

North Western Naturalists' Union: Bryophyte and Lichen Section Field Meetings 2018 Rev. 1

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All meetings are on Saturdays starting at 10:30 and will commence whatever the weather.

Please bring food and clothing adequate for a full day in the field and check with the leader or Section Secretary a day or so before the meeting in case of venue changes. Beginners are welcome at ANY meeting and there is usually a more experienced field bryologist present who will be more than happy to name and talk through the identification features of species encountered. There may not always be a Lichenologist present.

Saturday 24th March

Swallow's Wood and Devil's Bridge. Meet at Meadowbank Farm, Green Lane, Hollingworth. SK007967. Park without causing an obstruction. From end of M67 follow the A628 (Woodhead Road) past A57 junction for a 1/4 mile Green Lane is on the left just after a chapel on the right and follow to the farm. SK14 8JW. (Could be very muddy at beginning of walk)

Saturday 7th April

Healey Nab, Botany Bay, Chorley. Meet at fisherman's car park by Healey Reservoir **SD60461927**. Turn off M61 at J8 and follow A674 then take R turn onto Blackburn Road, B6228, as far as The Lock and Key pub by canal (**PR6 9AE**) (open from 12.00 onwards). Turn R into Heapey Lane for half a mile then turn right onto Higher Lane for car park a few yards beyond, sharp left. From there, we have a 10 minutes walk to reach footpath for Healey Nab, mixed woodland and heathland. Leader John Watt

Saturday 12th May

Longworth Clough. Meet on minor road Belmont-Egerton at SD693157. Leader John Lowell.

Saturday 7th July

Haslingden Grane. Meet at Visitor Centre Car Park (SD752232) Off Haslingden to Blackburn Road B6232. Leader John Lowell.

Saturday 4th August

Cuerden Valley Park. Meet in the car park just past The Barn. (SD563237) off Shady Lane running between A49 and B5256. (Charge) Leader Phil James.

Saturday 15th September

Bradford Dale. Park in centre of Middleton-by-Youlgrave village. SK196632. Leader Joan Egan. (Joint meeting with Sorby NHS)

Saturday 20th October

Lower Knotts Nature Reserve, Tosside. Meet at Tosside village which is on the B6478 road from Long Preston to Slaidburn. As you approach the village the Vicarage Tea Rooms and the village hall is on the left. Turn left (south) there at the village cross. There is a public car park about 100m from the junction on the right SD769559. We will then head down to Lower Knotts in two or three cars where there is a variety of semi-natural habitats including grassland, wetland, gill, sizeable rock outcrops, eroding river-cliff and plenty of mature trees. Leaders Gordon Haycock and Stephanie Peay

Saturday 17th November

Roych Clough, near Chapel-en-le-Frith. Meet in lay-by on Chapel to Castleton Road at SK091824. It is about 30 minutes walk from the lay-by to the site. Leader Tom Blockeel.

Saturday 8th December

Cowbury Dale, Carrbrook, Stalybridge. Meet in Castle Clough Car Park, Carrbrook village. (SD988011) From Stalybridge take B6175 Huddersfield Road and turn right at the roundabout after Millbrook village and straight across the mini-roundabout entering on village the car-park is on the left just after a restriction in the road.

I hope to get further up the valley to Higher Harehill Clough or Iron Tongue this time. Leader. Norman Bamforth.