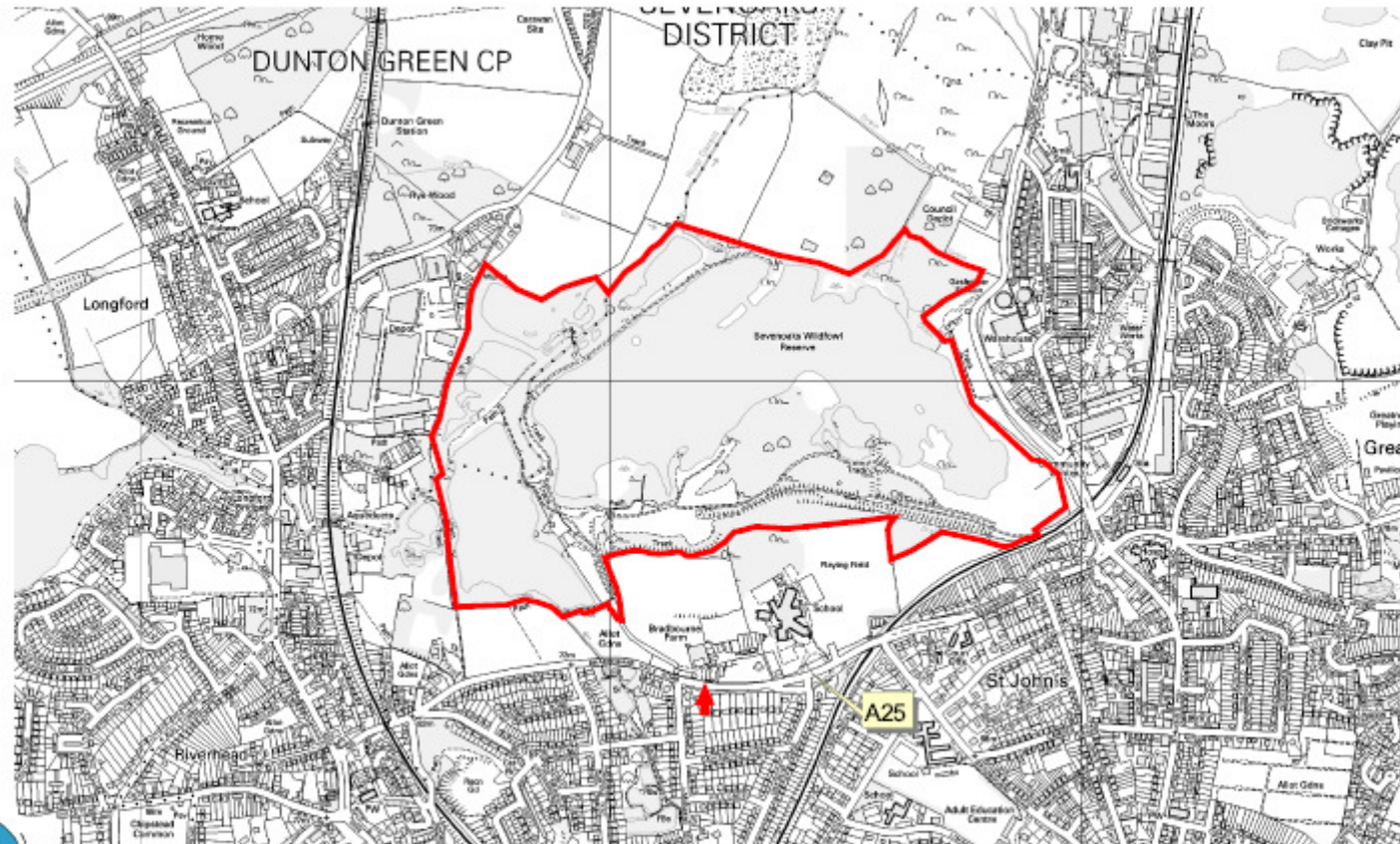


Kent Wildlife Trust Wildlife Study Day Information Sheet

No.	34	Title	Beginners' Guide and Introduction to the Fungi	Date	Wed 6 Oct 2010
No. of students	15	Start time	10am	Finish time	4pm
Leader	<p>Joyce Pitt –one of the county's leading mycologists, who has long experience of teaching adult education classes and leading field studies in this subject. Her exceptional experience of the fungi of Kent will ensure we have an interesting day.</p>				
Who should attend	<p>Those with an interest in the fungi but with little experience who wish to learn about physical characteristics which will assist in identification</p>				
Meeting place	<p>At the Jeffery Harrison Visitor Centre, Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve, on the north side of the A25, Bradbourne Vale Road, between Riverhead and the Bat and Ball crossroads. Map Ref TQ 520565</p>				
Other sites to be visited	<p>We may visit a nearby woodland site</p>				
Programme	<p>We shall spend the morning in the classroom with a tutorial covering the physical characters, habitats and identification features of macro fungi. We shall look at specimens and identify their physical features.</p> <p>AFTERNOON WILL BE SPENT LOOKING AT fungi in the Reserve (subject to the conditions of the year and the abundance of the fungi) and review specimens in the field. .</p>				
Subjects to be covered	<p>Physical characteristics, life cycle, reproduction, habitats, ecology and identification features. Advice will be given on books and field guides. We shall consider edibility but this study day is for those wishing to understand and identify fungi -not for the kitchen!</p>				
What to bring	<p>Hand lens 8x or 10x (some will be available for loan on the day) Packed lunch or light refreshments are available at Jeffery Harrison Visitor Centre. Suitable clothing and footwear for the field study visit. Toilets are available at the Jeffery Harrison Visitor Centre.</p>				
Other information	<p>Please note that the focus of the day will not be to collect edible species. It is a day devoted to understanding and identifying the fungi. There will be no collecting for the pot!</p> <p>At many sites (eg SSSI's and nature reserves) collecting is not allowed except for authorised education and scientific purposes.</p>				

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