

Hello everyone

June MEETING

Our next CANWOS meeting will be on Saturday 24th June, starting 1.30pm or so, at Alyn Waters Country Park at Llay, three miles north of Wrexham. One of the Park Rangers will lead us on a walk of about two hours to see the wild orchids in the area. When I lived in Rainhill, I used to go to this site with Jean and Henry Wood as it had a large population of bee orchids.

You must go to the visitor car park on the Llay side of the River Alyn, NOT the main Visitor Centre in Gwersyllt, off the Wrexham-Mold road.

To get there from Chester, drive towards Wrexham on the A483 road. Leave at the A483 at the Rossett-Llay interchange and follow signs for Llay, effectively turning to the right onto the B5102. After about 2 miles you will cross the B5373 at traffic lights and drive into Llay on Llay Road.

At the ROUNDABOUT, take the second exit, sign posted Bradley, B5425, onto Llay New Road. There will be houses both sides of the road for about half a mile and on the left only for a further quarter mile. Just as you enter open countryside, there is a large brown sign on the right for the Country Park and for the Golf driving range. Turn in and park. There is no parking charge but 'donations to the Friends Group are always welcome'.

Be aware that there are no facilities on this side of the river. There are toilets and a café at the main visitor centre. To get there, drive back to the roundabout and take the first exit, signposted Cefn-y-bedd B5102. When you get to the T-junction with the A541, turn left. Follow the road for 3/4 mile and turn left onto the country park at the brown sign.

There is a useful brochure about the Park available at

["http://www.wrexham.gov.uk/assets/pdfs/countryside/alyn_waters_walks.pdf"](http://www.wrexham.gov.uk/assets/pdfs/countryside/alyn_waters_walks.pdf)

It would be useful if you would let me know if you are planning to come on this walk, either by email or phone. If you wish, I will give you my mobile phone number for use on Saturday only but you must understand that this phone is usually switched off! There is an ansaphone on our landline and we monitor this carefully.

The weather forecast for Llay on Saturday is for white cloud turning to sunny intervals later in the afternoon. Temperatures are a very comfortable 15/16C with a brisk westerly wind. Rain probability is 20% or less. Of course, this can all change several times before the day!

best wishes to you all

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