

# NPS Conference 2008-Field Trips

ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL BEGIN THEIR FIELD TRIP WITH A SHORT TALK IN  
THE ANCIENT COURT OF VERDERERS

## **A - COASTAL CHALLENGES**

**Leader: Steve Trotter and Andrew Colenutt**

Minibus to Salt Grass Lane between Keyhaven and Milford. Walk for approx 1½ miles to the end of Hurst Spit and, if time allows, a short tour of the Castle. Return by ferry to Keyhaven. Walk from Keyhaven approx ½ mile. All walking is on the flat although the Spit is composed of shingle and, therefore, harder work. Boots/warm clothing/wet weather gear recommended.

## **B - THE NATIONAL PARK AND THE PRESSURES OF URBAN SOUTH HAMPSHIRE**

**Leader: Ted Johnson**

Minibus to Hilltop via Beaulieu and on to Calshot, Hythe Marina and the Waterside to discuss urban pressures in these heavily residential/industrial areas of the National Park. Back via A35 to Lyndhurst. Physical content minimal with, perhaps, a short walk.

## **C - STRAIGHT DITCH TO MEANDERING STREAM**

**Leaders: Peter Frost and Neil Sanderson**

Minibus to Canadian Cross and walk down to the Highland Water to explore the stream and Inclosure restoration work. A pleasant walk of 2-3 miles through Inclosure, open heathland and ancient woodland. Terrain good but need to be able bodied. Walking boots/wellies advised.

## **D - COMMONER'S HOLDING AND BEAULIEU ROAD SALES YARD**

**Leaders: Caroline Stride and Jonathan Gerrelli**

Minibus to the Stride's holding at Bolderwood, where Caroline and her family live and work, to learn about the day-to-day life of a New Forest Commoner. Then by minibus to the Beaulieu Road Sales yard, where animals are auctioned, in the company of Head Agister Jonathan Gerrelli. Short walks may be included, time permitting, but nothing too strenuous. Boots recommended.

## **E - TRANSPORT ISSUES - LYNDHURST 'PLUM IN THE MIDDLE'**

**Leaders: Peter Roberts and Georgina Babey**

Walk directly from the Verderer's Court. Lyndhurst is a Forest 'honey pot' as well as being its administrative 'capital'. This tour will look at the traffic and recreational pressures and give administrative and historical perspectives of the village and surrounding area, including Bolton's Bench. Approx 5 miles, not particularly strenuous, mostly on the flat. Walking boots advised.