



# North Meadow

## National Nature Reserve

### Events 2012

The springtime display of wild snakeshead fritillaries at North Meadow is one of England's wildlife spectacles.

Around eighty per cent of Britain's snake's head fritillaries grow at North Meadow. This is a beautiful and nationally scarce flower, so named after the shape of the flower bud before it opens and the snakeskin pattern on its petals.

As well as the fritillaries North Meadow has a great variety of wildflowers and is of international importance as one of the finest examples of a lowland hay meadow in Europe.

The National Nature Reserve is open to the public at all times, but you can also join a guided tour led by the Reserve Manager.





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Join a guided walk to learn about how Natural England and the Cricklade Manorial Court manage the meadow, about how winter floods are important for the flowers, and the fascinating history of this ancient place.

**SCIENCE DAY 21 April** – Scientists from the Floodplain Meadows Partnership will be on hand to talk about their work providing vital evidence to help the conservation of these special meadows.

[www.floodplainmeadows.org.uk](http://www.floodplainmeadows.org.uk)

**Explore & Discover Walk**  
**Family event - Easter Monday**  
**9 April 11am**

Suitable for families with children of all ages. Advance booking essential.

To book, or to arrange a group visit on an alternative time/day call Anita Barratt, Reserve Manager.

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***For all guided walks there is a suggested donation of £3.00***  
***Normal concessions apply***

### April Guided Walks

Date	Time
7 April	14.00
8 April	14.00
14 April	11.00
15 April	14.00
21 April	11.00 & 14.00
22 April	11.00 & 14.00
28 April	14.00
29 April	11 00 & 14.00
6 May	14.00

