Programme of Events 2025

January 25 Saturday 10:30 North Cave Wetlands SE 885 328

Meet in the car park on Dryham Lane. Leader: Andrew Chadwick.

February 23 Sunday 10:30 Bempton Cliffs

TA 197 738

A visit to RSPB Bempton Cliffs. Meet in the car park which is free. There is an admission charge to the reserve of £4 if you are not a member. Leader: Africa Gómez.

February 25 Tuesday 19:30 Talk on environmental DNA TA 075 317

A talk by Daniel Swan on the use of environmental DNA in biodiversity monitoring. This will be held in TR3 at the Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull.

March 18 Tuesday 19:30 Annual General Meeting TA 075 317

The 2025 AGM of the Hull Natural History Society will be held in TR1 at the Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull. If time permits, the AGM will be followed by a few presentations by members. There is another opportunity for presentations at the members evening in April.

March 22 Saturday 10:30 Spurn

TA 417 154

Meet at the car park opposite the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust visitor centre. The car park is free to YWT members if you display your membership card in the windscreen. Leader: Helen Kitson.

April 8 Tuesday 19:30 Members evening

TA 075 317

Short presentations by our members on any subject with some connection to natural history. Please let the Secretary know if you have something suitable. This will be held in TR1 at the Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull.

April 12 Saturday 10:30 Allerthorpe Common

SE 752 473

A chance to see basking adders if it's sunny! Meet in the car park at the south-west corner of the common. Leader: Richard Middleton.

April 25–28 Friday–Monday City Nature Challenge

This year will be the 10th anniversary of the City Nature Challenge and Hull is again taking part. Contact Africa or the Secretary for details.

May 6 Tuesday 13:00 North Cliffe Wood

SE 862 373

Bluebell time. Park in the small lay-by near the eastern entrance.

May 13 Tuesday 13:00 Cawkeld Sinks

SE 994 494

An interesting area with lake, boggy spots and woods. Park on the verge, west of Kilnwick, just beyond the big house with a pond.

May 17 Saturday 10:30 Sleightholme Dale

SE 664 891

For this month's meeting we are joining the YNU VC62 outing to Sleightholme Dale, near Kirkbymoorside. Meet in the field adjacent to Sleightholme Dale Lodge.

May 20 Tuesday 13:00 Kiplingcotes

SE 909 430

Meet at the Hudson Way car park for a walk along the railway to the YWT reserve.

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May 25 Sunday 09:30 DST Leconfield TA 023 429

Another visit to the Defence School of Transport training area at Leconfield as part of one of their regular 'bioblitz' weekends. To be admitted to the site you must provide photo identification, such as a driving licence or passport, and will then be issued with a pass. Meet at the guardhouse where there is parking.

May 27 Tuesday 12:00 Johnny Whiteley Park TA 064 278

We are supporting Yorkshire Wildlife Trust who are hosting an Action for Nature day at the West Hull Rugby Club ground, Johnny Whiteley Park. The event runs from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm with stalls, workshops and talks.

June 3 Tuesday 13:00 Swinemoor TA 054 416

Park whichever side of Hull Bridge is convenient but meet at the western side.

June 10 Tuesday 13:00 Dumble Farm, Arram TA 042 441

Our visit last year was very well attended and I think everyone enjoyed being ferried round in the trailer, not forgetting the tea and cake afterwards! Turn left into the farm and park in the courtyard.

June 13 – 15 Friday – Sunday Yorkshire Dales

Our residential weekend this year will be based at Settle. A more detailed programme is available on the programme page of the website.

June 13 Friday 11:30 Grass Wood SD 984 651

A guided tour by a local expert. Meet in the quarry car park a short distance from the entrance to the wood.

June 14 Saturday 10:00 Southerscales SD 745 777

Meet in the layby on the B6255. The Southerscales YWT reserve is about half a mile walk from the meeting point.

June 15 Sunday 10:00 Malham Tarn SD 882 671

Meet at the quarry car park at the north end of the Tarn.

June 17 Tuesday 13:00 Oppy Wood, Orchard Park TA 060 335

Meet at the junction of Orchard Park Road and Danepark Road.

June 24 Tuesday 13:00 Cottingham Pumping Station TA 047 341

We have been offered a tour of the grounds which are to be the subject of a habitat improvement scheme. Meet in the Yorkshire Water visitor car park at the end of Millhouse Woods Lane. This is on the right shortly before reaching the pumping station itself.

July 1 Tuesday 13:00 Cleaving Coombe, Londesbrough SE 863 468

Park on the road verge at the top, east end, of the reserve.

July 8 Tuesday 13:00 Castle Hill farm TA 118 335

As a result of the new aquagreen there is now a large area that is publicly accessible including the site of Castle Hill farm. Park in Foxholme Road and meet where the Hornsea Rail Trail crosses Kestrel Avenue.

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July 13 Sunday 10:30 Strensall Common SE 653 618

Meet at the car park area next to the minor road on the bend near the railway. Leader: Gabrielle Jarvis

July 15 Tuesday 13:00 King's Mill, Driffield TA 016 575

A visit to the area around King's Mill. Park at the western end of King's Mill Road near the junction with Bracken Road and meet at the entrance to Millennium Green.

July 22 Tuesday 10:30 Wild Wrendale TA 060 043

Note the morning start. We are being given a tour of a rewilding project at Low Farm, Searby, Lincolnshire. Meet at the farm, entering by the track flanked by brick walls.

July 29 Tuesday 13:00 Wilberforce Wood TA 099 349

Meet in the lay-by on Kesteven Way besides Foredyke Green.

August 5 Tuesday 13:00 Cherry Burton SE 991 421

Meet in Cherry Burton at the pond for a tour of the village's highlights.

August 9 Saturday 10:30 Hotham Carrs SE 866 337

Park at the end of Carr Lane. This is the YNU VC61 joint meeting. Leader: Africa Gómez.

August 12 Tuesday 13:00 St Andrew's Quay TA 079 273

Meet at the junction of Goulton Street and West Dock Avenue for a walk under the underpass and along the Quay to the Makro site.

August 16 Saturday 10:00 Barmby Moor Bioblitz

We have been asked to help identify finds during a public Bioblitz at Barmby Moor conservation area. The focus is on invertebrates but expertise in other areas could also be useful.

August 19 Tuesday 13:00 Paull Holme Strays TA 180 251

Meet in the reserve car park.

August 26 Tuesday 13:00 Waters Edge Country Park TA 029 231

Meet in the car park for a circular walk through the country park.

September 21 Sunday 10:30 Hatfield Moors and Lindholme SE 683 048

A guided tour of part of Hatfield Moors and Lindholme Hall Buddhist centre and mossery. Meet at the Boston Park car park. This is sign-posted from the A614. Leader: Andrew Chadwick

September 30 Tuesday 19:30 Planning Meeting for 2026 TA 075 317

The planning meeting will be held at the University of Hull, full details of location nearer the time. Bring some ideas for venues for our meetings next year.

October 11 Saturday 10:30 Cayton Bay, Scarborough TA 069 841

Park at the Cayton Bay beach car park at £5 per day or further along the cliff road for free if there is space. Meet in the car park. Leader: Africa Gómez.

November 2 Sunday 10:30 Oakhill Nature Reserve, Goole SE 726 231

Meet at the car park next to the Tesco depot on Tom Pudding Way. Leader: Yannah Drury.

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December 6 Saturday 10:30 Welton Dale SE 959 273

Park in Welton and meet at the beginning of Dale Road for a circular walk up Welton Dale followed by a meal in the Green Dragon. Leader: Andrew Chadwick.

Please check the Society's website at www.hullnats.org.uk for the latest version of the programme.

In accordance with our Safety Notice, each field trip will have a designated leader. For weekend trips the leader is shown in the programme. For Tuesday afternoon trips a leader will be elected from those who attend.

If there is any doubt as to the meeting being cancelled due to bad weather, please contact the leader.

For more details, contact the Secretary, Andrew Chadwick, info@hullnats.org.uk

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