

## 2010 TRAINING EVENTS

These will be of use mainly to those wishing to develop their NARRS surveying skills and others wishing to carry out surveys for conservation purposes. They are NOT usually designed for consultants wishing to use these skills in the course of their work. Attendees to courses run by ARC Staff will receive an attendance certificate if and when they complete a NARRS survey square! If you are not sure whether the courses are for you, please contact the relevant person listed below.

### 1. AMPHIBIAN AND REPTILE SURVEYING AND MONITORING (ARSM) COURSES by ARC Staff

Including NARRS surveying and GCN techniques. (A small fee of £10 will be charged for materials and refreshments for these courses)

- Dorset (Furzebrook Village Hall) 24 – 25 March. **Register your interest NOW! BOOKING OPEN! Booking required ASAP!** Contact [johnw.wilkinson@arc-trust.org](mailto:johnw.wilkinson@arc-trust.org)
- South Wales (Kenfig National Nature Reserve) 15 – 16 April. Register ASAP. **BOOKING FORMS NOW AVAILABLE!** Contact [johnw.wilkinson@arc-trust.org](mailto:johnw.wilkinson@arc-trust.org)
- Somerset (in partnership with SERC, venue will be in Wellington with field trip/s) **DATES NOW CONFIRMED as 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> April. Booking forms available soon!** For details please contact [johnw.wilkinson@arc-trust.org](mailto:johnw.wilkinson@arc-trust.org)

### 2. ENGLAND

#### ESSEX

**NARRS Amphibian Surveys - run by Essex ARG.** THE WRITTLE ROOM, WRITTLE COLLEGE, ESSEX, Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March, start 1400 and on into the evening for surveying.

Location/Direction: [http://www.writtle.ac.uk/pdfs/5/Writtle\\_College\\_Map.pdf](http://www.writtle.ac.uk/pdfs/5/Writtle_College_Map.pdf)

<http://www.writtle.ac.uk/pdfs/5/Writtle%20College%20Campus%20Maps.pdf>

(The Writtle Room is in the Essex Conference Suite. Delegates should follow signage to the Essex Conference Suite and to Student Parking). To reserve a place please email [essex\\_arg@hotmail.com](mailto:essex_arg@hotmail.com) or call Graham Hart 07918 146234 or Ray Cranfield on 01702 540600.

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## North Yorkshire NARRS Training:

**Saturday 10th April 2010, Reptiles 2.00pm – 5.00pm and Amphibians 6pm – 8.30pm. To be held at Skipwith Village Hall and Skipwith Common, Skipwith, North Yorkshire.** A one-day training event for volunteers signed up to take part in the above surveys for the National Amphibian and Reptile Recording Scheme (NARRS). Training in amphibian and reptile identification, habitat assessment, survey methods, survey protocols, recording, health & safety, licensing, and landowner permissions. Bring stout footwear, wellies and waterproofs. For the after-dark session, a powerful torch will be useful if you have one. Contact Andrew or Clare McIlwraith ([andy\\_mcilwraith@jacobs.com](mailto:andy_mcilwraith@jacobs.com) or [clare.mcilwraith@wyg.com](mailto:clare.mcilwraith@wyg.com)) to book a place. Make sure you are also registered to take part in NARRS (sign up at [www.narrs.org.uk](http://www.narrs.org.uk)).

## Surrey:

**Reptile and Amphibian Training Day, Nower Wood Educational Nature Reserve, Mill Way, Leatherhead, Surrey KT22 8QA - TQ194546, Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2010, 0945 – 2100.** Attendance for NARRS surveyors is free, by prior appointment only please! Email: [Chair@Surrey-arg.org.uk](mailto:Chair@Surrey-arg.org.uk) to book a place.

## Warwickshire:

**Courses run by Warwickshire Wildlife Trust / WART**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March - Amphibian Surveying Workshop**

3pm – 5pm (indoor), 7pm – 9pm (outdoors).

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April - Reptile Surveying Workshop**

Start 10.30am (Full Day) This workshop is aimed at the non professional who is interested in helping us survey reptiles on our nature reserves. Learn more about the ecology and behaviour of Reptiles. The workshop will involve both an indoor ID session to help you improve your ID skills in the morning, and then an afternoon visit to a reptile site to see the animals in their natural environment.

**Cost:** £10 per person which includes a free Warwickshire Amphibian and Reptile Team (WART) membership. If you book on the amphibian workshop (on 13<sup>th</sup> March) the reptile workshop is free. Price also includes refreshments and FSC identification chart.

Places are confirmed upon receipt of payment in advance.

**Venue:** 2km SE of Coventry. Brandon Marsh Nature Centre is sign posted with a brown sign just off the A45 heading towards Northampton/London away from the Toll Bar Round About. Turn left onto Brandon Lane just after the petrol station. Entrance SP386761 – Meet in the barn.

**Booking Essential:** Contact the visitor centre on 024 7630 2912 or [enquiries@wkwt.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@wkwt.org.uk) (Places are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment).

Please note that Lunch is not included so for the full day events please either bring a packed lunch or lunch can purchased from the café at Brandon Marsh.



### 3. SCOTLAND

#### **Angus (Amphibians):**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2010, 10:00 - 22:00hrs, Venue: Aberlemno Village Hall, Aberlemno, Nr. Forfar (NO 521 558).** Volunteer surveyors are currently sought in the Angus area for the National Amphibian and Reptile Recording Scheme (NARRS). No specific experience is necessary as free training will be provided in amphibian and reptile identification, habitat assessment, survey methods, survey protocols, recording, health & safety, licensing, and landowner permissions. If you have a love of wildlife and the great outdoors, and can spare some time over the spring and summer months, this survey is for you! Please bring stout footwear, wellies and waterproofs.

#### **Angus (Reptiles):**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2010, 10:00 - 15:00hrs, Venue: Glenesk Hotel, Edzell, Nr. Brechin (NO 602 685)**

To ensure your place on either or both of the above courses, please contact **Trevor Rose on 07778 830192** or email to [secretary@thebhs.org](mailto:secretary@thebhs.org)

#### **Easter Ross:**

**Amphibian and Reptile Surveying workshop, Hill of Fearn Village Hall Sunday 11th April 2010 10am till 4pm.** Come along and learn how to survey for amphibian and reptiles for the National Amphibian and Reptile Recording Scheme (NARRS) and contribute to the knowledge of amphibians and reptiles in the Highlands. Indoor lessons at Hill of Fearn Village Hall followed by a visit to a local woodland to investigate its ponds looking for frogs, toads and newts and other habitats for common lizard and maybe a slow worm or even an adder. Bring your own lunch and material for making drinks as there will be facilities for making tea and other hot drinks. Wear suitable clothing and footwear for the weather and boggy ground in the wood. Free but donations welcome for future workshops  
Booking required as numbers limited so please contact Martin Hind the Highland Council Countryside Ranger at [martin.hind@highland.gov.uk](mailto:martin.hind@highland.gov.uk) or by phone on 01349 868563

#### **Wester Ross:**

**NARRS Training Day, meet at Aultbea Hall, Aultbea, Wester Ross IV22, 12:00 Saturday 17th April.** For more information and to book a place, contact: Lindsey Duncan, Highland Council Countryside Ranger, Wester Ross, Planning & Development Service, Highland Council Service Point, North Road, Ullapool, Ross-shire, IV26 2XL. Tel: 01854 613904 Mobile: 07881 502230 E-mail: [lindsey.duncan@highland.gov.uk](mailto:lindsey.duncan@highland.gov.uk)

