

# Isle of Wight Walks 2021

The Branch is grateful to the site owners/managers of the nature reserves visited in our walks for maintaining public access and safeguarding these very special places of wildlife interest.

**Note: the grid reference given is for the parking location/meeting point which is *not always* at the site of the walk's focus.**

**Saturday 22 May**, meet at 1.30pm (or, if wet, Sunday 23 May)

**Mottistone chalk pits (SZ419845)**; site: National Trust

*Leader:* Graham Sherratt, Tel: 07788 881408

*Directions:* Meet in the Jubilee Car Park, Lynch Lane, Brighstone. A downland walk with uneven ground, steep slopes and chalk pits.

*Aiming to see:* Glanville Fritillary, Dingy and Grizzled Skipper.

**Saturday 29 May**, meet at 10.30am (or, if wet, Sunday 30 May)

**Compton Chine (SZ351856)**; site: National Trust

*Leader:* Sue Davies, Tel: 07702 151312

*Directions:* Meet in the National Trust Afton Down chalk pit car park off the A305 Military Road. On the No. 12 bus route. Some steep steps and uneven ground.

*Aiming to see:* Glanville Fritillary, Green Hairstreak, Small and Adonis Blue.

**Saturday 26 June**, meet at 1.30pm (or, if wet, Sunday 27 June)

**Newtown Meadows and Walter's Copse (SZ423906)**; site: National Trust

*Leader:* Nikki Kownacki, Tel: 07929 614423

*Directions:* Meet at the entrance to the Meadows Butterfly Walk on Town Lane, parking at the NT car park (charge) close by.

*Aiming to see:* White Admiral, Marbled White, Ringlet, Brown Argus.

**Saturday 10 July**, meet at 1.15pm (or, if wet, Sunday 11 July)

**Kemphill Moor Copse, Havenstreet (SZ558910)**; site: Forestry England

*Leader:* Kay and Colin Shaw, Tel: 07562 974343

*Directions:* Meet at Firestone Copse car park (OS National Grid reference above) as limited parking available at the site. Transport provided to Kemphill Moor Copse. This is a woodland ride walk.

*Aiming to see:* White Admiral, Silver-washed Fritillary and Purple Hairstreak.

**Saturday 24 July**, meet at 1.30pm (or, if wet, Sunday 25 July)

**Mount Joy, Carisbrooke (SZ496883)**

*Leader:* Graham Sherratt, Tel: 07788 881408

*Directions:* Meet in Whitepit Lane, Carisbrooke, by the fish and chip shop near the junction with Elm Grove, and close to the junction with footpath N24, along which the walk up to Mount Joy proceeds. Some steps are encountered on the route.

*Aiming to see:* Chalk Hill and Common Blue, Brown Argus and Wall Brown.

**Saturday 31 July**, meet at 1.30pm (or, if wet, Sunday 1 August)

**Tennyson Down, Totland (SZ324856)**, site: National Trust

*Leader:* Kay and Colin Shaw, Tel: 07562 974343

*Directions:* Meet in the National Trust car park at the end of Highdown Lane, Totland. The Needles Breezer open top bus stops at the High Down Inn. This is a downland walk with some uneven ground. **NB that if the weather is bad on the day, this walk may be rescheduled for Sunday 2 August.**

*Aiming to see:* Chalk Hill Blue, Dark Green Fritillary and Jersey Tiger.