


Announcement of field trip

“HURST SPIT”

Saturday 18th September

led by Dr Ian West, University of Southampton

Provisional Programme (all times approximate)

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- 10.30** Meet at the footbridge at the corner of New Lane and Saltgrass Lane, adjacent to the marshes and the shingle spit. Free parking is available along both of these roads. From here we will head to the western end of the spit also taking time to discuss the sea defences at Milford-on-Sea, visit Sturt Pond, and then the larvikite rock armour.
- 11.30** We will then walk southeast on the gravel spit, discussing its origin and rebuilding.
- 12.15** We will examine the edge of the saltmarshes near the castle and discuss the problem of decline of *Spartina* and erosion of the marshes. We will also look at the granite walls of the Victorian extension of the castle at its western end.
- 1pm** We enter the castle. There is a break for toilets (only present within the castle), lunch and for people to look around at the displays at the castle at their leisure. A small café is located within the castle. Entry is (£3.50 or free for English Heritage members).
- 2pm** After lunch we will meet within the castle grounds and proceed to the old Henry VIII castle building to examine the rocks types used in its construction and discuss other geological and geomorphological matters relating to the castle and the spit.
- 3pm** Leave the castle. Return directly by boat to Keyhaven (£3) or if you wish, walk to the farthest southeastern part of the spit (not far) and discuss the problems of accretion and transport of shingle. A very short walk can be made in the direction of the re-curved extension of the spit.
- 3.15** Optional/weather dependant - If tide permits the sea defences on the outer side of the castle can be seen by walking back over the groynes here, or alternatively people may wish to take the boat back. Return, either by boat to Keyhaven and walking to New Lane or walk back down the Spit directly to New Lane.

Toilets are located at the car park in Keyhaven or in Sea Road about 100 m south of the centre of Milford-on-Sea.

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BOOKING FORM

Please book early to avoid disappointment as places are limited to 20 and will be allocated on a first-come basis. A fee of £5 per person will be payable on the day. Attendance at this field trip counts towards CPD.

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Please reserve me the following place(s) for the field trip to Hurst Spit on 18th September.

Name(s):

Organisation:

Email: Tel:

Contact in case of emergency during field trip:

Name :

Telephone:

Signed:

Please send this form to Wendy Fergusson, Gifford, Carlton House,
Ringwood Road, Woodlands, Southampton, Hampshire SO40 7HT

The Geological Society provides 3rd party cover for its members whilst on field trips. Any additional insurance required should be arranged on an individual basis.

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