



## Perthshire Society of Natural Science – Botanical Section – Excursion Programme 2019

Meeting times: Saturdays and Sundays 10 am or **10:30 am** Wednesdays 10 am and **6 pm** (unless otherwise stated)

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Date	Botanising area	Reason	Meet & parking	Grid ref.	Reporter	
<b>Apr</b>	<b>10 Wed Evening</b>	Battleby, Redgorton, Perth	Tree identification from winter twigs	SNH Conference Centre Car Park	NO 086 292	AG
<b>May</b>	<b>1 Wed Evening</b>	Methven Wood	Evening stroll to enjoy woodland highlights	Almondbank Main Street*	NO 065 258	AG
	<b>14 Tue all day</b>	Clackmannan	Urban Flora, Joint, BSS/BSBI	Clackmannan Village Tollbooth <b>Meet at 10.30 am</b>	Meet NS 911 919	LL & BB
	<b>29 Wed all day</b>	Auchterarder	Urban Flora	Car Park off A824 on east side of Western Road Park**	NN 938 124	AG & BB
<b>June</b>	<b>7-9 Fri-Sun all day</b>	Dunfermline	BSBI Atlas 2020 Recording Various habitats.	Halbeath Retail Park (Asda)	NT 121 804	SE
	<b>25 Tue Evening</b>	Moncreiffe Island, Perth	Joint with Dundee Naturalists' & BSS	South Inch Car Park <b>at 19:00*</b>	NO 120 230	BB & LL
	<b>30 Sun all day</b>	Alva Moss, walking from Burnfoot Windfarm	Monad bashing for BSBI Atlas 2020 & Upland ID.	Meet at road end from A823 to Glendevon Reservoirs.	Meet NN 948 050	LL & JJ
<b>July</b>	<b>13 Sat all day</b>	Upper Glendevon Reservoir	Monad bashing for BSBI Atlas 2020 & Upland ID.	Meet at road end from A823 to Glendevon Reservoirs.	Meet NN 948 050	LL & JJ
	<b>17 Wed all day</b>	Glen Ample	Atlas 2020: exploration of Burn of Ample	To be arranged**		AG
	<b>23 Tue evening</b>	Brownie Wood, Gauldry	Updating plant list	Car Park south end of Tay Road Bridge <b>at 18:30*</b>	NO 426 287 Share Cars	BB
	<b>31 Wed Evening</b>	Amulree	Evening stroll to north side of Loch Freuchie	Amulree Village Hall**	NN 898 363	AG
<b>Aug</b>	<b>4 Sunday all day</b>	Loch Beanie	Aquatics, moorland and grassland plants	Compass Christian Centre, Glen Shee*	NO 137 682	MR
	<b>10 Sat all day</b>	Loch Ordie	Aquatics, moorland plants, + <i>Sorbus rupicola</i> and <i>Eleogiton fluitans en route</i>	Bottom of the track at Guay**	NO 006 495	MR

**Other id:** Contact Faith Anstey for further information on the following: [faithanstey@gmail.com](mailto:faithanstey@gmail.com)

**June** 16 Sun all day Plant Families Field Meeting \*\*

**July** 6 Sat all day Plant Families Workshop: 'Grasses'; University of Stirling \*\*

20 Sat all day Plant Families Workshop: 'Sedges'; Mugdock Country Park, Milngavie.\*\*

**Details of other excursions and other Plant Families Workshops:** Botanical Society of Britain & Ireland [<https://bsbi.org/field-meetings>] Botanical Society of Scotland [[www.botanical-society-scotland.org.uk/content/societys-activities](http://www.botanical-society-scotland.org.uk/content/societys-activities)] Dundee Naturalists' Society [[www.dundeenats.org.uk](http://www.dundeenats.org.uk)].

**Bookings.** In the 'meet & parking' column above, an asterisk is shown where booking is preferred and a double asterisk where booking is essential. \*Booking is preferred where there may be constraints on parking, party size or other reasons and where additional information might or would be helpful that is not available on the programme. You may attend if you wish without booking. \*\*Booking is essential where places will be limited. Bookings can be made by e-mail where the reporter has provided an e-mail address or by telephone using the numbers above. Landlines are preferred for bookings; mobiles are provided for contact on the day of an excursion.

## Guidance for Excursions

We look forward to seeing as many members on our excursions as possible, and any friends and family who would like to come along. **All meetings are free to PSNS members, and new members are especially welcome.** The following commonsense guidance will help you enjoy our excursions.

Full-day excursions take place on Saturdays, Sundays or Wednesdays, and some excursions are arranged for Wednesday evenings. Bring a packed lunch for full-day outings, and on all excursions come prepared with suitably warm and weatherproof clothing and appropriate footwear. For ID sessions, please bring notebook, pencil and hand-lens.

For the purpose of insurance liability it is necessary to state that members, their relatives and friends of the PSNS attend excursions at their own risk. They should be aware of their own safety and the safety of others and respect the property over which they pass.

### Booking and Confirmation

Bulletin Reporter(s) for the excursion should be contacted a few days beforehand when planning to attend, to confirm details and book a place. Even where excursions have been fully planned, there may be a change at short notice.

### Medical conditions and allergies

If any member suffers from a medical condition that may affect an excursion or if a member is prone to allergic reactions, they should alert the reporter of an excursion when making a booking. If medication is being taken or may be required to treat an allergic reaction the medication should be brought on the excursion.

### Weather

If bad weather is due on the day of the excursion members should contact the reporter to confirm whether the excursion will proceed or not. Appropriate clothing should be worn or packed in preparing for an excursion; waterproofs should almost always be packed, warm clothing will be required in cool or windy weather or in upland conditions, sensible clothing should be worn in warm weather, bearing in mind that there are recommendations to keep as much of the skin covered as possible to prevent sunburn and tick bites. Additional clothing should be carried in the event of weather changing from warm conditions. Sun-cream is also advisable and sunglasses can be a useful protection against the harmful effects of ultraviolet light. A hat with a good rim will also provide protection against the damaging effects of the sun. Drinking water is required on all day excursions and food helps to provide energy during cool conditions.

If weather turns bad during an excursion the excursion may have to be curtailed. The group should stay together when returning to the start of the excursion. The worst condition that may be met is lightning. Lightning is attracted to any prominence such as trees and mountain tops from which the electrical charge will be transferred to the surrounding area. Avoid sheltering in such areas and behind loose rock. Sitting on a rucksack or dry clothing in a foetal type posture helps to prevent and reduce the chances of injury.

### Access

Take account of the nature of the terrain before booking on an excursion and when preparing for one. Advise a reporter if you do not intend to take part in a full excursion and always tell the reporter if you have decided to leave an excursion early, or to extend it into a longer solo walk. The statutory right of access and responsibilities are set out in the Scottish Outdoor Access Code, [www.outdooraccess-scotland.scot](http://www.outdooraccess-scotland.scot).

### Water

Avoid entering fast-flowing water and avoid the unstable edges of river banks. Be aware of soft or false bottoms to still water bodies where the water will be deeper than it appears. A grapnel can be used to retrieve plants from deep water.

### Heights

Avoid the steep edges of cliffs, corries and the like. Keep to paths in these situations where possible, especially in poor visibility.

### Animals

The reporter will not always be aware of the presence of livestock in advance. Stock should be avoided if possible. Bracken or long vegetation may harbour ticks; check for any ticks after an excursion, which should be removed cleanly using tweezers applied to the tick's head. Bites of any kind which result in swellings, or rashes followed by 'flu like symptoms should be referred to a doctor. For further information, see [www.lymediseaseaction.org.uk/about-ticks](http://www.lymediseaseaction.org.uk/about-ticks).

