

## OCTOBER

### Fascinating Fungi

**Saturday 14th October, 10am–12noon**

Join us for a gentle stroll over Black Hill in search of fungi with local mycologist Sheila Spence. Discover more about the wonderful world of colourful, sticky and slimy fungi.

**Where:** Black Hill car park. Nearest postcode: WR13 6DW. Grid reference: SO768439

**Difficulty:** Easy – 1.5 miles on surfaced and grassy tracks.

### The Stories of Shire Ditch

**Saturday 21st October, 10am–12noon**

A walk through both the ancient and more recent history of the Malvern Hills. Archaeologist Neil Rimmington will be guiding us through the variety of historic features that can be found here.

**Where:** Lower Beacon Road car park. Nearest postcode: WR14 4EQ. Grid reference: SO778438.

**Difficulty:** Medium – 2.5 mile walk over uneven ground. Frequent stops.

## NOVEMBER

### Woodland Wanders

**Sunday 5th November, 10:30am–1pm**

An afternoon stroll through the community woodland on the edge of Malvern. Find out more about identifying trees in winter and woodland crafts with Malvern Community Forest.

**Where:** Townsend Way Community Woodland, North End Lane. Nearest postcode: WR13 5AD. Grid Reference: SO797473. (Parking extremely limited.)

**Difficulty:** Easy – Flat walk along woodland track. Muddy in places.

## DECEMBER

### The Trust – Caring for the Hills

**Wednesday 6th December, 7pm–9pm**

An evening presentation by MHT staff and an opportunity to find out more about the wide ranging work undertaken by the Conservators.

**Where:** Indoor venue T.B.C. Please call for details.

**Difficulty:** Easy – indoor presentation.

## Accessibility

Please call the office if you would like further information on the accessibility of events.

Walk leaders will ensure that the walks are taken at a steady pace with regular learning and rest stops.

Blue badge holders park for free.

## Other information

Please note that the car park fee is £4.

Sorry, no dogs please (unless stated otherwise).

Please come prepared for the outdoors – wear appropriate weatherproof clothing, sturdy footwear, sun block and a sun hat. Please bring water.

Some events are weather dependent. When booking, please provide us with a contact phone number so that we can call you should we need to cancel an event.

**The Malvern Hills Trust do not charge for events but all charitable donations are gratefully received and go towards conserving the Hills and Commons.**



The Malvern Hills Trust owns, protects and manages the unique cultural heritage, wildlife and geology of this iconic English landscape for the benefit of the local community and the hundreds of thousands of visitors who come each year.

We have been caring for the Malvern Hills and surrounding commons since we were established in 1884 by an Act of Parliament, and are a registered charity.

Malvern Hills Trust is the working name of the Malvern Hills Conservators (Registered Charity 515804).

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# Events Diary 2017



**Malvern Hills Trust**

## Welcome to the Malvern Hills and Commons

### Important information

Booking is essential for all of our events as spaces are limited. Please call the office or email us to reserve your place (first come, first served basis).



## APRIL

### Pond Dipping

**Saturday 22nd April, 10am–12noon**

Come along and join us as we investigate our local ponds. Have a go at pond dipping and discover what lies beneath the surface. Suitable for families.

**Where:** Upper car park, Old Hills, Callow End. Nearest postcode: WR2 4TQ. Grid reference: SO829487.

**Difficulty:** Easy – short walk from car park to pond on grassy track.

## MAY

### Dawn Chorus Walk

**Sunday 7th May, 6am–8am**

Celebrate International Dawn Chorus Day on the Hills! Join us for a quiet, early morning guided stroll to listen and identify bird song. Followed by refreshments at Sally's Place.

**Where:** British Camp car park. Nearest postcode: WR13 6DW. Grid reference: SO763403.

**Difficulty:** Medium/hard – 3 miles with steps and some steeper sections, mixture of surfaced and unsurfaced paths.

### Grazing the Hills

**Saturday 20th May, 10am–1pm**

Walk with Sue Harper, local dog behaviourist to meet one of our Hills Graziers and his livestock. Well behaved dogs are welcome on this walk. Please keep dogs on a lead when near to livestock.

**Where:** West of England car park Nearest postcode: WR14 4BG. Grid reference: SO766449.

**Difficulty:** Medium – 5 miles on surfaced and grassy tracks.

## JUNE

### Orchid Extravaganza

**Saturday 10th June 2pm–4pm**

Our annual leisurely stroll onto Malvern Common to view the fantastic orchid display. Discover more about the variety and beauty of haymeadow flowers.

**Where:** Peachfield Road car park, Malvern Common. Nearest postcode: WR14 4AN. Grid reference: SO776442.

**Difficulty:** Medium – 1.5 mile slow-paced walk with frequent stops. Unsurfaced paths.

## JULY

### Grayling Butterfly Walk

**Saturday 15th July, 10:30am–1pm**

A guided walk in search of Worcestershire's rarest butterfly. Learn more about the habits of this species and how we're working with Butterfly Conservation to conserve its habitat.

**Where:** North Quarry car park. Nearest postcode: WR14 4LT. Grid reference: SO771469.

**Difficulty:** Medium – 3 miles with some optional steep sections on unsurfaced paths.

## AUGUST

### Geology of the Southern Hills

**Saturday 12th August, 10am–4pm**

Discover the complex and fascinating geology beneath the Malvern Hills with geologist Adrian Wyatt. A chance to step back through millions of years of time.

Please bring lunch and a drink.

**Where:** British Camp car park. Nearest postcode: WR13 6DW. Grid reference: SO763403.

**Difficulty:** Hard – 6 miles with some steep sections and steps. Mixed surfaces of grassy tracks and surfaced paths.

### Magical Moth Night

**Friday 25th August, 8:30pm–late**

Take a closer look at the beauty of moths beneath the ridgeline of the Malvern Hills with local lepidopterists (weather dependent).

Please bring warm clothes and a torch.

**Where:** Swinyard car park. Castlemorton Common. Nearest postcode WR14 4EH. Grid reference SO768439.

**Difficulty:** Easy – Short walk from car park and between moth traps over grassy tracks.

## SEPTEMBER

### Bat Walk

**Friday 8th September, 7:30pm–late**

Come along and give bat detecting a go! A great event for all the family to see and hear the bats of the Malvern Hills. Led by local mammal expert Johnny Birks.

Please bring warm clothes and a torch.

**Where:** British Camp car park. Nearest postcode: WR13 6DW. Grid reference: SO763403.

**Difficulty:** Easy/medium – 0.5 mile walk mostly on surfaced track. Short steep section.

### Conserving the Open Landscape

**Saturday 16th September, 9am–10am**

Conservation Manager Jonathan Bills will be explaining the importance of conserving species-rich grassland habitats that are becoming increasingly rare in the UK. Join us to find out more about the winter tree and scrub work on the Hills and Commons.

**Where:** Swinyard car park, Castlemorton Common. Nearest postcode: WR14 4EH. Grid reference: SO768439.

**Difficulty:** Medium – 2.5 miles on unsurfaced trails. May be very wet in places.