

# NEW FOREST

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February (end 5<sup>th</sup> week)

Despite its misleading name the New Forest is not new, but quite the opposite - it was created as a deer hunting area by William the Conqueror in 1079! There is a wealth of places to visit and explore in the New Forest, each season provides a change of scene from the rich deep colours of spring and summer to the seasons of mists and mellow fruitfulness. The landscape is a mosaic of ancient and ornamental woodland, open heather-covered heaths, rivers and valley mires, a coastline of mudflats and saltmarshes, and pretty, historic villages. What is more, the New Forest is believed to have the highest concentration of ancient trees in Western Europe!

And of course, don't miss the chance to meet deer and ponies!



**Trip Organiser:** Mariia Sedykh ([mariia.sedykh@spc.ox.ac.uk](mailto:mariia.sedykh@spc.ox.ac.uk))

**Leader:** TBC

**Departure:** 08:00am outside Trinity gates, Broad Street.

**Return:** Late evening

**Trip cost:** £12

**Lunch:** packed and probably we will stop for dinner on our way back, so don't forget to bring some money!

**Sign up:** At free tea, or fill in the online booking form on the website **Important:** Only OUWC members can be allowed on weekend and minibus day trips. There is balloting procedure for oversubscribed trips, and if a member drops out of a trip they can only be refunded the trip fee if the vacated space is filled. Please provide payment by the end of 1st week in order to be entered into the ballot of the trip.

**Equipment to bring:** You will need a pair of well worn-in walking boots with ankle support, waterproofs, warm clothes and a packed lunch. Please note that trip leaders will refuse participation to anyone who is deemed inappropriately equipped. Waterproofs and sleeping bags can be borrowed from the walking club, but please let us know well in advance of the trip. A more detailed equipment list will be circulated amongst participants by email closer to the time of departure.