public transport:** Cuckmere Community bus. Trains to Berwick (Check times)

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December

Festive Beach Clean

Saturday 3 December at 10am

Distance: 1 mile (3 hours).

A pre-Christmas clean-up of rubbish plus the chance to see wintering birds. Hot soup served at the end.

Meet at: meet at Rye Harbour car park (Map Ref. TQ941189). **Leader:** Sam Smith, Rye Harbour Nature Reserve. **Public transport:** Bus 325 to Rye Harbour village.

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Glorious Views!

Saturday 3 December at 10.30am

Distance: 4¼ miles (1¾ hours).

A delightful shorter walk with stunning views of Herstmonceux Castle, Herstmonceux Place, Windmill Hill Mill, All Saints Church and surrounding countryside including the South Downs.

Booking recommended – phone 07918 907265. **Meet at:** Wartling Road lay-by, next to the main entrance to Herstmonceux Castle (Map Ref. TQ653103). **Leader:** Nick Brown. Charge: £3. **Public transport:** very limited.

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Tree Dressing

Saturday 10 December at 11am

Walk around the wintery woods, make decorations from natural materials and hand them on our Christmas tree. Finish off with some rowing Christmas carols and hot chocolate. **Booking essential** – phone 01273 497561. **Meet at:** Stanmer Park, meet on the green in front of the church. **Leader:** Kate Tiffin, Sussex Wildlife Trust. Charge: SWT members: Adult £5/child £6/family £13 - TBC. **Public transport:** Trains to Falmer, one mile walk to meeting point.

£ 91 ☺ WC ➡

Arlington Nordic Walk

Saturday 10 December, 1.50 for 2pm

Distance: 6½ miles (2½ hours). Sample Nordic Walking : circular walk around Arlington and Abbots Wood. Loan Nordic poles available (but pre-booking is essential).

Booking essential – phone 01323 871554 / 07930 738034. **Meet at:** Caneheath (Arlington) opposite the Old Oak Inn (Map Ref. TQ557078).

Leader: Nigel Bentley, Oakleafe Sussex Nordic Walking. Charge: £7.

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Walks for Well-Being – Tea with the Dean

Sunday 18 December at 1.30pm

Distance: 4 miles (2 hours). The perfect antidote to Christmas shopping, a walk from Alfriston ending with tea and mince pies at the Dean's Place Hotel (extra charge for teas). **Booking essential** – phone 01273 813722. **Meet**

at: Dean's Place Hotel (Map Ref. TQ519028). **Leader:** Louise Gorst, Soles & Souls. Charge: £5.

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Bexhill Time Walk

Thursday 29 December at 11am

Distance: 3 miles (2 hours). Time to reflect by walking around twelve clocks in Bexhill. **Meet at:** Bexhill Clock Tower (Map Ref. TQ737071). **Leader:** Paul Lendon, Walks & Talks. Charge: £2. **Public transport:** 99 bus five minutes away.

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Say Goodbye to 2011 with a glorious walk!

Saturday 31 December at 10.30am

Distance: 5½ miles (2¼ hours). A very enjoyable 5.40 mile walk from Ticehurst down into the Bewl Valley which gives some glorious views of the lake, the largest in the South East. **Booking recommended** – phone 07918 907265. **Meet at:** Ticehurst free car park, Pickforde Lane, Ticehurst (Map Ref. TQ688302). **Leader:** Nick Brown. Charge: £3. **Public transport:** limited.

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January 2012

Walks for Well-Being – Beacon for the Year

Sunday 1 January 2012 at 11am

Distance: 4½ miles (2½ hours). Start your year on a high – the 217m high Firle Beacon for a walk that gets 2012 off on a healthy foot! www.solesandsouls.co.uk. **Booking essential** – phone 01273 813722.

Meet at: Firle village car park (Map Ref. TQ468074). **Leader:** Louise Gorst, Soles & Souls. Charge: £5.

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Chalk Walk – Glynde to Lewes via Caburn Railway Station

Tuesday 3 January at 10.30am

New year hike over Lewes Downs. Meet at Glynde railway station to ascend Mount Caburn looking for winter wildlife as we go. Descend through Southerham and back to Lewes. **Meet at:** Glynde Railway Station. **Leader:** Michael Blencowe, Sussex Wildlife Trust. **Public transport:** Hourly train services Lewes to Glynde.

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Gunpowder and organic pigs!

Wednesday 4 January at 10.30am

Distance: 4¼ miles (1¾ hours).

A very pretty walk starting from Battle Abbey going into Powdermill Woods, which once supplied the finest gunpowder in Europe. You may spot some free range pigs rooting around in the woods!

Booking recommended – phone 07918 907265. **Meet at:** Battle Abbey (Map Ref. TQ749157).

Leader: Nick Brown. **Public transport:** 5 mins walk from British Rail Battle; bus services.

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Ditchling Road downland

Sunday 8 January at 11am

Distance: 4 miles (2 hours).

The downland north of the Brighton by-pass is welcomingly peaceful; this walk explores the area south of the Beacon through Standean Valley and Heathy Brow. **Meet at:** Upper Lodges car park entrance, Stanmer Park (Map Ref. TQ325098).

Leader: Geoffrey Mead, Friends of Hollingbury Woods. Charge: £3 to Friends of Hollingbury Woods.

Public transport: B&H bus 79, to Upper lodges. B&H bus 24/26/5b to ASDA 800 yards.

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Milling around the Cuckoo Trail

Thursday 12 January at 2pm

Distance: 4 miles (2½ hours).

A walk through the gentle countryside of the Upper Cuckmere River takes in Doctor Beeching, Victorian Asylums, fighting priors and possibly, just possibly, black swans and flying motorbikes.

Meet at: Cuckoo Trail car park, Station Road, Hellingly (Map Ref. TQ584121). **Leader:** Graham Kean, Wealden District Council

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Results of ecological surveys on Red House Common Chailey

Thursday 19 January at 7.30pm

Talks and presentations given by our surveyors on their ecological findings on Red House Common North Chailey during 2011, with members' slides. **Meet at:** Chailey Village Hall (Map Ref. TQ394189). Ramp in entrance and disabled toilets available. **Leader:** William Coleman, Chailey Commons Society.

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Southeast and a River Ouse circular ramble via Telscombe

Thursday 19 January, 9.50 for 10am

Distance: 5 miles (2½ hours).

This guided ramble will take a circular route from Southeast through Telscombe and back to riverside paths north of Piddinghoe. Some stiles, and ascending 500 feet. **Booking recommended** – phone 01323 871554 / 07930 738034. **Meet at:** Southeast Bridge over the River Ouse (Map Ref. TQ427053). **Leader:** Nigel Bentley, Oakleafe Sussex Rambling. Charge: £4.

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Step back in time!

Saturday 28 January at 10.30am

Distance: 5¾ miles (2½ hours).

A cracking walk starting from Bodiam Castle, one of the most iconic landmarks in the South East, passing Sandhurst Cross and finishing with a dramatic descent to the castle itself! **Booking recommended** – phone 07918 907265. **Meet at:** National Trust car park at Bodiam Castle (Map Ref. TQ785256). **Leader:** Nick Brown. **Public transport:** limited bus service.

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Open Wood: Warm Winter Burner

Saturday 28 January at 1pm

Duration: 3 hours. Join us for a self guided walk and finish off with warm drinks around a woodland camp fire. **Meet at:** Mallydams Wood, Peter James Lane, Fairlight, TN35 4AH. **Leaders:** Anna Herrieven and Kathy Frost, RSPCA Mallydams Wood (Map Ref: TQ860124). **Public transport:** Bus No. 344 stops at top of Peter James Lane (does not run on Sundays).

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A winter ramble around Pett Level

Sunday 29 January at 10.30am

Distance: 4 miles (3½ hours).

Come and look at wintering birds on the levels and in the reedbeds of Pett Level. **Meet at:** meet at the roadside pool at Pett Level (Map Ref. TQ903146). **Leader:** Chris Bentley, Rye Harbour Nature Reserve. **Public transport:** Bus 344.

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February

Bird boxes for Spring

Saturday 4 February at 11am

Come and make a bird box for our feathered friends and some edible treats for them, too. **Booking essential** – phone 01273 497561. **Meet at:** Linklater Pavilion, Railway Land Nature Reserve, Lewes, BN7 2FG (Map Ref: TQ419100). **Leader:** Kate Tiffin, Sussex Wildlife Trust. Charge: SWT members child £6/ adult £5/ family £13. **Public transport:** Town centre buses 2 mins walk away, Lewes railway station 10 mins walk away.

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Mounds, spires and swords

Thursday 9 February at 2pm

Distance: 4 miles (2½ hours).

A downland walk between Berwick and Alfriston looking at burial practice and monuments through 5000 years from neolithic man via the Saxons to World War 2 but at a suitably gentle pace. **Meet at:** The Dene car park, West Street, Alfriston (Map Ref. TQ520033). **Leader:** Graham Kean, Wealden District Council.

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Hunt for the missing purse

Wednesday 15 February at 10am

Distance: 2 miles (2 hours).

Join our winter hunt along Rye Harbour beach, looking for 'Mermaid's Purses' - the eggcases of sharks, skates and rays. **Meet at:** Lime Kiln Cottage information centre (Map Ref. TQ945186). **Leader:** Lucy Balmforth, Rye Harbour Nature Reserve. **Public transport:** Bus 325 to Rye Harbour village.

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The Sussex Air Ambulance

Thursday 16 February at 7.30pm

An illustrated talk telling us about this service and the life saving work of these dedicated crews. **Meet at:** Chailey Village Hall (Map Ref. TQ394189). Ramp in entrance and disabled toilets available. **Leader:** William Coleman, Chailey Commons Society.

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Mallydams Wood RSPCA Centre

Friday 17 February at 7pm

A talk by Bel Deering, manager of Mallydams Wood Wildlife and Education Centre, on the history of the centre and the important work carried out there. **Meet at:** Hastings History House, Courthouse Street, TN34 3AU. **Leader:** The Friends of Hastings Country Park Nature Reserve. Charge: £2, free to Friends of HCPNR.

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Bird boxes for Spring

Saturday 18 February at 11am

Come and make a bird box for our feathered friends and some edible treats for them, too. **Booking essential** – phone 01273 597561.

Meet at: Stanmer Park – meet on the green in front of the church.

Leader: Kate Tiffin, Sussex Wildlife Trust. Charge: SWT members adults £5 / child £6 / family £13. **Public transport:** Trains to Falmer – one mile walk to the meeting point.

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Into the Vert from Laughton Roebuck : a Nordic Walk

Sunday 19 February, 1.50 for 2pm

Distance: 6 miles (2 hours).

Sample Nordic Walking : circular walk around Vert Wood from the Roebuck at Laughton. Loan Nordic poles available (but pre-booking is essential). **Booking essential** – phone 01323 871554 / 07930 738034. **Meet at:** The Roebuck Inn at Laughton (Map Ref. TQ502131).

Leader: Nigel Bentley, Oakleafe Sussex Nordic Walking. Charge: £7.

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Buckle up!

Saturday 25 February at 10.30am

Distance: 4¾ miles (2 hours).

A very pleasant shorter walk around Laughton, the village of the buckle, taking in Laughton Place and its tower, and with great views of the South Downs. **Booking recommended** – phone 07918 907265. **Meet at:** The Roebuck pub car park, Laughton (Map Ref. TQ501125). **Leader:** Nick Brown. Charge: £3. **Public transport:** limited bus service.

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Open Wood: Den Building Day

Saturday 25 February at 1pm

Duration: 3 hours. Explore the woods and build yourself a cosy shelter from woodland materials.

Meet at: Mallydams Wood, Peter James Lane, Fairlight, TN35 4AH (Map Ref: TQ860124). **Leaders:** Anna Herrieven and Kathy Frost, RSPCA Mallydams Wood. **Public transport:** Bus No. 344 stops at top of Peter James Lane (does not run on Sundays).

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March

Folkington – scarpfoot and downland...and the Mediterranean!

Sunday 4 March at 10am

Distance: 5 miles (3 hours).

Folkington is a village tucked under the South Downs, an example of a 'closed' community with links to the national and the international! Classic scarpfoot scenery and open downland views. **Meet at:** Folkington church (Map Ref. TQ559038). **Leader:** Geoffrey Mead, BHGS. Charge: £3, Brighton & Hove Geological Society.

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The Priest and the Ruin

Thursday 8 March at 2pm

Distance: 4 miles (2½ hours).

A priest with no church, a missing mill and a moat with no house star on this Medway Valley walk; plus a last minute guest appearance by Sherlock Holmes. **Meet at:** Lower Road car park, Forest Row (Map Ref. TQ427351). **Leader:** Graham Kean, Wealden District Council. **Public transport:** Bus.

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Spring beach clean

Saturday 10 March at 10am

Distance: 1 mile (3 hours).

We should see the year's first sandwich terns and wheatears whilst clearing away rubbish from the beach. Hot soup served at the end! **Meet at:** meet at Rye Harbour car park (Map Ref. TQ941189).

Leader: Sam Smith, Rye Harbour Nature Reserve. **Public transport:** Bus 325.

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Chailey Commons Society AGM and Talk

Thursday 15 March at 7.30pm

Annual General Meeting followed by the amusing Talk 'Pills Potions and Patience' by Peter Hill. Peter is best known for his work restoring windmills but his profession was a dispensing chemist. **Meet at:** Chailey Village Hall (Map Ref. TQ394189). Ramp in entrance and disabled toilets available. **Leader:** William Coleman, Chailey Commons Society.

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Denton Downland Ramble

Thursday 15 March, 9.50 for 10am

Distance: 3½ miles (2 hours).

From the Flying Fish pub in Denton we climb into the downland above with views over the Ouse Valley. Ascent 570 feet. **Meet at:** Flying Fish pub, Denton near Newhaven (Map Ref. TQ453024). **Leader:** Nigel Bentley, Oakleafe Sussex Rambling. Charge: £4.

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Rye Harbour's New Wetlands

Friday 16 March at 7pm

An illustrated talk by Barry Yates, manager of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve, on the newly created wetland areas at the reserve.

Meet at: Hastings History House, Courthouse Street, TN34 3AU.

Leader: The Friends of Hastings Country Park Nature Reserve. Charge: £2, free to Friends of HCPNR.

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Winter Lecture

Saturday 17 March at 7.30pm

Find out more about moths with Graeme Lyons, chairman of the Sussex Moth Group. Organised by the Friends of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve. **Meet at:** Winchelsea Beach Community Hall (Map Ref. TQ915165). **Leader:** Richard Holmes, Rye Harbour Nature Reserve.

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Downland walk from Firle

Sunday 18 March at 10.30am

Distance: 8½ miles (5 hours).

From high above Firle to sheltered Poverty Bottom and Norton village. Return to the start passing Five Lords Burgh, Bopeep and Firle Beacon. A walk to blow the cobwebs away. **Meet at:** Firle Downland car park (Map Ref. TQ468059). **Leader:** Adrian White.

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Morning Wealden Views near East Hoathly

Saturday 24 March at 10.15am

Distance: 5 miles (2½ hours).

Join us for this walk to the east of East Hoathly through the pleasant countryside with views to the South Downs, add our afternoon walk for an all-day walk. **Meet at:** East Hoathly car park next to church (Map Ref. TQ520161).

Leaders: Joy & Chris Ford, Sussex Pathfinders Rambling Club. **Public transport:** Bus 54 from Uckfield or Eastbourne, arrives 10:06 / 10:05.

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An afternoon walk near East Hoathly

Saturday 24 March at 1.30pm

Distance: 4½ miles (2¼ hours).

Join us for this afternoon walk to the south west of East Hoathly through the pleasant countryside with views to the South Downs. **Meet at:** East Hoathly car park next to church (Map Ref. TQ520161). **Leaders:** Joy & Chris Ford, Sussex Pathfinders Rambling Club. **Public transport:** Bus 54 from Uckfield or Eastbourne, arrives 13:06 / 13:05.

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Nordic Walk Brede High Woods

Saturday 24 March at 1.50 for 2pm

Distance: 7 miles (2¾ hours).

Sample Nordic Walking: circular walk around Brede High Wood and Powdermill Reservoir from the Woodland Trust Car Park. Loan Nordic poles available (but pre-booking is essential). **Booking essential** – phone 01323 871554 / 07930 738034. **Meet at:** Woodland Trust car park on B2089 opposite Watts Palace Lane (Map Ref. TQ803206). **Leader:** Nigel Bentley, Oakleafe Sussex Nordic Walking. Charge: £7.

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Stepping out to Bexhill's Windsor Road in the early 20th Century

Sunday 25 March at 2pm

Distance: 1 mile (2 hours).

A look at a small area where commercial property intermingles with houses, and with a shop on every corner and school nearby there developed a strong sense of community. **Meet at:** The Lane Memorial, Town Hall Square, Bexhill TN39 3JX (Map Ref. TQ741075).

Leader: Heather Morrey, Bexhill Museum. Charge: £2.50. **Public transport:** Bexhill Railway Station 5 minutes walk.

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Open Wood: Easter Eggstravaganza

Saturday 31 March at 1pm

Duration: 3 hours. Come and join in with the Easter Eggstravaganza event! **Meet at:** Mallydams Wood, Peter James Lane, Fairlight, TN35 4AH (Map Ref: TQ860124). **Leaders:** Anna Herrieven and Kathy Frost, RSPCA Mallydams Wood. **Public transport:** Bus No. 344 stops at top of Peter James Lane (does not run on Sundays).

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Ecological Survey of Lane End Common

Saturday 31 March at 2pm

Distance: 1 mile (2 hours).

A familiarisation walk of this common which we shall be surveying during 2012. All are welcome since the more eyes the better. Maps provided. Do come along and help our team leaders.

Meet at: Lane End Common Car Park (Map Ref. TQ403222). **Leader:** William Coleman, Chailey Commons Society.

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From pub to pub!

Saturday 31 March at 10.30am

Distance: 4½ miles (2 hours).

A very enjoyable walk from Rushlake Green towards Vines Cross, returning via Warbleton with its quaint parish church and splendidly named pub The Black Duck! **Booking recommended** – phone 07918 907265. **Meet at:** The Horse and Groom pub, Rushlake Green (Map Ref. TQ626184).

Leader: Nick Brown. Charge: £3.

Public transport: very limited.

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April

Fuller's Follies on Fools' Day

Sunday 1 April at 2pm

Distance: 5 miles (3 hours).

Walk to view the follies and other monuments built by Georgian Squire, Jack Fuller, of Brightling.

Meet at: Brightling Village Hall (opposite Parish Church) (Map Ref: TQ684210). **Leader:** John Harmer, Battle Ramblers.

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The Friston Trail – Holiday Club

Tuesday 3 April at 10.30am

Using a compass and map follow our trail through Friston Forest to find our secret campsite in the midst of the woodland. Set up camp and cook over a fire.

Booking essential – phone 01273 597561. Children do not need to be accompanied by an adult. **Meet at:** Forestry Commission car park on Littlington Road half mile north of Seven Sisters Country Park (Map ref. TQ518002). **Leader:** Ronnie Reed, Sussex Wildlife Trust. Charge: SWT members £9, non members £12. **Public transport:** Regular bus service from Eastbourne and Brighton along A259.

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Gruffalo Pie

Wednesday 4 April at 10.30am

Come for a stroll through the deep, dark wood with mouse and meet the other animals in Friston Forest. Hands on activities and gruffalo pie feast around the campfire. **Booking essential** – phone 01273 497561.

Meet at: The Pump Barn behind the Visitor Centre at Seven Sisters Country Park (Map Ref. TV539968). Charge: SWT members – adults £5/child £6/ family £13. **Public transport:** Regular bus service along A259.

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Easter Holiday Club

Wednesday 4 April at 10.30am

Come and enjoy environmental fun and games. **Booking essential** – phone 01273 497561. **Meet at:** Stanmer Park – on the green in front of the church. **Leader:** Kate Tiffin, Sussex Wildlife Trust. Charge: SWT members £9, non members £12. **Public transport:** Trains to Falmer – one mile walk to meeting point

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Easter fun at Camber Castle

Thursday 5 April at 2pm

Distance: 2 miles (2½ hours).

A children's activity trail at Henry VIII's Camber Castle for Easter.

Please note no vehicular access to Camber Castle. One mile

walk across fields from Rye or

Winchelsea Beach. **Meet at:** Drop

in to Camber Castle (Map Ref.

TQ921184). **Leader:** Lucy Balmforth,

Rye Harbour Nature Reserve.

Charge: £2.

£ ♫ 😊

The Friston Camp – Holiday Club

Thursday 5 April at 10.30am

Explore the woodland, practise

firelighting and learn some basic

bushcraft skills including shelter

building and tool use. **Booking**

essential – phone 01273 497561.

Meet at: Forestry Commission

car park on Littlington Road half a

mile north of Seven Sisters Country

Park (Map ref. TQ518002). **Leader:**

Ronnie Reed, Sussex Wildlife Trust.

Charge: SWT members £9, non

members £12. **Public transport:**

regular buses along A259.

£ 😊 🚌

Explore with map and compass

Easter Monday 9 April at 10am

Duration: 6 hours. A great

opportunity to acquire basic skills

and confidence in using a map

and compass, whilst enjoying

friendship and fun. Full details with

an information pack sent when

booking confirmed. **Meet at:** Battle.

Leader: John Harmer. **Booking**

essential – contact 01424 773998

or email john@harmerfamily.

plus.com. Charge: £10. **Public**

transport: Buses and trains to

Battle.

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Trails and Signs

Tuesday 10 April at 10.30am

Find our camp again and develop

some tracking and trailing skills.

Cook lunch on an open fire and

practise using tools to make

objects out of green wood.

Booking essential – phone 01273

497561. **Meet at:** Meet at Forestry

Commission car park on Littlington

Road half a mile north of Seven

Sisters Country Park (Map ref.

TQ518002). **Leader:** Ronnie Reed,

Sussex Wildlife Trust. Charge: SWT

members £9, non members £12.

Public transport: regular buses

along A259.

£ 😊 🚌

Easter holiday Club

Wednesday 11 April at 10.30am

Come and enjoy four hours of

environmental fun and games -

parents stay at home! **Booking**

essential – phone 01273 497561.

Meet at: Stanmer Park - meet on

the green in front of the church.

Leader: Kate Tiffin, Sussex Wildlife

Trust. Charge: SWT members

£9, non members £12. **Public**

transport: Trains to Falmer - one

mile walk to meeting point.

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We're Going on a Bear Hunt

Thursday 12 April at 10.30am

Bring your teddy bears down to

Friston Forest for a picnic and

discover what other animals live in

the woods. Bring your own picnic.

Booking essential – phone 01273

497561. **Meet at:** Meet at the Pump

Barn behind the Visitors Centre at

Seven Sisters Country Park (Map

Ref. TV539968). **Leader:** Ronnie

Reed, Sussex Wildlife Trust. Charge:

SWT members adults £5/

child £6/family £13. **Public**

transport: regular buses along the

A259.

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Early Bird Walk with Ian Woolsey

Saturday 14 April at 9.30am

Distance: 1 mile (2 hours).

Come and see and hear the early

migrants on Lane End Common

North Chailey. **Meet at:** Lane

End Common Car Park (Map Ref.

TQ403222). **Leader:** William

Coleman, Chailey Commons Society

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The Old Coach Road

Saturday 14 April at 10.30am

Distance: 4½ miles.

A lovely walk from Alfriston, heading

out towards Berwick and its quaint

church with the famous Bloomsbury

murals and the delightful hamlet of

Alciston, before returning via The

Old Coach Road. Stunning views

of the South Downs the whole way

round, without having to tackle any

strenuous hills! Tea room visit after

walk! **Meet at:** The Willows coach

& car park in North Street, Alfriston

(Map Ref. TQ522032). **Leader:** Nick

Brown. Charge: £3.

£ ♫ 2 WC 🪓

An exploration of Fairlight Glen

Saturday 14 April at 10.30am

Join experts from the Friends of

Hastings Country Park Nature

Reserve for a ramble in the glen to

look at the history, flora and fauna

of this fascinating area. **Meet at:**

Hastings Country Park Visitor Centre

(Map Ref. TQ860117). **Leader:**

The Friends of Hastings Country

Park Nature Reserve. Charge: £2,

free to Friends of HCPNR. **Public**

transport: 344 bus route.

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Ancient trails and lost villages

Thursday 19 April at 10.30am

Distance: 8 miles (3¾ hours).

A lovely downland walk, through a lost village then following the South Downs Way and ancient Juggs Road back through Castle Hill Nature Reserve. Depending on the weather, maybe lots of wildflowers to see. **Meet at:** Car park at north end of Woodingdean, east side of Falmer Road (Map Ref. TQ357064).

Leader: Sally Dench. **Public**

transport: Buses from Brighton to Woodingdean - need to walk up hill to start point.

£3 

Spring migrants return to Lewes

Friday 20 April at 10am

Spring migrants are back. Walk around the Railway Land Nature Reserve and welcome them back from their winter break. Starts with brief talk and how to identify 'our' birds. **Meet at:** Linklater Pavilion, Railway Lane, Lewes, BN7 2FG (Map Ref: TQ419100). **Leader:** Michael Blencowe, Sussex Wildlife Trust.

Public transport: regular buses and trains to Lewes - 10 minute walk from station.

 £1  

Stepping out to Beachlands at Pevensey Bay

Saturday 21 April at 2pm

Distance: 3 miles (2 hours).

A walk, sometimes on shingle, to explore a forgotten gem of 1930s sea-side development where tiny bungalows were favourite hide-aways for the likes of Spike Milligan.

Meet at: Pevensey Bay Car Park (£2 charge) (Map Ref. TQ658040).

Leader: Heather Morrey, Bexhill Museum. Charge: £2.50. **Public**

transport: check bus timetables

 £2   

Adopt-a-Beach Litter Survey

Sunday 22 April at 2pm

Help to collect and survey litter for the Marine Conservation Society's 'Beachwatch' campaign. **Meet at:** Rye Harbour car park (Map Ref. TQ941189). **Leader:** Lucy Balmforth, Rye Harbour Nature Reserve. **Public transport:** Bus 325.

£1  

Open Wood: Bluebells and Bird Balls

Saturday 28 April at 1pm

Duration: 3 hours. Come and join us at Mallydams and take a self guided walk in our woods to enjoy the bluebells and try your hand at making a food ball for your feathered garden visitors.

Meet at: Mallydams Wood, Peter James Lane, Fairlight, TN35 4AH (Map Ref: TQ860124). **Leaders:**

Anna Herrieven and Kathy Frost, RSPCA Mallydams Wood. **Public transport:** Bus No. 344 stops at top of Peter James Lane (does not run on Sundays).

£2   

Walks for Well-Being – Bluebells at Barcombe

Saturday 28 April at 2pm

Distance: 4 miles (2½ hours).

An annual pilgrimage to see the shimmering carpet of bluebells in the springtime woods. www.solesandsouls.co.uk. **Booking essential** – phone 01273 813722.

Meet at: Barcombe village car park (Map Ref. TQ421157). **Leader:** Louise Gorst, Soles & Souls. Charge: £5.

£   

Ashdown Forest from The Hatch – Guided Ramble or Nordic Walk

Saturday 28 April at 1.50 for 2pm

Distance: 4½ miles (Ramblers) or 5½ miles (Nordic Walkers) (2½ hours).

Around northern part of Ashdown Forest from Colemans Hatch.

Oakleafe Sussex Rambling offers a Guided Ramble or Nordic Walk event. Loan Nordic Walking poles available subject to availability (pre-booking essential). **Booking essential** – phone 01323 871554/07930 738034. **Meet at:** The Hatch Pub at Colemans Hatch (Map Ref. TQ452333). **Leader:** Nigel Bentley, Oakleafe Sussex Rambling and Nordic Walking. Charge: £4 (Ramblers) or £7 (Nordic Walkers).

£    

Punnett's Town to Mad Jack's Obelisk

Sunday 29 April at 10.30am

Distance: 9 miles (5½ hours).

A lovely circular High Weald walk from Punnett's Town through Dallington Forest to Mad Jack Fuller's Obelisk, returning over Brightling Down. Great views over the Weald to the sea. **Meet at:** Punnett's Town on B2096. Lay by near Barley Mow. (Map Ref. TQ621204). **Leader:** Adrian White

£3 





East Sussex County Council is committed to helping everyone find ways of reducing congestion and pollution.

The Travel Choice website has been developed to provide information for residents on sustainable forms of transport available in East Sussex, such as buses, trains and cycling.

This includes links to maps, journey planners, timetables, a fuel cost calculator, and details of other websites with further travel information.

Travel Choice also links into a national car share database so whether you drive to work everyday or make the occasional trip, you could find a car share partner by registering your information. It's completely free, secure and easy to use.

Visit **travelchoice.org** for more information.

Bus Travel made easy

Rather than drive to an organised walk, why not take public transport? All walks within easy reach of bus and rail links are highlighted throughout the guide.

You can now search for bus routes throughout East Sussex with our interactive bus map. This easy-to-use website helps journey planning by displaying all bus routes in the county, with links to detailed town maps, timetables and rail stations. A number of visitor attraction websites can be accessed too.

For more information visit **eastsussex.gov.uk/buses**



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Rye Harbour Nature Reserve

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East Sussex TN31 7TU
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Find us on the web!

For information on the sites we manage and details of a variety of walks please visit www.eastsussex.gov.uk/leisureandtourism

We now have available an online map which allows walkers, ramblers, cyclists, horse riders and anyone interested in enjoying the countryside to look up scenic routes for a country walk, or a stroll on the edge of town.

To use the online map and find out more about the county's 3,200 km of footpaths, bridleways and byways go to www.eastsussex.gov.uk/rightsofway

Volunteering with us

You can become involved as a volunteer in a variety of ways. If you would like to find out about our volunteering opportunities please visit www.eastsussex.gov.uk/environment/conservation/volunteering

Your local parks – tell us what you think

East Sussex County Council has begun a consultation with greenSTAT providing the opportunity for you to feedback on how you feel about your local parks and how we manage them. To complete an online questionnaire go to: www.greenstat.org.uk

This consultation and other activities has been made possible thanks to funding from the European Union, as part of the Accessing the Countryside Project. To find out more about the project, please visit www.accessingthecountryside.eu

