

# Preston Society

Birdwatching & Natural History

Date	Location	Description
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	White Coppice	The 'famous' Cuckoo Walk, going down the valley to search for the elusive Cuckoo. Also studying the ridge at Black Coppice for birds of prey, taking in the scree and wooded hillside for Redstart, Wood Warbler, and other migrants. Returning via a track to overlook rough fields and the Goit.
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Bretherton Moss	This walk explores Bretherton Moss which is particularly renowned for breeding Yellow Hammer, whilst the agricultural land also offers the opportunity to view ground nesting birds such as Lapwing and Oystercatcher. A rich collection of flora and fauna can also be observed during this walk.
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Freckleton Naze	This walk will take in Freckleton Naze which overlooks the rivers Ribble and Douglas. Freckleton Marsh and its pools particularly offer views of less common waders. Commanding views of Freckleton and Hesketh Out Marsh are also possible.
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Brinscall Moor	The aim of this walk is to explore Wheelton Plantation to locate and listen for Wood Warbler. Also we will be visiting Withnell Moor to view various birds of prey. Excellent views of the coast are possible on route.
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Lead Mine Clough	This is a moorland walk which encompasses Anglezarke and Yarrow reservoirs, offering opportunities to view Grebe and Divers. We aim to visit the WWII Memorial which overlooks Lead Mine Clough.
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Alston Scrape	This evening stroll will take us to Alston Scrape in Grimsargh, to look through the screens at the pools and shingle scrapes for waders and ducks. We are also hoping to cover Berry's Farm and Manor House Farm, taking in the varied flora of the area.
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Hundred End Dandy's Farm	This area of Hesketh End covers unique rich farmland habitat where ground nesting birds are prevalent. The walk will follow numerous farm tracks offering the possibility to view hedge-side flora.
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Conyries Plantation & Hollinshead Hall	An enjoyable walk taking in Conyries Plantation and Hollinshead Hall. The Hall is a ruin situated in a beautiful woodland area. In the ruin's grounds we will be able to view the famous wishing well. Woodland flowers can be seen along this route.
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	River Ribble Howick	This evening walk will follow part of the tidal scenic River Ribble close to Preston. Nearby hedgerows and surrounding countryside support numerous bird species and interesting flora and fauna.
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	Longton Marsh	This evening walk explores Longton Marsh and the River Douglas and is renowned for the ancient crossing of the Douglas River. We will be observing marshland birds and also taking in the lovely scenery on route.
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Abbey Village	We will be exploring Withnell Moor, touching Millstone Edge this evening. Throughout the walk a variety of birds, flowers, and butterflies will hopefully be seen.
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> August	Bretherton Eyes Red Bridge	This walk will take in an ancient landscape of Bretherton Eyes. Eyes is an old English word meaning land surrounded by water. The fields in this area do, in fact, still flood in winter. A rough track will take us onto Red Bridge which crosses the River Douglas. There are several different wildlife habitats in this area.
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> August	Tarleton Moss	This evening's stroll explores the environs of the ancient Tarleton Moss, with all of its many facets of special habitat created over hundreds of years. Beautiful landscapes can be seen from the track, with the surrounding area being so flat.
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	Croston Moss	The Croston Moss walk covers the ancient Croston Finney just outside the village, where originally the locals used to grow their crops. This is now a very good habitat for a variety of bird species, plus interesting flora and fauna.

No experience is needed. Please wear suitable clothing and footwear.  
All Monday walks are a maximum of 3 miles.

For more information about the walks please contact Walks Leader Graham Thomas

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Whilst your safety and well-being are of great importance to the Society, you are ultimately responsible for your own safety and therefore take part at your own risk.

Always tell the Walk Leader if you need to leave a walk early.

Respect all wildlife, follow the Countryside code. Keep to the rights of way. Respect other walkers.



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