

# Field ID of Hoverflies



Date 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	Location BENHS Dinton Pastures	Level Beginner	Course fee* £5
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\*This course is offered at a reduced rate due to support from the FSC BioLinks project

## Course Overview

Hoverflies are some of the most obvious, charismatic and frequently encountered flies. There are many different species in a variety of shapes, sizes and colours – including some excellent mimics of species such as bumblebees. This day course will provide an introduction to hoverflies as a group, and after a presentation to start the day off you will learn how to find, catch and examine them, and where possible how to identify the species.

We will be using a variety of field guides, including the new 'Britain's Hoverflies A Field Guide' by Ball & Morris.

The day will include a mixture of classroom and outside sessions so please dress appropriately.

## Timetable

Please arrive in time for the course to start promptly at 10am. Refreshments will be available from 9.45am. The course will end at 4pm.

## What's included?

- 6 hours of tuition.
- Certificate of attendance.
- Light refreshments (tea, coffee and biscuits).
- Use of tea and coffee making facilities.
- Any excursions during the course will be on foot.

**Please note lunch is not included and you will need to bring your own packed lunch.**

## About the Tutor



**Martin Harvey** tutors regularly for FSC and for Manchester Metropolitan University.

He is an entomologist and biological recorder, working at the CEH Biological Records Centre. He runs the national recording scheme for Soldierflies and Allies and is a committee member for Dipterists Forum.

## What to Bring

- Notebook and pencil
- Field guides/keys (if you have one)
- Hand lens (if you have one)
- Lunch
- Small rucksack or bag
- Waterproofs (just in case!)
- Stout shoes, boots or wellies
- Water bottle and/or thermos flask
- Hat and sunscreen
- Casual clothing

There will be a member of staff with first aid training and access to a first aid kit on site. Please let us know as soon as possible if you have special medical or access requirements.

## Getting there

**The Pelham-Clinton Building, Dinton Pastures Country Park, Davis Street, Hurst, Reading, Berkshire, RG10 0TH**

<http://www.dinton-pastures.co.uk/plan-your-visit/parking-and-location/>

**By Car:** The Country Park is well sign posted and easily accessible from the A329M, M4 and A4. Less than thirty minutes drive from Maidenhead, Slough, Henley, Reading, Wokingham and Bracknell. Enter RG10 0TH into your sat nav or favourite mapping service. Please note that parking charges apply in Dinton Pastures Country Park and are charged at £1.50 per hour or a £6 flat rate for 4 hours plus.



**By Train:** The nearest train station is Winnersh, which is serviced by South West Trains and Great Western Railway. Please note that Winnersh station is a 20 minute walk from the venue.

**By Bus:** The country park is on the Courtney Bus routes 126, 128, 129 and the nearest stop is opposite the main entrance. The current bus timetables are available from Courtney Buses.

## How to Book

Please book online via [www.fscbiodiversity.uk/courses](http://www.fscbiodiversity.uk/courses). If you need to get in touch with us, please contact the FSC by phone on 01743 852174 or email on [biolinks@field-studies-council.org](mailto:biolinks@field-studies-council.org).

## About FSC BioLinks

FSC BioLinks is an exciting project for the FSC which brings together existing volunteers and naturalists with skills in biological recording and invertebrate identification, with new ones. It will run for 5 years and is funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. As part of the project remit a range of subsidised training courses are available. This course is part of a structured pathway of training courses on beetles. The diagram on the next page shows the FSC BioLinks training pathway for beetles and illustrates where this course fits into it.

