

Events run by Chichester Harbour Conservancy

Below are details of our walks and events and boat trips for the next three months

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Take up a new hobby this autumn - Introduction to Bird Watching – Saturday 7 November

Sat 3 Oct Solar Boat Trip: Harbour Discovery

Departs: Itchenor At: 11:00 Fare: £7 / £3.50

Come onboard the Solar Heritage to learn more about this unique Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. All tickets to be booked in advance on 01243 513275.

Sun 4 Oct Solar Boat Trip: Harbour Discovery

Departs: Itchenor At: 14:00 Fare: £7 / £3.50

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Fri 9 Oct Last 100 years of the Harbour

7pm / 1½ hours

An informal talk about many aspects of the last hundred years of Chichester Harbour, based on a book with a similar title by the late Monika Smith and including many of her wonderful photographs. Entry £2 to include refreshments. Meet: Harbour Education Centre, Dell Quay. Roadside parking.

Sat 10 Oct Solar Boat Trip: Harbour Discovery

Departs: Itchenor At: 11:00 Fare: £7 / £3.50

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Sun 11 Oct Solar Boat Trip: Harbour Nature

Departs: Itchenor At: 14:00 Fare: £7 / £3.50

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Sat 17 Oct Solar Boat Trip: Harbour Discovery

Departs: Itchenor At: 11:00 Fare: £7 / £3.50

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Sun 18 Oct Solar Boat Trip: Harbour Legends

Departs: Itchenor At: 14:00 Fare: £7 / £3.50

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Wed 21 Oct Creebies: East Head and National Trust

9.50 for 10am start / 1½ hours

A gentle walk of up to 1 mile (1.6 km) in the company of Andrew Lawrence, Warden for the National Trust at East Head, hearing about this splendid sand dune area and Andrew's role in looking after it. Fee £2 per person on the day to include refreshments (£1 to the National Trust).

Meet: by the gate at the far end of West Wittering Beach car park. Usual parking fee will apply. A free return minibus trip sponsored by the Friends of Chichester Harbour is available from Chichester railway station for this event, please contact the Chichester Harbour Office for the pick up time and to book your seat at least 24 hours in advance. (No need to book if you do not want to use the minibus.)

Sat 24 Oct Solar Boat Trip: Harbour Discovery

Departs: Itchenor At: 11:00 Fare: £7 / £3.50

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Sun 25 Oct Emsworth Oyster Trail

9.50 for 10am start / 1½ hours

A short introduction about Emsworth in times gone by followed by a walk of up to 1 mile (1.6 km) in the company of John Tweddle of Emsworth Museum. Meet: Emsworth Museum, North Street, Emsworth. Free entry but donations welcome to the museum. Parking in Palmers Road car park near the museum (pay and display).

Sun 25 Oct Solar Boat Trip: Harbour Discovery

Departs: Itchenor At: 14:00 Fare: £7 / £3.50

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Tues 27 Oct Solar Boat Trip: Harbour Discovery

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Tue 27 Oct Little Cockles: Hedgehog Homes and Snail Trails

9.50 for 10am start / 1½ hours

A fun session outdoors for families with children up to 5 years old. Today we will be exploring the oak woodland of Salterns Copse and the shoreline at Copperas Point. Bring a snack for a break, wear old clothes and bring a small bucket for any treasures to take home. No dogs please. Meet: initially in the free visitors' car park to Chichester Marina (off the A286 two miles south of Chichester), we will then drive through the barrier to park down by the shoreline.

Wed 28 Oct Chichester Harbour Modern History: Family Fun

10am / 2 hours

A romp through the recent history of Chichester Harbour through fun activities to include the building of the Chichester Canal, the harbour as a trading port and preparing for D Day in the Second World War. Some of this event will include going outside so bring outdoor gear and wellies too. In partnership with Chichester District Museum. Safety briefing 10am prompt. Fee £3 per head to include refreshments. **BOOKING ESSENTIAL.**

Meet: Harbour Education Centre, Dell Quay. Roadside parking.

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Sun 1 Nov Chidham Circular: Walk

9.50 for 10am start / 2½ hours

A 5 mile (8km) walk of the Chidham peninsula shoreline taking in the splendid views to Nutbourne Bay, from Cobnor Point and to Bosham. The paths may be muddy and some are well worn. Bring a snack for a short break. Meet: Cobnor Amenity Car Park. Take Chidham Lane to its southerly point and the entrance to the car park can be found at the point the road bends to the right.

Sat 7 Nov Introduction To Harbour Bird Watching

10am / 2 hours

From the warmth and dry of our classroom, learn about the birds in Chichester Harbour and why many thousands come to the harbour for the winter, and then do some bird watching from the quay. Bring binoculars if you have them. Free entry. Meet: Harbour Education Centre, Dell Quay. Roadside parking.

Sun 15 Nov Joan Edom Bird Walk

10.20 for 10.30am start / 2 hours

The first bird watching walk of the season held in memory of the harbour's first conservation warden, Joan Edom, who held bird walks at this time of day on winter Sundays for many years. We stroll along the harbour shoreline taking time to observe and identify the birds. For beginners to experts. Dress warmly and for muddy conditions and bring binoculars. No dogs please. Meet: by footpath next to gate in Farm Lane (off A259, nearly opposite caravan dealers), Nutbourne. Roadside parking with respect for local residents please.

Wed 18 Nov Harbour Creekies: Managing Chichester Harbour Talk

10am / 1½ hours

An indoor session in the warmth and dry of the Education Room at the Lifeboat Station on Hayling, hearing about Chichester Harbour and the role of the Conservancy in managing this busy recreational harbour and Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Fee £2 per person on the day (£1 to RNLI) to include refreshments. Meet: Education Room upstairs at the Lifeboat Station, by kind permission of the RNLI. Off Bracklesham Road (entrance gate shared with Hayling Island Sailing Club), Hayling Island. Parking next to lifeboat station. A free return minibuss trip sponsored by the Friends of Chichester Harbour is available from Chichester and Havant railway stations for this event, please contact the Chichester Harbour Office to find out times and book your minibuss seat at least 24 hours in advance. No need to book this event if you do not want to use the minibuss.

Sat 21 Nov Birds by Boat

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Come onboard for a 1½ hour trip on the Solar Heritage. A guide will help you identify the birds that spend the winter in Chichester Harbour. All tickets to be booked in advance on 01243 513275.

Sat 28 Nov Bird Walk: Thorney Little Deeps and Eames Farm

9.50 for 10am start / 2 hours

A walk of up to 2 miles (3 km) taking time to observe and identify the birds at Little Deeps and Eames Farm, Thorney Island. Dress warmly and bring binoculars. No dogs please. Meet: on corner of Thorney Road and Thornham Lane. Roadside parking area at junction of these roads.

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Sat 5 Dec Bird Walk Black Point

9.50 for 10am start / 1½ hours

A walk of up to 2 miles (3 km) at Black Point and Eastoke Point, taking time to observe and identify the birds. Dress warmly and bring binoculars. No dogs please. Refreshments kindly available at the Lifeboat Station afterwards (please bring some change for a donation). Meet: Education Room upstairs at the Lifeboat Station, by kind permission of the RNLI. Off Bracklesham Road (entrance gate shared with Hayling Island Sailing Club), Hayling Island. Parking next to lifeboat station.

Sun 13 Dec Birds by Boat

Departs: Itchenor At: 13:30 Fare: £7 / £3.50

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Sat 19 Dec Bird Walk Cobnor

9.50 for 10am start / 1½ hours

A short stroll around Cobnor Point on Chidham, taking time to look for and identify the harbour birds. Dress warmly and bring binoculars. No dogs please. Today we have the kind permission of the owners of Cobnor to park and meet in the private parking area next to the disabled parking spaces at Cobnor Point. Meet: Hard Users Car Park, Cobnor House. Take Road onto Chidham and at southern point of this road, take private road to Cobnor (including Cobnor Activities Centre), drive down and past turning to Activities Centre, the parking area is in the next field along on the left and will be signposted for this walk.

Wed 30 Dec Birds by Boat

Departs: Itchenor At: 12:00 Fare: £7 / £3.50

Come onboard for a 1½ hour trip on the Solar Heritage. A guide will help you identify the birds that spend the winter in Chichester Harbour. All tickets to be booked in advance on 01243 513275.

Sun 10 Jan Birds by Boat

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Wed 13 Jan Harbour Creekies: Birds of Prey & Owls

10am / 1½ hours

An indoor session in the warmth and dry of our classroom, hearing about the birds of prey and owls we are most likely to see in and around Chichester Harbour. Fee £2 per person on the day to include refreshments. Meet: Harbour Education Centre, Dell Quay. Roadside parking. A free return minibus trip sponsored by the Friends of Chichester Harbour is available from Chichester railway station for this event, please contact the Chichester Harbour Office for the pick up time and to book your seat at least 24 hours in advance. (No need to book if you do not want to use the minibus.)

Tue 19 Jan Bird Walk: Langstone

10.50 for 11am start / 1½ hours

A walk of up to 2 miles (3 km) along the shoreline, taking time to observe and identify the birds. Dress warmly and bring binoculars. No dogs please. Meet: free public car park off A3023 on shoreline at Langstone next to the Ship pub near the road bridge on to Hayling Island.

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Sat 30 Jan Photography on Hayling

9.30am / 6 hours Be inspired by Chichester Harbour and the guidance of professional Iain McGowan to take great photographs. Beginners to experts welcome. Bring the camera equipment you already have and plenty of film if you aren't digital. A tripod will be useful, if you don't have one do try to borrow one for the day. Also, bring outdoor gear, wellies, and a packed lunch. Half day review session on Saturday 27 March. Safety briefing 9.30am prompt. Fee £25 for both sessions, including refreshments. **BOOKING ESSENTIAL.** Meet: Education Room upstairs at the Lifeboat Station, by kind permission of the RNLI. Off Bracklesham Road (entrance gate shared with Hayling Island Sailing Club), Hayling Island. Parking at lifeboat station.

Sun 31 Jan Bird Walk: Nutbourne for World Wetlands Day

9.20 for 9.30am start / 1½ hours A walk of up to 2 miles (3 km) along the harbour shoreline taking time to observe and identify the birds. Dress warmly and for muddy conditions and bring binoculars. No dogs please.

Meet: by footpath next to gate in Farm Lane (off A259, nearly opposite caravan dealers), Nutbourne. Roadside parking with respect for local residents please.