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Wildlife Trust**



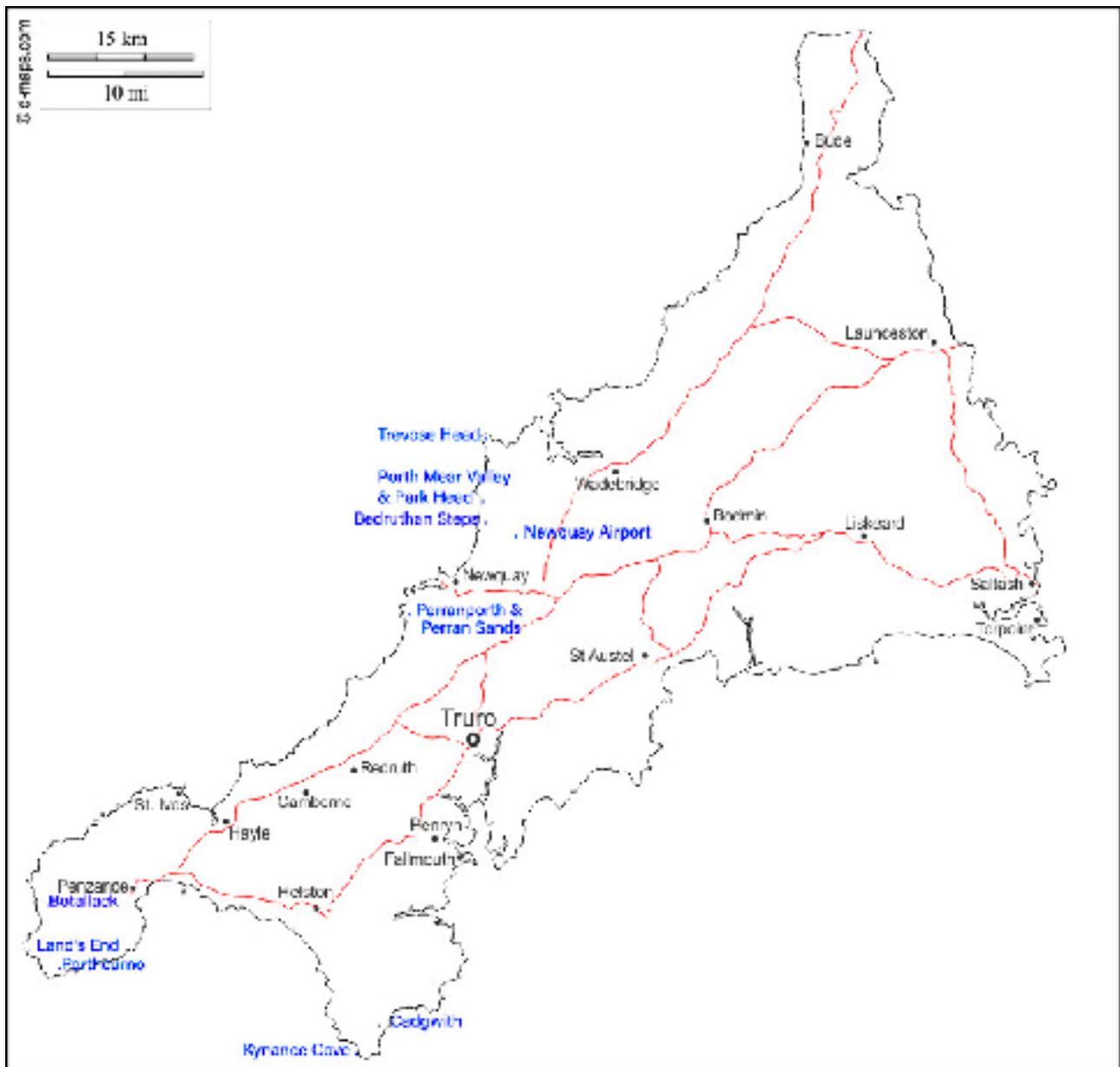
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40TH IFWP CONGRESS - CORNWALL 2020

18th to 22nd May



Cornwall Wildlife Trust Photographic Group welcome you to the beautiful Atlantic coast of Cornwall. Cornwall is a rugged peninsula on Britain's south western tip. It boasts almost 500km of coastline and is home to picturesque villages and harbours, towering cliffs, hundreds of sandy beaches, moorland, deep wooded valleys, ancient quoits, abundant and varied wildlife. Cornwall is steeped in history, from its Celtic roots to its tin mining industry, the remnants of which can be seen dotted across the county. China clay extraction and fishing were important to its economy, but it now relies heavily on agriculture and tourism.



We will stay at Perran Sands Holiday Park, which nestles in the dunes behind the 3.2km stretch of Perranporth Beach. Each Comfort Plus chalet has a double bedroom, twin bedroom, double bed settee in the living room, kitchen with fridge and microwave and bathroom. They sleep a total of six for those who want to share. However, we propose to allocate three or four people to each chalet. It will be helpful to know if there are couples coming

who can share a double bed. Most people will be assigned to twin rooms and we will try to keep friends together. More information is available at:

<https://www.haven.com/parks/cornwall/perran-sands/accommodation/chalets>

A 5 minute walk will take you onto the heart of Penhale dune system. Cornwall's largest, most diverse dune system, it dates back 5000 years. Covering around 1,600 acres it is the tallest dune system in Britain, reaching 90 metres in places. Important for plants, wildlife and geology, the area has been designated as both a Site of Special Scientific Interest and a Special Area of Conservation. Wind constantly reshapes the sands, scouring out wet and dry hollows that form sheltered havens for wildlife. The thin soil supports many rare plants and the area is particularly rich in insects.



It's a 10 - 20 minute walk, (depending on your fitness level), onto the glorious expanse of sand and pounding surf that is Perranporth Beach. It's a steep climb back up.



The programme will be finalised nearer the time but locations will include:

Porth Mear Valley and Park Head for birds, wildflowers, insects, rock pools, Cornish herringbone hedge, landscapes & seascapes.

A gentle walk down a peaceful valley full of wildlife leads to a shingle, stone and grey sand beach giving way to flat rock platforms and rock pools. A short climb leads to the clifftop with sweeping views towards Bedruthan Steps and Newquay in the distance. Six ancient Bronze age burial mounds dating from 1200-2500BC and an iron age cliff castle nestle into the neck of Park Head.



Trevose Head for birds, wildflowers, landscapes and seascapes. The headland lies within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and is home to a rich variety of wildlife and marine species. It is crowned by Trevose Head Lighthouse, built in 1847 as a guide for vessels in the Bristol Channel. The National Trust are working with the RSPB to enrich habitats and encourage more feathered visitors.





Bedruthan Steps mainly for seascapes and thrift, also with birds, other wild flowers and insects. Spectacular clifftop views look out over Bedruthan Steps, where a number of massive, pointed stacks stretch across the beach, bordered by swathes of pink thrift.

Botallack for flowers, insects, birds, the Cornish coast path, landscapes and seascapes. Part of the tin coast, this site is rich in Cornish mining heritage and is home to engine houses / mine buildings featured in the internationally popular BBC TV series Poldark. It is part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site, Cornwall and West Devon Mining Landscape.



In 2001, after an absence of 30 years, choughs, Cornwall's County emblem, have returned to Kynance on the Lizard.



Land's End - England's most westerly point for stone walls covered in lichen, wildlife, birds and seascapes. Towering granite cliffs meet the Atlantic Ocean and the weathering action of waves, wind and salt-spray has produced classic rocky coastal scenery with rock arches, sea stacks and off-shore rock islands. Over 100 shipwrecks have been recorded off Land's End and shipping is now protected by the Longships Lighthouse, standing sentinel 2km offshore.



Battered by predominantly westerly gales, Land's End hosts a wonderful variety of plant-life, including over 220 species of flowering plant and 81 species of lichen.



Porthcurno for wildflowers, insects, birds and seascapes. A sandy cove with towering cliffs, turquoise water and pounding surf, it's the home of the famous open air Minack Theatre built into the cliff. It's also where the first transatlantic telecommunications cables came ashore, in the age of copper wire, connecting the world. Now many sub-sea fibre optic cables have taken their place, coming ashore under the beach. The telegraphy history is commemorated in the village's highly regarded Telegraph Museum.



Cadgwith for a pebble beach, wildflowers, fishing boats & paraphernalia and landscapes.



The village's history is steeped in fishing, dating back 200 years when massive pilchard shoals migrated yearly to Cornish waters. In October 1845, one day's catch for Cadgwith fishermen was more than 15 million pilchards! By the 1920s the large pilchard shoals were no more and fishing is now on a much smaller scale.

Kynance for a sandy beach, spectacular scenery and colourful serpentine rock. The minerals in the rock make it a special place for wildflowers.



It is the only place in Cornwall where the very rare arctic species spring sandwort is found. Another Cornish rarity found here is the bloody cranesbill.



Species

We will find a wide variety of flowers; thrift, bluebells, foxgloves, gorse, spring squill, vetch, kidney vetch, the parasitic thyme broomrape, violets, common dodder, herb robert, sea campion, wild carrot, fumitory, sheep's-bit scabious, gladioli, tree mallow, bird's foot trefoil, stork's bill, dropwort, Dyer's greenweed, English stonecrop, lousewort, yellow iris, scurvy grass and oxeye daisies.

Butterflies: walled brown, speckled wood, orange tip, common blue, peacock, brown argus, small pearl-bordered fritillary.

Birds: chiffchaff, sedge warbler, bullfinch, goldfinch, Cetti's warbler, reed warbler, swallow, linnet gull, oystercatcher, meadow pipit, guillemot, razorbill, jackdaw, fulmar, shag, greenfinch, blackcap, gannet, red kite, kestrel, white throat, raven, tame starlings & house sparrows at Land's End visitor centre.

Others: grey seal, oak eggar moth caterpillar, rabbits, lackey moth caterpillar webs.

How to register and book a place on this congress.

The total cost is £300 for 4 nights accommodation, attendance on all trips and all food. Arrival will be on Monday 18th May in the afternoon with a

welcome meal in the evening. There will be a series of trips with all meals provided from the 19th to 21st of May. Departure will be after breakfast on Friday 22nd May. To reserve your place please pay a deposit of £100 per person by bank transfer into our bank account. You can do this individually or as a group.

Deposits of £100 are now being taken until midnight on 1st December 2019 and will secure your place. The first 36 people to pay their deposits will be guaranteed a place. We will do our best to accommodate additional numbers, but if this is not possible we may have to refund your deposit.

If you decide to withdraw from the congress having paid a deposit, we will not be able to refund the deposit unless we can find a substitute for your place, so please take out travel insurance to include cancellation cover for all eventualities. The remaining payment of £200 per person will be due by the 31st of March 2020.

Our bank details for bank transfers:

Swift code:	LOYDGB2L
Sort Code:	309626
Account Number:	47050060
BIC:	LOYDGB21446
IBAN:	GB80 LOYD 3096 2647 0500 60

Please use your family name (surname) and initial as a reference when making the payment, if making a booking for several people please use the first family name and initial on the spreadsheet as your reference.

You may also need the following information to make your payment:

Bank Address: Lloyds Bank, Oldham Branch, P.O. Box 1000, BX1 1LT

Account holder and contact address: David Chapman, 41 Bosence Road, Townshend, near Hayle, Cornwall, TR27 6AL

When you pay the deposit please also complete the details on the spreadsheet accompanying this mailing and send it by email to David Chapman: david@davidchapman.org.uk (David will acknowledge receipt of this and the deposit.) If you require transfers to and from Newquay airport, please provide flight details on the spreadsheet.

Any questions about payments please contact David Chapman. For general questions please contact Adrian Langdon: adrian.langdon@btinternet.com

Arriving

Newquay airport is 24km from Perran Sands Holiday Park. Direct services are available from Ireland, Germany, Denmark, Portugal and Spain and

indirect services from around the world. More info is available at:

<https://www.cornwallairportnewquay.com>

Brittany Ferry sailings are available from Roscoff, France and Santander, Spain to Plymouth. The ferry port is 88km from Perran Sands. More info is available at:

<https://www.brittany-ferries.co.uk>

For those arriving into other airports or ferry ports, the nearest main line railway station is Truro, 16km from Perran Sands. More info is available at:

<https://www.gwr.com/plan-journey>

There is a bus available from Truro railway station to Perran Sands. More information is available at:

<https://bustimes.org/services/87-newquay-perranporth-st-agnes-truro>

Car hire is available at all of the above arrival points. For those not bringing their own car, or hiring a car, transport will be available for transfers to and from Newquay airport and to locations throughout the congress meeting.

Extra costs during the congress will include car parking for those with cars and entrance to any visitor attractions that delegates wish to visit.

Sunrise will be around 0530 and sunset 2100. The weather is usually very pleasant in May but can be unpredictable in Cornwall, so rain is a possibility. The sun can be hot, so sunscreen and sun hats as well as wet weather gear, are advisable. Evenings can be cool, so warm clothing and gloves are also a good idea.