

NORFOLK CONSERVATION CORPS

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TASK PROGRAMME FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2017

N.B. Please read the section on task booking overleaf and note that bookings should be made with the task leader.

AUGUST 6th WOODBASTWICK MARSHES (8 miles NE Norwich) O.S. map 134, grid ref. TG 338 161
Please contact the task leader for parking details.

This site is part of the Bure Marshes National Nature Reserve. Like many sites in Broadland, it has to be managed to prevent it becoming dominated by alder and willow carr (wet woodland). Although the carr is an important habitat, a lot of wildlife (including the rare Swallowtail butterfly) needs open fen and marshes. We will be cutting and clearing hay. NB Wellington boots are usually essential for this site.

Task leader: Peter Cawley.

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AUGUST 13th SWANNINGTON UPGATE COMMON (8 miles NW Norwich)

Sat nav coords for parking: lat 52.719290 long 1.1706407 O.S. map 133, grid ref. TG 143 183

This is an interesting and varied site, with a range of habitats. The variation in soils and wetness has caused a wide range of vegetation including dry acidic heathland, wet heathland, fen, birch and alder woodland, scrub, bracken, rough grassland and ponds. We will be continuing with the management of the site.

Task leader: Ian Braid

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AUGUST 20th WOODBASTWICK MARSHES (8 miles NE Norwich)

Please contact the task leader for parking details.

O.S. map 134, grid ref. TG 338 161

Today we return to Woodbastwick marshes to continue the cutting and raking of hay from August 6th. NB Wellington boots are usually essential for this site.

Task leader: Peter Cawley.

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AUGUST 27th POTTER'S FEN or SCARNING FEN (both 1 mile SW Dereham)

O.S. map 132, grid ref. TF 982 119 (both sites)

Sat nav coords for parking: Potters Fen lat 52.668731 long 0.92948332; Scarning Fen lat 52.671109 long 0.92861027

These two adjacent sites have benefited immensely from the work that we have done, particularly from the annual mowing. They contain a wide diversity of plants including orchids, butterwort, marsh fern, columbine, mosses and liverworts. We will be continuing this good work by raking and removing mown fen hay.

Task leader: Ian Braid

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SEPTEMBER 3rd LONG ACRE WOOD, CATFIELD (17 miles NE Norwich)

O.S. map 134, grid ref. TG 393 218

Sat Nav coords for parking: lat 52.741157 long 1.5425518

This is 7 acres of recently planted native broadleaved woodland. Half of it was planted in 1994, and the other half in 2001. Although the wood is relatively new, it is already showing its wildlife potential with two species of orchid, three species of deer, a great spotted woodpecker nest and regular sightings of woodcock. We will be raking and removing mown meadow litter and/or controlling scrub.

Task leader: Colin Puxley. Telephone: 01692 580440, Mobile: 07733 024032

SEPTEMBER 10th SWANGEY FEN (2 miles SW Attleborough)

O.S. map 144, grid ref. TM 015 935

Sat nav coords for parking: lat 52.501156 long 0.96968830 (approx)

This reserve is a mixture of open fen, dykes, and wet woodland. It is important mainly for insects and plants. We will be raking and removing mown fen litter to maintain the diversity of the open fen. Please telephone task leader for directions to work site.

Task leader: Sookie Boosey Telephone: 01362 694071, Mobile: 07460 849472

SEPTEMBER 17th LOLLY MOOR (2 miles S Dereham)

O.S. map 132, grid ref. TF 992 103

Sat nav coords for parking: lat 52.654123 long 0.94307408

This is a small reserve, but one which clearly shows the effect of our conservation work. When we began working here in 1979, the site was dominated by just a few species of tall plants such as willowherb. The regular mowing has resulted in a large increase in the number of wild flower species, including orchids. We will be continuing this good work by raking and removing mown fen hay.

Task leader: David Max Telephone: 01328 838602, mobile 07512 773267 (for use on tasks only)

SEPTEMBER 24th PENSTHORPE (2 miles SE Fakenham)

O.S. map 132, grid ref. TF 947 291

Sat nav coords for parking: lat 52.824623 long 0.88872448

Pensthorpe Natural Park is 500 acres of ancient fen meadows, woodlands and lakes in the Wensum valley. As well as the Conservation Centre (where rare UK birds such as cranes and corncrakes are bred) and a collection of water and other birds, there is a large area of nature reserve. We will be helping with the management of the wildlife areas of the site.

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Task Booking Please phone the TASK LEADER to book any of the above tasks, preferably on the FRIDAY evening before the task, or by 6.30 p.m. at the latest on Saturday. It is essential that you do book for a task, as tasks sometimes have to be changed or cancelled at short notice, and you may, otherwise, find yourself alone at the site. We meet at 10 a.m. at the map reference given. If you do not have the relevant O.S. map, please phone to ask for directions. If you need transport, this can usually be provided if you phone to ask for it. If you book for a task, but then cannot come, please let us know beforehand.

Task Timing We aim to start work at 10.00, and stop for lunch at 12.30. This is usually followed by a walk before we start work in the afternoon, and we finish at 4.30 (or earlier in the winter). Working for half a day does not usually present a problem, but please check with task leader before the task.

Footwear This will depend on the weather and ground conditions, but as many of the sites can be wet underfoot (especially in winter), it is a good idea to bring wellington boots if you have some.

Tetanus To keep safe, please ensure that you are up to date with your tetanus protection.