



## Perthshire Society of Natural Science — Botanical Section – Field Meetings Programme 2021

Meeting times: Wednesday Mornings 10am and **Wednesday evenings 6 pm**

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Booking: is obligatory with the Reporter, by telephone or responding to e-mail

| Date | Botanising area                     | Theme: Methven, A Tale of Two Woods | Meet at & parking  | Grid ref.                           | Reporter   |       |
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| May  | 19 <sup>th</sup> Wed Morning        | Methven to Kinnon Park              | To record and discuss woodland flora, explore woodland development in the area, identify summer flowering plants before flowering. | King George's Jubilee Park, Methven | NO 029 259 | AG    |
|      | 19 <sup>th</sup> Wed Evening        | Methven Den                         | To appreciate and understand the woodland flora.   | King George's Jubilee Park, Methven | NO 029 259 | AG    |
| May  | 26 <sup>th</sup> Wed Morning        | Methven to Kinnon Park              | To record and discuss woodland flora, explore woodland development in the area, identify summer flowering plants before flowering. | King George's Jubilee Park, Methven | NO 029 259 | AG    |
|      | 26 <sup>th</sup> Wed Evening        | Methven Den                         | To appreciate and understand the woodland flora.   | King George's Jubilee Park, Methven | NO 029 259 | AG    |
| June | 9 <sup>th</sup> Wed <b>10.30 am</b> | Kinross                             | Urban Flora. Joint with BSS  | Kinross Boat House Car Park         | NO 121 017 | AE/BB |

### Guidance for Meetings – please read

**All meetings are free to PSNS members; new members are especially welcome.** Bring a packed lunch and liquid for full-day field meetings. Come prepared with suitably warm and weather-proof clothing and appropriate footwear. In hot weather: dress appropriately; bring sun protection and water; be prepared for a change in weather.

If bad weather appears close to the start of a field meeting, everyone booked should contact the Reporter to find out if the field meeting will proceed or not. If weather turns bad during a field meeting, it will be curtailed and the party will remove to safety. The group should stay together during the field meeting. Misconduct will result in a participant being asked to leave the party.

All children must be accompanied by their recognised guardian. Members of the PSNS, their relatives and friends who attend field meetings do so at their own risk. They should be aware of their own safety, the safety of others and respect the land they pass over. Avoid fast-flowing water, unstable edges and soft or crumbling soils. Take particular care on higher ground and always ensure a sound footing. Statutory rights of access and responsibilities are set out in the Scottish Outdoor Access Code [[www.outdooraccess-scotland.com](http://www.outdooraccess-scotland.com)].

**Materials** For identification sessions, a notebook, pencil and hand-lens will be useful.

**Medical conditions and allergies** Everyone planning to join a field meeting should ensure they are fit for the activity. Individuals will be responsible for their own health and providing their own medication.

**Animals** Stock must be avoided. Beware of ticks. Cover your skin if you can; carry out a body search for ticks on getting home. There is NHS advice for stings and bites [[www.nhs.uk/conditions/insect-bites-and-stings/treatment](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/insect-bites-and-stings/treatment)].

**Coronavirus COVID-19 Guidance.** If you have any of the following symptoms, please do not book to come on a field meeting: a new continuous cough; a fever/high temperature (37.8C or greater); a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste. Guidance is available for anyone with these symptoms [[www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-test-and-protect](http://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-test-and-protect)]. For those attending field meetings, please provide your telephone number to the Reporter if you have not already provided the PSNS with your number.

Guidance will change according to the Level of protection set by the Scottish Government for each local authority area. At the time of writing, Perth & Kinross is in Level 2 and the following guidance for Level 2 is on the Scottish Government's website [www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-protection-levels/pages/protection-level-2](http://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-protection-levels/pages/protection-level-2). This guidance applies to all field meetings.

**Level 2.** Groups of up to 8 people from 8 households outdoors. Numbers of individuals apply to anyone older than 12 years of age, but not less than 12. Physical distancing of two metres apart is required from members of different households. Children younger than 12 are not required to exercise physical distancing. Physical distancing is particularly important for anyone susceptible to illness. Individuals should maintain hand and cough hygiene; washing hands on arriving and leaving, especially before eating and on arriving at home. Food should not be shared.