

Procedure for booking for BSBI Field Meetings

Advance booking, as instructed in the programme for each meeting, is essential to enable the leaders to finalise meeting plans, as is notification of any booking cancellations. Members are requested to book by the given date, clearly stating their name, address & tel. number. It is also very helpful to indicate if coming by car and, if so, the number of spare seats available.

Members who have booked, and then find that they are unable to go to the meeting, must make every effort to let the leader know this as soon as possible. Where numbers are limited, other members are sometimes turned away while places are held for those booked. If a specific charge is not mentioned, there may be a small charge to cover expenses.

Members and guests attend meetings at their own risk. The Society has produced a revised Code for Safety on field meetings, which is made available to all leaders. The leader has the right to refuse participation to those who are not adequately shod or clothed, or properly equipped. In difficult terrain numbers will be restricted; this applies also to sensitive habitats where numbers must be limited, and leaders have the right to reject bookings beyond the number agreed as the maximum for any particular site. On mountain meetings it is essential that all those attending exactly follow the leader's instructions.

Members must arrange their own accommodation, which they themselves must cancel if they are unable to attend the meeting or if the meeting itself is cancelled.

Guests may be invited on application to the leader and are expected to observe all the conditions given herein. Where applicable, a booking fee must be paid on their behalf. The attention of members is drawn to the Code of Conduct and on field meetings no specimens should be picked, except at the discretion of the leader. Please note that field meetings are usually held for the exploration of little-worked areas for the study of a particular group of plants or to assist in the preparation or revision of a local Flora.

NB. BSBI Field Meetings are fun! They are also held to enable members to see and to learn how to identify a wide range of species. We do encourage members to take part.

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