

RSPB Farmland Tour...

Norfolk Estate



Where: Norfolk Estate, West Sussex

When: Friday 7th February 2014, 10am

Cost: Free

A farm tour to find out about farming and conservation in the South Downs, and an opportunity to capture some photos of our wintering farmland wildlife—the Norfolk Estate is brimming with it! The tour will be led by Norfolk Estate Manager Peter Knight and Bruce Fowkes of the RSPB.

We will take a gentle two hour tour, stopping now and then to look at and discuss how the farm is managed and what conservation measures are being implemented for wildlife.

The Norfolk Estate is well known for their coveys of grey partridge. We'll also be looking out for flocks of linnets, gold finches, skylarks, yellowhammers, corn buntings and starlings. We have winter visitors including redwing and fieldfare that form pretty large flocks as well, and we often get bramblings—when the weather gets colder—that mix in with other finches and buntings. Other interesting winter visitors include short-eared owls and occasionally hen harriers that come down to get away from the colder weather up North.

Weather permitting, there will be plenty of opportunities for taking pictures.

Please wear suitable winter clothing and footwear. Bring your cameras and binoculars if you have them. No dogs please. Hot drinks and biscuits will be provided at the farm.

Spaces are limited so please RSVP to Kelvin Cooper on 01273 763600 or e-mail kelvin.cooper@rspb.org.uk to book your free place.

We will be meeting at Peppering Farm, BN18 9RW. By kind permission of estate manager, Peter Knight.

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