



RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Moors Valley Country Park Walk

Date: 6th February 2018
 Weather: Sunny, 7 degrees C
 Walk Leaders: Lyn & Gerry Traves
 Attendees: 14

Moors Valley Country Park is situated in Ashley Heath, Dorset and is managed in partnership by the Forestry Commission and East Dorset District Council. It features miles of walking and cycling paths and tracks signposted by different coloured bands, along with a tree top walkway, a Go Ape course, high ropes course, cycle hire, Forest Segway and a children's natural play trail. There is also a narrow gauge steam railway, golf course and a visitor centre and cafe currently exhibiting the British Wildlife Photographic Awards, stunning wildlife photography from some of the best photographers in the UK. A ranger service provides a wide range of events and an educational programme.

Our walk started at Potterne Park, Verwood which houses sports arenas and a pavilion and leads into Moors Valley Country Park. We turned right at Crane Bridge passing by the golf course to Moors Lake and onwards to the Visitor Centre where we spent some time viewing the photography exhibition. We returned to Potterne Park via Moors Lake, Moors and Eblake Bridges to Crane Lake then alongside the River Crane.

Birds	Plants	Bryophytes and Lichens
Buzzard	Gorse	<i>Hypnum cupressiforme</i> - Cypress-leaved Plait-moss
Black-headed Gull	Hazel Catkin	<i>Orthotrichum lyellii</i> - Lyell's Bristle-moss
Robin	Alder Catkin	<i>Trentepohlia sp.</i> Orange looking lichen on tree trunks
Carrion Crow	Daisy	<i>Ulota crispa</i> - Crisped Pincushion moss
Long-tailed Tit	Goat Willow	<i>Platismatia glauca</i> - Varied Rag Lichen
Song Thrush	Reedmace	<i>Frullania dilatata</i> - Dilated Scalewort (Liverwort)
Greenfinch		
Magpie		
Rook		
Blackbird		
Dartford Warbler		
Nuthatch		
Mute Swan		
Blue Tit		
Cormorant		
Moorhen		
Coot		
Tufted Duck		
Gadwall		
Little Egret		
Reed Bunting		
Grey Heron	Birds Continued	
Mallard	Wigeon	
Great Black-backed Gull	Pied Wagtail	
Chaffinch	Jackdaw	
Wood Pigeon	Bullfinch	



Robin on Dogwood at Moors Valley Country Park by Lyn Traves