

Staffordshire National Nature Reserves



Events 2011

All events (unless stated) must be booked in advance by contacting Mel Brown on 01952 812111 or e-mail mel.brown@naturalengland.org.uk

Saturday 23 April Mottey Meadows Fritillary Walk 2pm – 4:30pm

A public walk around Mottey Meadows National Nature Reserve with Site Manager Mel Brown and the Friends of Mottey Meadows Group to see our nationally rare plant, the Snake's Head Fritillary (or *folfalarum*) and other spring flowers. Meet at Wheaton Aston School.

Tuesday 26 April Mottey Meadows Fritillary Walk 7pm – 8:30pm

The annual village walk around Mottey Meadows National Nature Reserve with Site Manager Mel Brown and the Friends of Mottey Meadows Group to see our nationally rare plant, the Snake's Head Fritillary (or *folfalarum*) and other spring flowers. Meet at Wheaton Aston School.

Friday 6 May Aqualate Mere Bat Walk 9pm -11pm

An evening walk around Aqualate Mere with the Staffordshire Bat Group to see which species of these unique mammals occur in the Newport area. Meet at the NNR Reserve Base and bring a torch! **Booking is essential.**

Saturday 14 May Aqualate Mere Spring Ramble 2pm - 5pm

An energetic ramble (3.5 miles) around Aqualate Mere, the largest of the glacial lakes in the West Midlands. Features of interest will include spring birds, flowers including bluebells and insects. Meet at the NNR car park.

Saturday 21 May Chartley Moss Bouncing Bogs and Dragonflies 11am – 1pm and 2pm – 4pm

A joint event with the British Dragonfly Society. The event will involve a tour of this amazing floating peat bog with a chance to observe a variety of the reserves 20 dragonflies including our rare white-faced darter dragonfly in its most southerly known location in Britain! **Booking is essential.**

Saturday 18 June Mottey Meadows Hay Making Festival 11am – 4pm

Join Natural England and the Friends of Mottey Meadows Group in a celebration of hay making on one of England's finest series of hay meadows. Enjoy displays, machinery, guided walks, activities, trails, games, refreshments and much more! Parking available at Wheaton Aston School.

Monday 20 June Mottey Meadows Hay Meadow Walk 8pm – 9:30pm

An evening walk around one of England's finest series of hay meadows with Site Manager Mel Brown and the Friends of Mottey Meadows Group to view a selection of the reserves 240 species of wild flowers.

Saturday 10 September Aqualate Mere Mammal Walk 10am – 1pm

An opportunity to catch and identify a variety of small mammals on this reserve with Derek Crawley of the Staffordshire Mammal Group. Meet at the NNR car park.

Saturday 12 November Aqualate Mere Winter Ramble 3pm – 5pm

An energetic afternoon ramble around Aqualate Mere, the largest of the glacial lakes in the West Midlands. Features of interest will include overwintering wildfowl and other water birds. Meet at the NNR car park.

All events are FREE