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Liverpool Geological Society events

Saturday 25th July 2026

Field Excursion: Liverpool Triassic sandstones: A tale of two rivers

Leaders: Peter Burgess & Maggie Williams

This excursion will investigate Liverpool Triassic sandstones. We will visit Whitley Park to investigate the rock cutting and rocks exposed in the park and then walk to St James Park, to look at the old quarry behind the Anglican Cathedral. We will then return to the Herdman Building. On the way to the Cathedral there will be a short break to have a packed lunch on campus benches or a light lunch in a cafe (in Hope Street?). This allows us to offer the choice of visiting both parks or just one of them.

Start time: 10.30 a.m.

Starting point: Outside the Jane Herdman Building, Brownlow Street, University of Liverpool.

Approximate finish time: 3.30 p.m.

Approximate walking distance: 4km

Terrain: Mostly flat.

By rail: The nearest train stations are Liverpool Lime Street and Liverpool Central.

By bus: From the city centre, buses 14 and 79 go up Brownlow Hill around every 5 minutes. The buses leave from the side of the Adelphi Hotel at the bottom of Brownlow Hill and stop outside the Victoria Gallery & Museum at the top of Brownlow Hill.

Car parking: There is a Pay and Display car park at our starting point on Brownlow Street: Sat Nav: L3 5DA.

Members who would like to attend should contact Maggie Williams (LGS Secretary) at

lgsecretary19@gmail.com to reserve a place.

Down to Earth Magazine (DTE)

Electronic copies of this magazine are available, which we have permission to email to LGS members. If you would like a pdf copy of the most recent publications: DTE Extra Issues 160, 161 & 162 or DTE Issue Number 135, please email Maggie Williams (Secretary) at lgsecretary19@gmail.com and copies will be sent to you.

Grosvenor Museum, Chester

Exhibition in Gallery: Echoes of Ancient Lands and Seas: Fossils from Cheshire

Date: 20th June to 20th September.

This exhibition explores the geological history of Cheshire and its surrounding areas, from the Carboniferous age to the present day. Discover Cheshire's ancient environments and the strange and unusual creatures that inhabited them. Highlights include beautifully preserved plant and fern remains from the Carboniferous jungles of Wrexham, marine microfossils from Saltney, and the fossilised footprints of ancient reptiles from the Wirral. Visitors will learn how Cheshire's famous salt deposits formed, how the salt industry has shaped the regional heritage, and how industrialisation has accelerated climate change in the present day.

Opening times: The museum is open Tuesday to Saturday, 10.30am to 5pm and Sunday, 1pm to 4pm. Closed on Monday, but open on Bank Holiday Mondays. Entry is free but donations are welcome.

Further details: <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/news/exploring-local-landscapes-new-exhibitions-at-the-grosvenor-museum>

Manchester Geological Association

Saturday 18th July 2026

Field Excursion: Northwich, Cheshire – ‘Salt and the Locks of the Weaver Navigation’.

An easy walk to see the salt industry and its impact on the landscape, including the reclaimed ‘flashes’. The Weaver Canal and its building stones. A visit to the Lion Salt Works will be included. Entry fee payable for saltworks.

Please email info@manchestergeology.org.uk if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 19th August 2026

Field Excursion: Cliviger area, Lancashire – ‘Namurian strata at Acre Nook and Gorphey Cloughs’.

Further details available nearer the time.

Please email info@manchestergeology.org.uk if you would like to attend.

Wednesday 9th September 2026

Field Excursion: ‘White Scar Cave and the nearby Ingletonian, North Yorkshire’.

Further details available nearer the time.

Please email info@manchestergeology.org.uk if you would like to attend.

The Deep Time Trail

This trail has been completed in time to celebrate James Hutton’s 300th Birthday on 3 June 2026. Now is an even better time to go visit Siccar Point to see Hutton’s famous unconformity.

The new Deep Time Trail helps explain the significance of the site and of Hutton’s work, giving all visitors a sense of Deep Time. The trail leads visitors along a mostly level, grassy 1.3 km route from the nearest road to the viewpoint above Siccar Point. Along the way, Hutton’s story gradually unfolds at stops that include stones with quotations from James Hutton, hand-carved by Michelle de Bruin. Interpretation panels explain Hutton’s background, his work as a farmer, and what brought him to Siccar Point. At each stop along the Trail, visitors can download audio and video clips, including interviews with experts, geopoetry and music, that delve deeper into the story of James Hutton and Siccar Point. The new stone viewpoint structure includes seating, a 3D model of the unconformity and interpretation panels. Visitors are encouraged to view the rocks from here. A second viewpoint 200 metres to the south gives visitors another view of the rocks, and encourages contemplation of the impact that James Hutton’s work had on our understanding of the world, and our place in it.

The **Scottish Geology Trust**, the **Edinburgh Geological Society** and **The James Hutton Institute** raised over £150,000 of funding for the Deep Time Trail: this includes a successful Crowdfunding campaign that attracted over 600 individual donations, and generous funding from the **Cockburnspath & Cove Community Fund**.

More details here: <https://james-hutton.org/deep-time-trail/>

The Open University Geological Society (North West Branch)

Saturday June 20th 2026

Field Excursion: The Carboniferous Limestones of Fell End Clouds, Ravenstonedale, Cumbria

Leader: Richard Langthorpe

Please contact the organiser of this event for booking information. Further details at:

<https://ougs.org/northwest/events/popup/2946/the-carboniferous-limestones-of-fell-end-clouds/>

Sunday June 21st 2026

Field Excursion: The Carboniferous Rocks of Kendal Fell, Westmorland

Leader: Richard Wrigley

Please contact the organiser of this event for booking information. Further details at:

<https://ougs.org/northwest/events/popup/2947/the-carboniferous-rocks-of-kendal-fell/>

Wirral History & Heritage Association (WHHA)

11th – 20th September 2026

Heritage Open Days.

Details will appear on the WHHA website: <https://sites.google.com/site/wirralhha/home>