



Ringwood Natural History Society Autumn Colour at Denny Wood

Date: 31st October 2017
 Walk Leaders: Mary and John Gurney
 Weather: Hazy sunshine
 Temperature: 14 degrees
 Attendees: 25 on walk

Denny Wood Campsite is surrounded by ancient woodland and open grassland where New Forest Ponies and Cattle graze. It is part of Denny Lodge a civil parish in the New Forest encompassing much of the eastern side of the New Forest, it covers an area of over 27 square miles, making it the second largest civil parish by area in England covering a large area of heathland and woodland but contains no towns, villages, churches, or schools. The parish was created in 1868 from extra-parochial parts of the New Forest. It was enlarged in 1934 with the addition of 862 acres from Brockenhurst parish and 4722 acres from Colbury parish which was abolished in that year. The name "Denny" is recorded as Dunie in 1300, Dinne in 1347, and Dynney Walke in 1589. The origin of the name is not known. The lodge, after which the parish is named, is situated near the centre of the parish, and was originally the Groom Keeper's Lodge, belonging to the Crown estate and which later became a Head Forester's residence.

From the campsite there is direct access to the Forest, and the villages of Brockenhurst 3miles south west and Lyndhurst just 2 miles to the west, both can be reached directly by bike or foot without the need to use roads. Our walk took us through the surrounding inclosures of Denny, Parkhill, Stubby Copse and Denny Lodge back to Denny Wood.

Fungi	Birds	Flowering Plants	Others
Trooping Funnel	Tree Creeper	Rough Hawkbit	Speckled Wood
Southern Bracket	Long-tailed Tit	Daisy	Red Admiral
Pearly Parachute	Robin	Dandelion	Red Slug
Hairy Curtain Crust	Goldcrest	Tormentil	Southern Hawker Dragonfly (f)
False Chanterelle	Great-spotted Woodpecker	Creeping Buttercup	Fallow Deer (Buck)
Birch Polypore	Blue Tit	Self-heal	
Stagshorn	Chaffinch	Smooth Rush	
Wood Hedgehog	Dunnock		
Common Puffball			
Buttercap			
Birch Webcap			
Brick Tuft			
Chanterelle			



Wood Hedgehog Fungus at Denny Wood by Lyn Traves