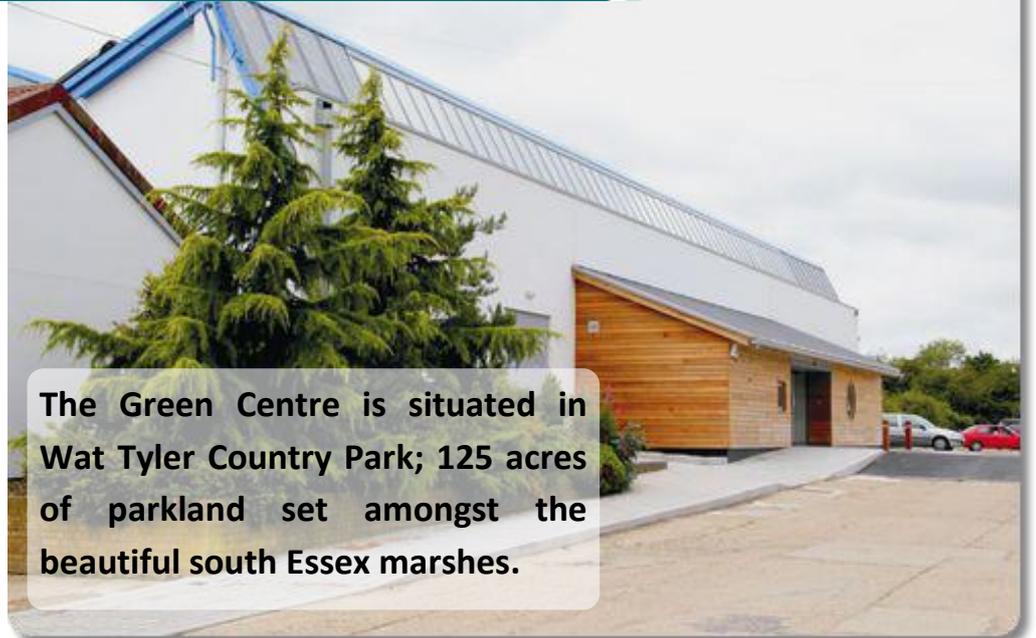


Introducing Hoverflies @ The Green Centre



Course Description

This one day course will provide an introduction to hoverflies, probably the most popular and photogenic of flies. Many of them are common and can be found in gardens and this course will allow you to identify some of those you are most likely to come across. The course will include a mixture of class work and field activities. Please note the venue for this course is the Green Centre in Wat Tyler Country Park. Please bring a packed lunch.

This course runs from 10.00 to 16.00. Please bring packed lunch.

Course Schedule

09.45 - Registration and coffee

10.00 - An illustrated introduction to hoverflies

10.45 – A walk in the country park looking for specimens

01.00 – Lunch

02.00 - Classroom session; Identification of specimens using microscopes and keys

16.15 - Closing discussion

16.30 - End of course

About the Tutor

Roger Payne has been interested in studying and recording hoverflies since the 1970s, when he was engaged in an MSc research project on their ecology. On moving to Westcliff in 1980, he worked as natural history curator at Southend Museum where he continued to record hoverflies, particularly in Essex. He is now retired but remains the hoverfly recorder for the Essex Field Club.

Location address

The Green Centre, Wat Tyler Country Park, Pitsea Lane, Pitsea, Essex SS16 4UH . By road via the A13, by rail Fenchurch Street, London stopping at Pitsea C2C Rail Station. The Green Centre is the first large building on the right after entering Wat Tyler Country Park south across the rail crossing from Pitsea station.

What to Bring

Essential: Weather-appropriate outdoor clothing, stout boots for fieldwork

Optional: Any personal collecting gear and hoverfly books you may have (though collecting gear and keys will be provided)

Accessibility

The sites visited are on the level and accessible along good paths

Catering Option

Please bring a packed lunch

Transport Requirement

None required - all course work on-site

How to Book

Online <http://www.field-studies-council.org/centres/eppingforest/leisurelearning.aspx>

By phone 020 8502 8500

Disclaimer

All timings are approximate. This is an outline programme and may be subject to change according to the weather, requirements of the group or access restrictions to field sites on the day of the course