



READING AND DISTRICT NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

COACH OUTING: SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2019  
DURLSTON NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE, NEAR SWANAGE,  
DORSET

Durlston National Nature Reserve lies within the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site. Sheer cliffs of Portland Limestone provide nesting sites for Guillemots, Razorbills, Fulmars and Shags. Dense scrub provides habitat for birds such as Dartford Warbler, Common and Lesser Whitethroat, Linnets and Stonechat. Early Spider-orchids, Green-winged Orchids and Early-purple Orchids are amongst the flowers to be found on the steep south-facing fields above the coast path. The reserve is home to 33 species of butterfly. Durlston Country Park has a Visitor Centre with seabird-viewing cameras, a café and toilets. We plan to split into 2 groups. One group will walk past the seabird colonies, along the coast path (which is very steep in places) and into the fields where we should find the orchids and butterflies. This group should bring a packed lunch. Those wanting a less strenuous outing can stroll along the coast path to the best seabird-viewing points, walk down the road to the lighthouse, or walk through the fields at the top of the Country Park. This group will have the option of either eating in the café or bringing a picnic lunch. We plan to leave Durlston at 16:00 and aim to be back in Reading by 19:00. Strong footwear and weather-proof clothing are recommended. Durlston Country Park has a website at <https://www.durlston.co.uk/>

The coach will pick up at three points. Please indicate on the form where you will be:

1. At 08:00 at the corner of Gurney Close and Woodcote Road, Caversham. Parking is available at the nearby Mapledurham Playing Fields
2. At 08:10 at Reading Station, northern interchange, Trooper Potts Way, stop ND
3. At 08:30 at the car park at High Street, Theale at the junction with Hoad Way, where there is a £1.30 parking charge.

The cost is £27. Please book as soon as possible, making your cheque out to Reading and District Natural History Society and send it to:

Jan Haseler, 99 Westwood Road, Tilehurst, Reading, RG31 5PY

Tel: 0118 9414750 / 07464 603236

ALL SEATS TO BE BOOKED AND PAID FOR BY SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019

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I/We would like \_\_\_ place(s) on the RDNHS coach trip to Durlston National Nature Reserve on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2019. I enclose a cheque for £\_\_\_\_\_ at £27 per head.

Name/s (please print) .....

Address.....

Tel ..... Mob .....

Please ring round your choice of pick-up point:

1. Gurney Close

2. Reading Station

3. Theale car park