

# Field Meetings 2010

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**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April: Fairy Glen, Appley Bridge**

*Leader - Dave Earl*

9.05 train from Central Station for Kirkby to catch the 09.32 to Wigan Wallgate (arr 09.56) for the 10.03 to Appley Bridge, arriving at 10.10. Or meet 10.30 at the lay-by on the north side of the A5209 at SD 516 109.

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April: Loggerheads**

*Leader - Peter Tipping and Peter Gateley  
(07518 685807)*

Meet Loggerheads car park (SJ 197 626) at 10.30.

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May: Altcar Rifle Range**

*Leader - Steve Cross (Tel: 07531728094)*

Meet at Hightown Railway Station. 6.38 p.m. train from Central Station alight at Hightown 7.02 p.m.

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May: Bold Moss, Sutton**

*Leader - Peter Gateley (07518 685807)*

09.46 train from Lime Street arrives St. Helens Junction at 10.14, (SJ 535 932) for 10.15 start.

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June: Sutton Manor**

*Leader - John Somerville (07709 795382)*

Just off J7 of M62 or, 09.46 from Lime Street to Lea Green (arrives 10.11). Meet at reserve at 10.30 (SJ 517 906).

**\*Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June: Ynys-hir\***

*Leader - David Bryant (0151 523 5240)*

Joint coach trip with MNA. Coach 8.00 Rocket (Fireside World). 8.15 William Brown Street, 8.30 Woodside and 8.45 Bromborough Village. £20.

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June: Rainford Moss**

*Leader - David Bryant (0151 523 5240)*

09.05 train from Central arrives 09.40 at Rainford Junction. Car park is at SD 478 025.

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July: Lathkill Dale, Derbyshire**

*Leader - John Somerville. (07709 795382)*

Meet at eastern side of Monyash (SK 156 664) on road to Over Haddon at 10.30.

**\*Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July: Penmon Point\***

*Leader - David Bryant (0151 523 5240)*

Joint coach trip with MNA. Penmon Point & Puffin Island incl. boat trip. Coach 8.30 Rocket (Fireside World). 8.45 William Brown Street, 9.00 Woodside and 9.15 Bromborough. £20 + boat trip costs.

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July: Garston to Oglet**

*Leader - Stephen Fletcher.*

Meet 10.30 at Car Park nr the roundabout,  
Blackburn Street, Garston, Liverpool. SJ406834.

**Saturday 31st July: Hunters Hill Quarry, Parbold** *Leader - Dave Earl*

9.05 train from Central Station that gets into Kirkby at 09.23 to catch the 09.32 to Wigan Wallgate (arr. 09.56) to catch the 10.03 to arrive at Parbold Station 10.14 and walk up or lift from cars; or meet at the new car park on the west side of Bannister Lane SD 5038 1238.

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August: Tatton Tree Trail**

*Leader - Peter Gateley (07518 685807)*

Tree trail at Tatton, through gardens and park, Tatton Park car park SJ 743 816. Meet at the entrance to the gardens in the stable yard area at 10.30 am. Charge for garden entrance (NT) and parking.

To reduce entrance fees car drivers should meet in Rostherne village at 10.15am and then car share into the park. Those going by train to Knutsford should walk through Knutsford to the Knutsford entrance to the park where they will be met at about 10am by Peter Gateley.

**Saturday: 21<sup>st</sup> August: Liverpool City Centre**

*Leader - Steve Cross (0151 478 4854).*

Meet outside World Museum, William Brown Street at 10.00. For urban flowers.

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September: Gop Hill**

*Leaders – Sheila & Peter Mason*

*(07840862971)*

*Exit A55 at J31 onto A5151 towards*

*Prestatyn and then L to Dyserth as far as Trelawnyd. Meet at car park (SJ 091 798) for 10.30 start. To look for Lady's Tresses*

**Saturday 23rd October: Freshfield / Ainsdale**

*Leader – Steve Cross (0151 478 4854)*

For fungi and wildflowers. Meet at Freshfield Station (SD 291 083) for 10.25 start.

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<b>Mersey Travel 0151 236 7676 or Traveline: 0870 608 2 608</b>
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### **25th April: Wepre Woods**

*Leaders – Sheila & Peter Mason*

We shall be walking from Shotton Station to the ancient wooded valley, looking at woodland spring flowers and calling at Ewloe Castle.

**09.11 West Kirby train from Liverpool James Street**, change Bidston (A-9.25 D-9.32)  
Wrexham train for Shotton (09.57). [SJ 307 688]

### **9<sup>th</sup> May: Gresford**

*Leader – Peter Gateley (Tel: 07719 041351)*

A walk along part of the Alyn Valley to the botanically rich churchyard around Gresford Church.

**09.11 West Kirby train from Liverpool James Street**, change Bidston (A-9.25 D-9.32)  
Wrexham train, arriving at Gwersyllt at 10.22. [SJ 318 533]

**\* 15 May (Fri): Altcar Rifle Range\***

*Leader – Steve Cross (Tel: 0151 478 4286)*

Steve shall show us around the flower-rich ranges (no shooting on Fridays!) where a large population of the green-winged orchid is a particular feature, along with other species not found elsewhere on the Sefton Coast..

Meet at 7.00pm at Hightown Station (18.23 from Liverpool Central) [SD 300 036]

**13th June: Tansley and Cressbrook Dales**

*Leader – John Somerville (07709 795382)*

We hope to catch many of the wonderful summer-flowering plants that thrive in these Derbyshire limestone dales. This area is pretty remote from public access, but lifts can be arranged from Liverpool. The closest station (at Buxton) is over 8 miles away.

Meet 10.30am at Litton village, arriving by car and parking by the school and pub at SK 164 751 MAP

**\*27th June: Malham\***

*Leader - David Bryant (Tel: 0151 523 5240)*

Another chance to get up close to beautiful limestone flora, this time by courtesy of the Merseyside Naturalist's Association, who have organised a coach to whisk us all up there.

Coach 8.00 Bromborough, 8.15 Woodside (Canning Street), 8.30 William Brown Street and 8.45 Rocket (start of M62). Tickets £20.

**Please book in advance with MNA Coach Secretary: Dave Hardy on 07722 1 27974**

**11th July: Moore Nature Reserve, Cheshire**

*Leader – John Somerville (07709 795382)*

A walk around this 200acre site with its five large lakes. This site is good for plants and birds.

Take Moore Lane from Moore, cross Manchester Ship Canal on swing bridge, turn right at cross-roads and park [SJ 577 954] for 10.30. Or 09.16 from Liverpool Lime Street to Warrington Bank Quay, please phone (07719 041351) to arrange lift from station to car park. MAP

**\*25 July: Wigan Flashes\***

*Leader – John Clegg*

A walk around this intricate area of wetlands and old industrial land with a wide range of flowers and other wildlife, particularly water birds and dragonflies. Wigan pier is a short walk south from the railway stations.

Meet 9.45 at Lime Street station or 11.00 at Wigan Pier.

**8th August: Birkdale Green Beach**

*Leaders – Pat Lockwood & George Russell (Tel:07923 581059)*

We will hope for better weather than last year when the walk was curtailed by a downpour. The plant life of the green beach becomes richer each season in this fascinating developing habitat. We also hope to see a selection of seaweeds on the drift-line.

09.23 from Liverpool Central, meet at Birkdale Station 10.00. [SD 330 157] (parking very limited at Birkdale).

**5<sup>th</sup> September: Ness Gardens, tree trail**

*Leader – Maria Knowles (Tel: 01744 23322)*

This trip continues the detailed look at the wide range of tree species, from all over the temperate regions of the world, that can thrive in the British climate. Following Maria's excellent tour around Calderstones in Capital of Culture year.

Ness car park, 10.30. Group concession entrance fee, £5.25p per head. [SJ 306 755] MAP

**26<sup>th</sup> September: Ormskirk and Lathom**

*Leader – Peter Gateley (Tel: 07719 041351)*

An early autumn walk through the flat fields and hedges of the West Lancashire plain, looking for a range of arable weeds.

09.26 from Liverpool Central to Ormskirk, start from station at 10.00. [SD 417 084]

**17<sup>th</sup> October: Caergwrle**

*Leader – Pat Lockwood & Peter Gateley*

*(Tel: 07719 041351)*

Traditionally this area hosts the LBS first spring flower walk of the season, but the rich hedges should be full of colour and autumn fruits at this time of year, we shall also look out for fungi.

09.10 West Kirby service from Liverpool Central, change at Bidston for the 9.32 Wrexham train, arriving at Caergwrle at 10.16. [SJ 308 574] [Click here for car parking](#)

**Please check with leaders or Peter Gateley (07719 041351) for extra details of field trips, and for car sharing for the Tansley, Moore or Ness meetings.**

**Please wear suitable footwear and waterproof clothing for meetings and bring a packed lunch.**

**Field Meetings 2008**

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(Traveline: 0870 608 2 608)**

Field meetings, **indicated in green**, have been organised by the Merseyside Naturalists Association who have kindly invited LBS members to join them. Please see MNA programme for all details of joining in these trips.

**26th April: Caergwle**

*Leader – Pat Lockwood (Tel: 07845 280497)*  
09.10 West Kirby service from Liverpool Central, alight at Bidston at 9.25 for the 9.32 Wrexham train from Bidston, arriving at Caergwle at 10.16.

**24<sup>th</sup> May: Court Hey Park**

*Leader – Carl Clew*

Learn about our local bumble bees with an expert. Take 9.34 Wigan Train from Lime Street, arriving at Broad Green at 9.43, for 10.00 start at the National Flower Centre. NB, Entrance fee payable, however, optional buffet lunch (c.£5.00) which includes free entry is available.

**Please book with Wendy Atkinson before May 1st**

**7<sup>th</sup> June: Marbury Country Park**

*Leader – John Somerville (Tel: 0161 973 8610)*  
Travel by car, meeting at 10.30 at the free car park, (SJ 663 748). From Leicester Street in Northwich turn into Old Warrington Rd, pass the waste disposal entrance, cross over a small bridge and the car park is 100 yards on the left.

**21st June: Green Beach, Birkdale**

*Leader – Pat Lockwood (Tel: 07845 280497)*  
09.08 Southport train from Central Station. Alight at Birkdale station 09.47, (SD 330 157).

**5th July: Penmon Point/South Stack**

*Leader - David Bryant (Tel: 0151 523 5240)*  
Coach fare £20, pick-up points: 8.15 William Brown Street, 8.30 Woodside (Canning Street), 8.45 Bromborough Village. Please book in advance.

**26th July: Sankey Canal/Mucky Mountains**

*Leader – Peter Gateley (Tel: 07719 041351)*  
09.18 Warrington Bank Quay train from Lime Street station. Alight at Earlestown station 09.51, (SJ 579 952).

**16th August: Highfield Moss**

*Leader – David Bryant/Chris Felton. 09.48*  
Stalybridge train from Lime Street, alight at Newton-le-Willows at 10.23, (SJ 593 953). ([map](#))

**6<sup>th</sup> September: Calderstones, tree trail**

*Leader – Maria Knowles (Tel: 01744 23322)*  
09.55am train from Lime Street arriving at Mossley Hill at 10.04am, for car transfer to free car park (SJ 405 878). ([map](#))

**18<sup>th</sup> October: Eastham Woods**

*Leader – Steve Cross (Tel: 0151 920 5718)*  
09.00 Chester train from Central Station. Alight at Eastham Rake station 09.25, (SJ 347 793). Cars meet 9.30 at Eastham Country Park car park (SJ 363 818). ([map](#))

**Members are advised to check with meeting leaders or Wendy Atkinson for further information regarding field trips, and the possibility of car sharing for the Marbury meeting. Please wear suitable footwear and waterproof clothing for meetings and bring a packed lunch.**

## Field Meetings 2007

**21<sup>st</sup> April: Dibbinsdale**

Leader – Keith Watson (Tel: 0151 334 6170)  
9.30am Chester train from Liverpool Central.  
Alight at Bromborough Rake station. Arrive 09.50.

**12<sup>th</sup> May: Downham**

Leader – Dave Earl (Tel: 01704 540337)  
Meet 11.00am at car park in village (SD 784 440)

**9<sup>th</sup> June: Rimrose Valley**

Leader – Steve Cross (Tel: 0151 920 5718 )  
09.38 Southport Train from Central Station. Alight  
at Seaforth & Litherland 09.52.

**15<sup>th</sup> June: Altcar (Evening meeting)**

Leader – Steve Cross (Tel: 0151 920 5718 )  
Southport Train from Central Station. Alight at  
Hightown 19.02.

**23<sup>rd</sup> June: Cwm Idwal, Snowdonia**

Joint meeting with Merseyside Naturalists'  
Association. Coach trip, cost £15. Pick-up points  
8.30am Rocket (Fireside World), 9.00am  
Woodside (Canning Street) and 9.15am  
Bromborough Village.  
(Book coach with David Bryant (Tel: 0151 523  
5240), before 31<sup>st</sup> May.

**7th July: Leasowe and West Kirby**

Leader Keith Watson (Tel:0151 334 6170)  
9.40am West Kirby train from Central Station.  
Alight at Moreton 9.59am.

**28<sup>th</sup> July: Bowland**

Leader – Eric Greenwood (Tel: 0151 342 5885 )  
Meet at Cocklet picnic and car park, Gisburn Forest  
near Slaidburn (SD 745 549) at 10.15am.

**25<sup>th</sup> August: Cabin Hill, Formby**

Leader Phil Smith (Tel: 01704 872596)  
9.23am Southport train from Central Station.  
Alight at Formby Station 9.51am.

**8<sup>th</sup> September: St Helens Canal and “Burg  
Banks”**

Leader Peter Gateley – (Tel: 07719 041351 )  
09.57 Blackpool train from Liverpool Lime Street.  
Alight at St Helens Central 10.16.

**13th October: Freshfield Fungal Foray**

Leader – Maria Knowles (Tel:01744 23322)  
9.23am Southport train from central Station.  
Alight at Freshfield Station 9.53am.

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