

WDU3A Natural History Group trip to Rutland Water Monday 15th May 2023: £22

Rutland Water Nature Reserve is one of the best places to watch birds (and other wildlife) in the UK. This internationally famous nature reserve is managed by the Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust in partnership with Anglian Water and provides one of the most important wildfowl sanctuaries in the UK. It is also a hotspot in England for watching magnificent ospreys fishing over the lagoons.

We will be heading for the Anglian Water Birdwatching Centre, the gateway to the Egleton Nature Reserve, which makes up the larger part of Rutland Water Nature Reserve. A network of lagoons and wetlands, joined by meadows, hedgerows and woodlands, every inch of this beautiful place is bursting with wildlife. Facilities here include a visitor centre, bird hides, toilets, shop, cafe/refreshments, picnic area. Many of the hides and trails are wheelchair and pushchair friendly, and there is an electric buggy available for hire if booked in advance. If you don't bring your own lunch, you will be able to buy food (sandwiches, flapjacks) to take with you to eat at any point that takes your fancy or return to the café for lunch.

Further information about the reserve and a map can be found on the website www.lrwt.org.uk/awbc

Travel: Journey 1.5 – 2 hours. The coach departs from Tesco Superstore, Emscote Road, Warwick, CV34 5QJ, at 8.45am at the bus stop above the carpark. There is free parking at Tesco: park along the perimeter on the right-hand side as you enter. Depart from Rutland Water at 4:30pm, arriving in Warwick at 6/6:30pm.

Programme for the day: It will be possible to get tea/coffee in the café on arrival at the Reserve (approx. 10:30 am). We are trying to arrange an introductory talk about the reserve and what there is to see. After that you will be free to explore the reserve as you please. There are over 20 wildlife hides to explore, and both short and long walking routes around the network of lagoons and if you want something other than wildlife, the village of Egleton is a 5 minute walk away.

Refreshments/meals are NOT included in the cost. You can decide whether to purchase any food and drink in the café or bring your own. Bringing a bottle of water is recommended.

Payment Deadline: Please post £22 cheque payable to **WARWICK DISTRICT U3A**, *with completed slip below* to **Tricia Scott: 3 Marten Close, Hampton Magna, Warwick CV35 8UD**

Price includes transport, entrance to the reserve + driver's tip.

**** Seats are limited and will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis so please book early ****

Queries: Tricia Scott T: 07944 323415 E: tricia3scott@gmail.com

Cut off slip here: _____

WDU3A Outing Booking Form

Excursion: Rutland Water 15th May 2023

Please complete the following information for all travellers covered by the same payment. It will be used to inform you of any changes to the schedule and to contact you or an alternate person, if necessary, during the excursion. **Please note that only U3A members may go on our outings, due to Third Age Trust insurance requirements.**

Cost £22 per person

Cheques payable to 'Warwick District U3A'.

Name	WDU3A member-ship No.	Tel No.	Mobile No.	Email [postal address if no email]	Emergency Contact (Name/ tel no.)