

Flower hunt and walk with Brighton and Hove Wildlife Forum



7th June 2026



Join us for walk around some beautiful chalk downland just on the edge of Brighton to hunt for chalk downland flowers both common and not so common. We will meet at 10am at Castle Hill carpark just north of the junction of Falmer Road (B2123) and Bexhill Road in Woodingdean. (What3words [sundial.blotting.kipper](https://www.what3words.com/sundial.blotting.kipper). Coordinates 50.84° N, 0.07° W). The carpark is on the right going north up Falmer Road from the Downs Hotel, which is at the junction of Falmer Road and Warren Road.

If you are travelling by bus the number 22, which leaves Churchill Square Stop C4 at 9.13am and the Royal Pavilion Stop R2 at 9.17am, will arrive at the Downs Hotel at 9.34am giving you plenty of time to walk up the Falmer Road to the car park.

From the car park will walk to Castle Hill National Nature Reserve and look out for chalk grassland plants, such as horseshoe and kidney vetches, dropwort, sainfoin, milkwort etc. as well as possibly a few special species like Nottingham Catchfly and Field Fleawort.

We will picnic on the hill so please bring a packed lunch with you as well as something to drink. There are no facilities on the reserve, but there will be the opportunity for a pint at the Downs Hotel at the end of the walk. After lunch we have several options for a route back to the car park and the one we will choose will depend on what we have already found.

Buses return to central Brighton from the stop opposite The Downs Hotel approximately every 20 minutes on Sundays.

The walk is about 5 miles with some uneven ground and steep slopes both up and down so please wear stout shoes and suitable clothing, including waterproofs if rain is forecast, suncream and a hat if it is hot. Carry water and a picnic lunch. Please bring any flower books you have to share. Advance booking required by email to bbas79@outlook.com. NO DOGS please.