

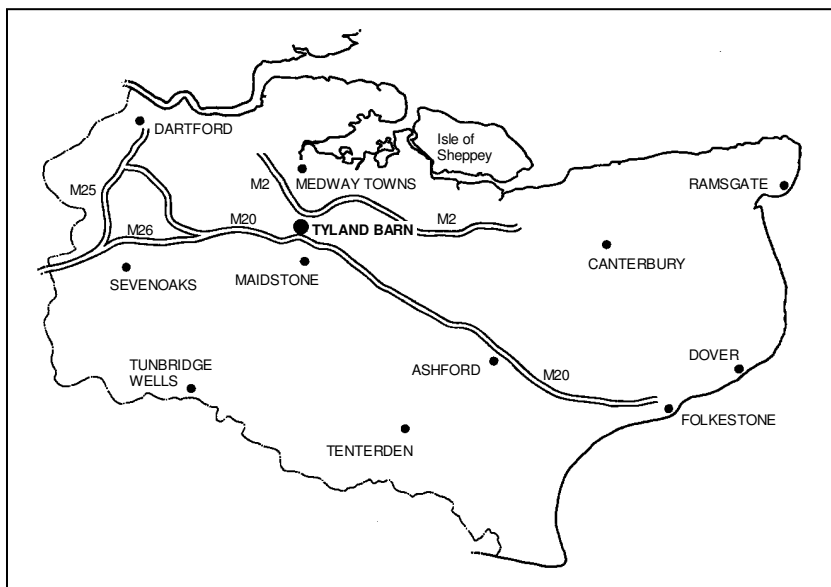
Kent Wildlife Trust Wildlife Study Day Information Sheet

No.	36	Title	Broad-leaved trees in autumn	Date	Saturday 16th October, 2010
No. of students	15	Start time	10am	Finish time	3-4pm
Leader	<p>Ros Bennett, Botanist and ecologist Ros was formerly a full-time tutor for the Field Studies Council in East Anglia and then organiser and leader of courses for FSC Overseas. She has written books on plants and habitats and has been teaching courses on identification and ecology for many years to all age groups from primary children through to University students, environmental professionals and interested adults.</p>				
Who should attend	<p>This day is suitable for beginners and all those who love trees but do not feel confident at identifying them. No previous knowledge will be assumed.</p>				
Meeting place	<p>Classroom at Tyland Barn, the Headquarters and largest visitor centre of Kent Wildlife Trust. Map Ref. TQ 753594. See directions overleaf</p>				
Other sites to be visited	<p>Little further than the nature park around Tyland Barn</p>				
Programme	<p>This course will focus on the identification of, in particular, our native broad-leaved trees. At least the morning will be spent in the Barn classroom, sorting through specimens and getting to grips with the terminology of the different shapes of leaves and the structure and classification of fruits. We shall also use different keys to identification. Depending on weather conditions, most of the afternoon will be spent outside putting into practice what has been covered earlier.</p>				
Subjects to be covered	<p>Native trees; autumn colours and leaf fall; classification of fruits; identifying trees by their leaves and fruits.</p>				
What to bring	<p>A notebook and pencil. A x10 magnification hand lens (available from the Barn for £4.50). Books are not essential but you might like to bring your favourite, such as "Collins Tree Guide" by David More and Owen Johnson (£17.50). Suitable outdoor clothing (nothing very strenuous is planned) and a picnic lunch, though sandwiches can be purchased in the Barn restaurant.</p>				
Other information	<p>Autumn is an irresistible time to turn our attention to the broad-leaved trees. Soon they will start to transform our landscapes into a blaze of colour. Now is the time to learn what we can from the foliage and fruits, before we have to rely on twig formation and winter silhouettes to help us identify these important members of our natural heritage.</p>				

Kent Wildlife Trust HQ and Visitor Centre

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.

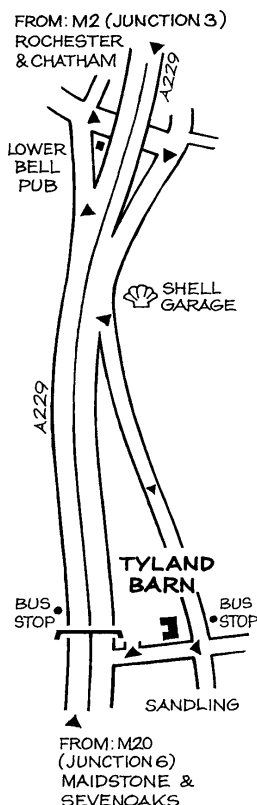


Travel to Tyland Barn by public transport

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!