

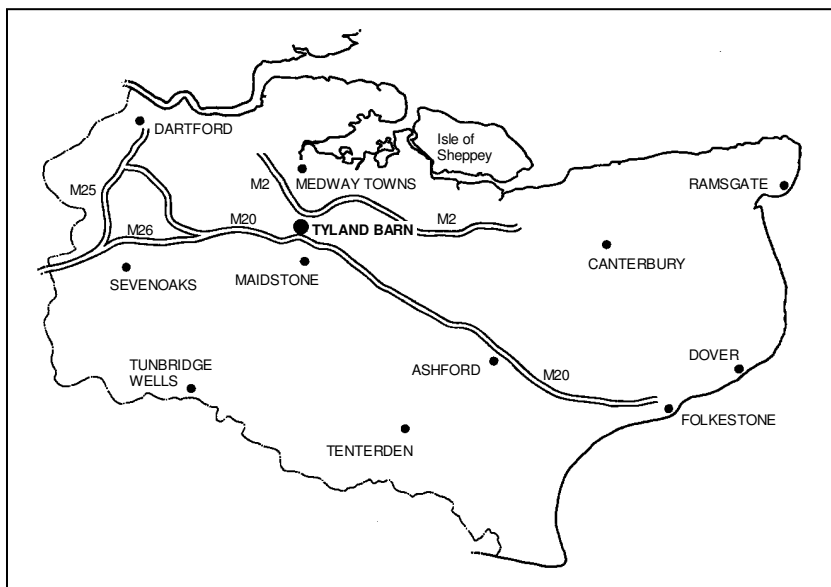
Kent Wildlife Trust Wildlife Study Day Information Sheet

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| No. | 20 | Title | Introduction to Spiders | Date | Saturday 12th June 2010 |
| No. of students | 15 | Start time | 10am | Finish time | 4pm |
| Leader | <p>Greg Hitchcock is an arachnologist and entomologist who has been employed by Kent Wildlife Trust as Thames Gateway Officer since June 2008. Before joining the Trust he worked for Buglife – The Invertebrate Conservation Trust. He is a council member of the British Arachnological Society and has taken part in interviews about spiders on radio and TV.</p> | | | | |
| Who should attend | Beginners | | | | |
| Meeting place | Tyland Barn Map Ref.TQ753594. See directions overleaf. | | | | |
| Other sites to be visited | None | | | | |
| Programme | <p>The morning session will be spent in the classroom covering the topics mentioned below, with a break for tea/coffee. After lunch we will spend time around Tyland Barn and the wildlife garden looking at the spiders to be found there (weather dependent).</p> | | | | |
| Subjects to be covered | <p>The course is designed to provide an introduction to spiders and the British spider fauna. Topics covered will include: What is a spider – their place in the animal world; external morphology; behaviour and webs; and a closer look at some of the common British families. Advice will be available to those who wish to take things further in terms of identification and recording.</p> <p>The afternoon session should help participants identify some of the common species of spiders found in gardens and buildings.</p> | | | | |
| What to bring | <p>Notebook and pen/pencil Packed lunch (or pre order from the shop at Tyland Barn) x10 Hand lens (these will also be available to borrow or buy on the day)</p> | | | | |
| Other information | <p>Spiders share a body plan of two body parts and eight legs, but display a great range of life strategies and behaviour. They are probably the most important terrestrial predators on the planet.</p> <p>There are about 650 species in the UK, and they are a tricky, but manageable and rewarding group to study. While about 80% of species require a microscope to identify, there are many common spiders that can be identified in the field to genus or even species level through general appearance or their webs.</p> | | | | |

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Tyland Barn, Sandling, Maidstone, Kent ME14 3BD Tel: 01622 662012

Tyland Barn is four miles north of Maidstone, on the junction of Chatham Road and Tyland Lane, Sandling, just off the A229 between the M20 and the M2.

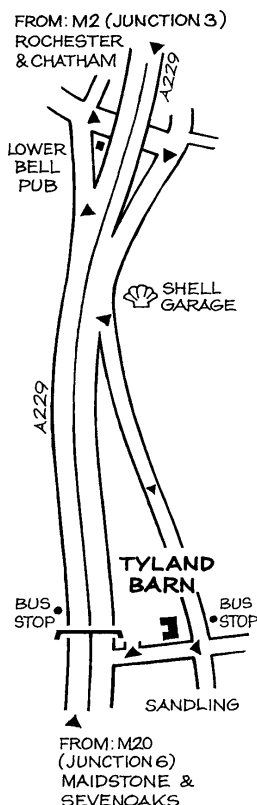


Travel to Tyland Barn by public transport

Nearest railway stations: Maidstone East and Chatham (both a bus ride away, or about a 40 minute walk from Maidstone East).

Arriva Bus 101. From Chatham: stops outside Tyland Barn.

From Maidstone: stops on the A229 (if requested!), opposite the Barn, at Cobtree Golfcourse (take footbridge over A229 and the Tyland Barn entrance is immediately on your left). Further details from Arriva (0871 2002233), www.arriva.co.uk Stagecoach East Kent (08456 002299), www.stagecoachbus.com and Metrobus (01293 449191) www.metrobus.co.uk NB. Not all services are frequent!



Travel to Tyland Barn by car

The Barn is adjacent to the A229 (just north of J6 of the M20), but it is only accessible via Chatham Road off the southbound carriageway of the A229, taking the turning immediately beside the entrance to the Shell garage on the southbound carriageway.

Follow the brown 'badger signs' on the Maidstone to Chatham road (A229), between the M2 (Junction 3) and the M20 (Junction 6).

If you are travelling northwards from Maidstone on the A229 dual carriageway, you have to go past the Barn (with a blue butterfly sign) on your right and go up to the next junction in order to return down the southbound carriageway. So, from the A229 northbound, north of the M20 (J6), take the left turn after the golf course entrance, proceed to the crossroads by the Lower Bell Pub, turn right, pass under the A229, and turn right and back onto the A229 going south. You have to turn off the A229 again almost immediately after joining it, immediately after/beside the Shell garage!