



Rye Harbour Nature Reserve

Events 2008



**Friends of
Rye Harbour
Nature Reserve**

Over 200,000 people visit Rye Harbour Nature Reserve each year and you are very welcome. It's a great place for a quiet stroll or a close look at the internationally important wildlife of Rye Bay. Staff and volunteers are on hand for guidance at Lime Kiln Cottage, a short walk down the road towards the sea from Rye Harbour village car park.

The nature reserve costs around £100,000 a year to run, so donations are always appreciated at events, or better still join the Friends.

Visiting the Reserve

Rye Harbour is 1.4 miles south-east of Rye, signposted off the A259 on the Rye/Winchelsea road. There is a free car park with toilets nearby at Rye Harbour.

Access

There is easy access around the reserve, with four hides with wheelchair access, wheelchair friendly paths, disabled toilets in the village and many seats. There is a challenging wheelchair route around Castle Water and the farm.



Join us

To help protect the wildlife and peace of this special, unspoilt place, please join the Friends Of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve. You will receive regular newsletters with details of special guided walks and events. To do this, please send your details and a minimum of £5 to the Friends of RHNR, 2 Watch Cottages, Winchelsea, East Sussex, TN36 4LU.

Donations welcome

Most of the events in this programme are free, but donations are appreciated.

☺ *Event suitable for families*



SUN 20 JANUARY

Beach reserve circular walk

A closer look at Corn Buntings, Golden Plover and a chance of watching a Peregrine hunting them! *Meet at Rye Harbour car park 11am-2pm (2 miles). Bring packed lunch.*

SUN 3 FEBRUARY

Winter ramble around Pett Level

A look at the wintering birds of the levels and a visit to the hide at Pannel Valley Nature Reserve. *Please bring your own lunch and binoculars if you have them. Meet at the roadside pool at Pett Level (TQ903146) at 10am. Return about 2pm (4 miles).*

MON 18 – FRI 22 FEBRUARY

Fun bird activities

Join in the half term fun of learning about nesting birds during National Nest Box Week, and make tasty treats to take home to your garden birds. *Call into Lime Kiln Information Centre between 11am and 3pm throughout the week for these craft activities. Children must be accompanied by an adult. 😊*



SAT 23 FEBRUARY

Camber Castle wildlife and history

A chance to see inside Camber Castle and to explore the new reedbed excavations of Castle Water, and see what wildlife hides amongst the reeds. Meet at Brede Lock car park 1pm, return about 4pm (2.5 miles).

FRI 21 MARCH

Easter Eggstravaganza in Camber Castle

A fun family event, hunting for Easter eggs in Henry VIII's castle. *All children must be accompanied by an adult. Cost £2 per child, accompanying adult free. Pre-booking essential on 07999 861759. Parking at Brede Lock car park. Start times available when booking onto the event.* ☺





SAT 22 MARCH

Spring beach clean

Come along to help remove the winter's rubbish. We should also see Wheatear and Sandwich Tern. *Meet at Rye Harbour car park 10am, with work gloves if you have them. Hot soup served at 1pm.* ☺

WED 9 APRIL

Seashore Discovery

Bring the family to discover hidden treasures washed ashore on our beach, and hunt out creepy crawlies in the saltmarsh. *Meet at Rye Harbour car park 10.30am-12 noon (1 mile).* ☺



WED 16 APRIL

Beach Beasties

Bring the family to hunt for creatures that live in or near the water at Rye Harbour, using shrimp nets. *Please wear suitable footwear for paddling/wading in the sea. Meet at Rye Harbour car park 2pm-4pm (1 mile).* ☺

SUN 27 APRIL

Whimbrel Watch

For 13 years the Friends of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve have been getting up before the lark, to see the Whimbrel. Find out why and enjoy the dawn chorus of gulls, terns, waders, wheatears and skylarks. *Meet at Rye Harbour car park 4.30am-8am. Breakfast available afterwards (£5 per person, booking essential – call 07999 861759).*



SAT 3 MAY

Low tide exploration at Pett Level

Bring the family to explore the rock pools around the sunken forest on Pett Level beach. *Please wear sensible footwear for rock pooling. Meet at the eastern end of the row of houses at Pett Level 2pm-4pm.* ☺

THU 22 MAY – SUN 1 JUNE

Wildlife Weekend 2008

Lots of environmental and cultural activities on offer to all the family, from street art and audio-visual performances to guided walks and land rover safaris. *For information visit www.RXwildlife.org.uk and follow the links.* ☺



Wildlife Weekend

Thu 22 May – Sun 1 June 2008

Info : www.RXwildlife.org.uk / 01797 227784



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Outdoor activities Creative workshops Nature games

SUN 8 JUNE

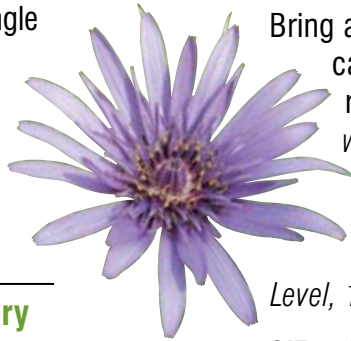
Beginners guide to birdwatching

Come to the reserve and learn how to identify breeding terns, gulls and waders. *Binoculars and ID guides available to use on the day. Meet at Rye Harbour Car Park 11am-1pm (2 miles).* ☺

SAT 14 JUNE

Coastal plants at Rye Harbour

Get up close and personal with the special shingle plants on the Nature Reserve. *Meet at Rye Harbour car park 10am-12 noon (2 miles).*



SUN 15 JUNE

Seashore Discovery

Bring the family to discover hidden treasures washed ashore on our beach, and hunt for creepy crawlies in the saltmarsh. *Meet at Rye Harbour car park 2pm-4pm (1 mile).* ☺

SAT 28 JUNE

Camber Castle Detective

A chance for kids to become detectives in Henry VIII's Castle, following clues and answering questions. *£2 per child, accompanying adult free. Prize for all completed forms. Pre-booking essential (07999 861759). Meeting at Brede Lock car park 10.30am, returning about 12.30pm (2 miles).* ☺

SUN 29 JUNE

Trapping Sharks, Tigers and Elephants!

Come and inspect last night's catch in the Rye Harbour moth traps at Lime Kiln Information Centre at 8am. *Wheelchair accessible.*

SAT 12 JULY

Shrimping and rock pooling at Pett Level

Bring along the family to learn how to catch shrimps and to explore the rock pools at Pett Level. *Please wear suitable clothing and footwear for paddling/wading in the sea. Meet at the eastern end of the row of houses at Pett Level, 11am-1pm.* ☺

SAT 19 JULY

Reptiles and amphibians

Come along to explore for creatures that bask in the sun, or chill out in damp dark places. *Meet at Rye Harbour car park, 2-4pm.* ☺

FRI 25 JULY

Seashore Discovery

Bring the family to discover the hidden treasures that are washed ashore on our beach, and hunt out creepy crawlies living in the saltmarsh. *Meet at Rye Harbour car park 10am-11.30am (1 mile).* ☺

SUN 27 JULY

Spiders and their webs

Join the warden, Chris, on a hunt for a variety of different spiders, and learn how they create their webs. *Meet at Lime Kiln Information Centre 2pm-3.30pm.* ☺

WED 30 JULY

Moths for all ages

Bring the family to learn about the moths that fly around the reserve at night. *Meet at Lime Kiln Information Centre 10am-11am. Wheelchair accessible.* ☺

TUE 5 AUGUST

Beginners bird watching

Come to the reserve and learn how to identify a variety of birds. *Binoculars and ID guides available to use on the day. Meet at Rye Harbour car park 10.30-12.30pm (2 miles).* ☺

THU 7 AUGUST

Creepy Crawlies

Bring the family to hunt for creepy crawlies hiding from view. *Meet at Lime Kiln Information Centre at 2pm-3.30pm.* ☺

SAT 9 AUGUST

Caught in a trap!

A final chance to inspect the Rye Harbour moth traps. *Meet at Lime Kiln Information Centre 8am. Wheelchair accessible.*



TUE 12 AUGUST

Hunt for the missing purse

Come out during Marine Week to take part in the great eggcase hunt along the Rye Harbour shore. *Meet at Rye Harbour car park 2pm-3.30pm (2 miles).* ☺

THU 14 AUGUST

Seashore Discovery

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TUE 19 AUGUST

Underwater World at Castle Water

Bring the family to explore Castle Water, to find what creepy crawlies lurk amongst the reeds. *Pond nets and ID guides will be supplied. Meet at Brede Lock car park 11am-1pm (2 miles).* ☺

THU 21 AUGUST

Postcards from the sea

Come down to the beach and explore the strandline. Take home a postcard made from things you've found! *Meet at Rye Harbour car park 11am-12.30pm (1 mile).* ☺

SUN 24 AUGUST

Camber Castle bug hunt and picnic

Family picnic in Camber Castle followed by a hunt for several species of creepy crawly – including frogs, leeches and newts – in Castle Water. *Meet at Brede Lock car park 12 noon, returning approx 3pm (2 miles).* ☺

MON 25 AUGUST

Birds, Bats and Bugs

Evening stroll to Ternery Pool followed by a closer look at nocturnal creatures, using bat detectors. *Meet at Rye Harbour car park 6.30pm-dusk (2 miles).* ☺



TUE 2 SEPTEMBER

Pebbles Pebbles Everywhere

Come along to create some artwork out of pebbles found on the beach. *Meet at Rye Harbour car park 2pm-3.30pm (1 mile). Wheelchair accessible. ☺*

SUN 14 SEPTEMBER

Camber Castle circular walk

A chance to explore Henry VIII's Castle, and see the wildlife of Castle Water. *Meet at Brede Lock car park 10am, returning 1pm (2.5 miles).*

SUN 5 OCTOBER

Shrimping at Rye Harbour

Bring the family to explore and learn how to catch shrimps at Rye Harbour. *Please wear suitable clothing and footwear for paddling/wading in the sea. Meet at Rye Harbour car park 10am-12 noon. ☺*

MON 27 – FRI 31 OCTOBER

Feed the Birds Week

Join in the fun of learning to make tasty treats to help your garden birds get through the winter months. *Just drop into Lime Kiln Information Centre between 11am and 3pm throughout half term. ☺*



TUE 26 AUGUST

Treasure Hunt

Follow a map with clues to test your brain power around Rye Harbour Nature Reserve (1 mile). *Starting at Lime Kiln Information Centre between 11am-2pm to collect map and clues. Prizes for all completed forms handed in that same day. £2 per child, accompanying adults free. ☺*

THU 28 AUGUST

Beach Beasties

Bring the family to hunt for creatures that live in or near the water at Rye Harbour with the use of shrimp nets. *Please wear suitable footwear for paddling/wading in the sea. Meet at Rye Harbour car park 2pm-4pm (1 mile). ☺*



SAT 1 NOVEMBER

Camber Castle exploration

Come along and explore Camber Castle and the surrounding ditches of the Castle Water reedbeds for a variety of winter birds. *Meet at Brede Lock car park 1pm-3.30pm (2 miles).*

SUN 16 NOVEMBER

Winter birds at the beach reserve

A chance to get to grips with a variety of winter visitors. *Meet at Rye Harbour car park 11am-1pm (3 miles).*

SAT 6 DECEMBER

Festive beach clean

A pre-Christmas clean-up of the rubbish washed up along the beach by the autumn's storms, plus the chance to see many wintering birds. Your efforts will be rewarded with hot soup at Lime Kiln Cottage afterwards. *Bring work gloves if you have them. Meet at Rye Harbour car park 10am, soup and mince pies at around 1pm. ☺*



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