

Birdwatching walk at Standlake gravel pits

Thursday 17th March 2022; 10am start

Leader: Lucy Kennery, Lower Windrush Valley Project Officer

Where: Meet outside the Rose Revived Pub at Newbridge (Postcode: OX29 7QD; Grid Ref: SP403014)

Parking: We have permission to park in the overflow car park at the pub

How to get there: please click the following link:

<https://www.greeneking-pubs.co.uk/pubs/oxfordshire/rose-revived/find-us/>

When: 10:00am on Thursday 17th March 2022

What to expect: a walk on level ground of about 2 miles. The path could be muddy, therefore wellies or walking boots are essential footwear.

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To book a place on this outing: Please email Alison at field@abnats.org.uk

PLEASE NOTE: some of us will be going for lunch at the Rose Revived pub after the walk. Please let Alison know in advance if you'd like to join us!

What we will see and hear about:

Lucy Kennery will take us to the bird hides at Standlake Common Nature Reserve. This nature reserve is one of many gravel pits in the Lower Windrush Valley, however this pit has been restored for wildlife, rather than for recreational use. From the two hides, which are normally only open to key-holders, we will be able to view the whole area of open water.

In mid-March we should see a good range of waterfowl including gadwall, pochard, pintail, shoveler, teal, wigeon, great crested grebe. If we're lucky, we might catch a glimpse of a kingfisher, and see more unusual visitors such as great white egret, lapwing and oystercatcher.



View across Standlake Common Nature Reserve (Photo: Lucy Kennery)