

# *Isle of Wight Butterfly Conservation Field Trips, 2026*

## **Notes.**

- Locations are defined by grid references and by the what3words app (<https://map.what3words.com/>).
- Please be aware that we can't guarantee you will see the species of butterfly you may have come to see.
- Please check beforehand the weather conditions and whether the species you want to see are flying at that time.

### ***Saturday 18th April. If wet TBA.***

**Parkhurst Forest, Forestry Commission**

**Leader Graham Sherratt, contact number 07944029056**

Meet at Parkhurst Forest, main car park, at 13.30.

What3words: country. opposites. enlighten

Copse walk, and uneven paths, so please wear sturdy foot wear.

**Aiming to see:** Orange Tips, Brimstones, Commas, and Peacocks.

### ***Saturday 2nd May. If wet TBA.***

**Thorness Bay fields, near Porchfield.**

**Leader Graham Sherratt, contact number 07944029056.**

Meet at the fields at the north of the caravan park at 13.30. Park on the side of the road.

What3words: analogy.flow.blogs (Grid ref SZ45309312)

Contact Graham for more details.

Field walks, some uneven ground. So please wear stout shoes.

**Aiming to see:** Orange-tips, Brimstones Green-veined Whites and Skippers

***Saturday 16th May. If wet TBA.***

**Mottistone Chalk-pits, National Trust.**

**Leader Graham Sherratt, contact number 07944029056**

**1st Glanville Fritillary Walk.**

Meet at the Jubilee Car Park, Lynch Lane, Brightstone at 13.30.

What3words: tipping.quietest.third (Grid ref. SZ42018451)

Downland walk. Uneven ground, and steep slopes walking around chalk-pits, so please wear sturdy footwear.

Contact Graham for more details.

**Aiming to see:** Glanville Fritillary, Grizzled Skippers and Dingy Skippers

***Saturday 23th May. If wet TBA.***

**Compton Chine, National Trust**

**Leader Sue Davies, contact number 07702151312.**

**2nd Glanville Fritillary Walk.**

Meet at Afton Down Chalk-pit car park, off A3055, Military Road, Near Freshwater Bay, at 13.30.

What3words: aimlessly.sweeper.pastels (Grid ref. SZ35978563)

Cliff and downland walk, a busy road to cross. Uneven ground, some steep steps.

Please wear sturdy foot wear.

Contact Sue for more details.

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

***Saturday 27th June. If wet TBA.***

**Newtown Meadows Butterfly walk, and part of Walters Copse, National Trust.**

**Leader Nikki Kownacki, contact number 07929614423.**

Meet at the entrance to the Meadows Butterfly Walk, on Town Lane, Newton, (part of the Coastal Path), at 13.30.

What3words: multiples.breached.wedding (Grid ref. SZ42409663)

Park at the close by National Trust Car Park. This is a paying car park.

Uneven ground, stiles and a quiet road to cross.

Contact Nikki, for more details.

**Aiming to see:** White Admirals, Marbled Whites, Brown Argus and Ringlets.

***Saturday 4th July. If wet TBA.***

**Mottistone Down, National Trust.**

**Leader Nikki Kownacki, contact number 07929614423.**

Meet at the Jubilee Car Park, Lynch Lane, Brightstone at 13.30.

What3words: tipping.quietest.third (Grid ref. SZ42018451)

This is a down land walk with uneven ground, and steep slopes. So please wear sturdy footwear.

Please contact Nikki (or Kay on 07562974343) for more details.

**Aiming to see:** Dark Green Fritillaries, Brown Argus and Chalk Hill Blues.

***Saturday 18th July. If wet TBA.***

**Kemphill Moor Copse, Rowlands Lane, Havenstreet.**

**Leader Kay & Colin Shaw, contact number 07562974343.**

Meet at the entrance to the copse, at the Rowlands Lane side, at 13.30.

What3words: dined.represent.character (Grid ref. SZ569896).

As parking at the Copse, is very limited either contact me about a lift, or meet at Ashley Cemetery, at 13.00 (What3words: judges.rebounder.shape) and walk down to the entrance to the copse.

Woodland paths and rides.

Contact Kay, for further details.

**Aiming to see:** White Admirals, Silver-washed Fritillary (also Silver-washed Valesina) and Purple Hairstreaks.

***Saturday 1st August. If wet TBA.***

**Mount Joy, Carisbrooke, Newport.**

**Leader Graham Sherratt, contact number 07944029056.**

Meet at White Pit Lane, near the pizza/chip shop at 13.30. Footpath N24.

What3words: material.hotspot.unpainted (Grid ref. SZ49698829) or at the top of Mount Joy at the main cemetery entrance at 13.40, on footpath N24.

What3words: emulated.dearest.sings

Parking is very limited, so leave plenty of time to find a parking space.

Walking up and over Mount Joy. Steps and steep path, in places.

Contact Graham for further details.

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

***Saturday 15th August. If wet TBA.***

**Brading Downs.**

**Leader Emma Brown, contact number 07817504992.**

Meet at the most easterly chalk car park, on Brading Down Road, where the ice-cream van often is, at 13.30.

What3words: divisible.vibrate.cleanser (Grid ref. SZ597869)

Downland walk, some steps, steep in places and uneven ground. Please wear stout shoes.

Contact Emma for more details.

**Aiming to see:** Chalk Hill Blues, Brown Argus.

**Saturday 5th September. If wet TBA.**

**Thorness Bay fields, near Porchfield.**

**Leader Graham Sherratt, contact number 07944029056.**

Meet at the fields at the north of the caravan park at 13.30. Park on the side of the road.

What3words: analogy.flow.blogs (Grid ref SZ45309312)

Field walks, some uneven ground. So please wear stout shoes.

Contact Graham for more details.

**Aiming to see:** Clouded Yellows, Wall Browns, Brown Argus, Small Coppers.