



ATF Wessex visit to Stock Gaylard and Lydlinch Common

Sturminster Newton, Dorset DT10 2BG

Saturday 13th July 2019

A rare chance to explore the historic parkland, wood pasture and ancient woodland of Stock Gaylard – an SSSI – hosting a mix of veteran trees including the ancient Crusader Oak, and an afternoon visit to Lydlinch Common – Butterfly nature reserve and SSSI.

Situated at the eastern edge of Blackmore Forest, the 1,800 acre estate was formerly a Saxon village in 1086 according to the Domesday survey. A license to empark deer was granted in 1268, marking Stock Gaylard as one of Dorset's earliest medieval deer parks. A herd of around 150 menil fallow deer still roam the 80 acre deer park today.

Booking Information

- Arrive 10:30am for 11:00am start (finishing at approx 3pm)
- Morning & afternoon walks around park and woodland
- Please bring your own packed lunch/refreshments
- Wear suitable outdoor clothing and footwear
- Mixed terrain unsuitable for wheelchairs or push chairs

To reserve a place email:

admin@ancienttreeforum.co.uk (limited places available)

