



RINGWOOD NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Rockford Common Walk

Date: 27th October 2018
 Weather: Cold and sunny becoming overcast 6 degrees C
 Walk Leaders: Maz & Will Russell
 Attendees: 12

Our walk took place after a very cold night and the autumns first frost. The walk started from the National Trust's sand pit car park at Moyles Court, three miles north east of Ringwood. It was a short circular walk around Rockford Common.

The common is managed by the National Trust, it is steeped in history from its traditional pastoral management of the livestock and local people to World War Two military history revealed by old bunkers, rifle butts and gun emplacements. Rockford Common's industrial past can be seen as grassy embankments and bowls as the result of gravel extraction. Our walk took us over hidden and gentle valley systems surrounded by mires and bogs, exposed plateaus of heather dotted with pine plantations and paths that wind through ancient woodland edges.

Flowering Plants	Fungi	Birds
Black Nightshade	Sulphur Tuft	Kestrel
Bramble	Brown Rollrim	Long-tailed Tit
Lesser Hawkbit	False Deathcap, var. <i>Alba</i>	Wood Pigeon
Common Ragwort	Turkeytail	Chaffinch
Gorse	Splitgill	Jackdaw
Bell Heather		Carrion Crow
Ling		Rook
Cross-leaved Heath		
Catsear		
Fruits		
Rose Hip		
Crab Apple		
Holly		



Rockford Common Walk - Splitgill by Lyn Traves