

Porcupine Marine Natural History Society 2017 Conference 11th – 13th March

Welcome to Plymouth considered to be the cultural capital of the West of England, as well as being the most important city in Devon. It was from Plymouth that adventurers such as Sir Francis Drake, Captain Cook and the Pilgrim Fathers set out on their momentous voyages to find new worlds.

Conference venues

The plenary sessions will be held in the Roland Levinsky building (Plymouth University), lecture theatre 2 on the ground floor (see map). The building is on the edge of the campus so is easy to find, only a short walk from the station. Car parking is discouraged on the campus and has a Parking Charge Notice (PCN) enforcement system so if you require parking on the campus please contact the University reception to arrange a permit. <https://www.plymouth.ac.uk/your-university/about-us/university-structure/service-areas/estates/reception-and-parking>

Parking is available at the Marine Biological Association (MBA) which is a 20 minute walk from the University (see conference dinner map). The MBA has recently installed a PCN system which covers the car park and the approach road to the building. You are welcome to park at the MBA but you **must** enter the building and register your car on the system at reception to avoid a penalty. A security guard will be on duty from 8.30 am to allow you access. If for some reason you cannot access the building then please do not leave your car in the car park or on the approach road as you will incur a fine.

The MBA common room is the location for the conference dinner on Saturday evening. The dinner will start at 8 pm. Please sign-in at reception on arrival and please remember to sign-out when you leave. On entering the building go up the stairs and turn left and follow the signs to the Common Room on the top floor.

Fieldtrip – Monday 13th March

The location for the fieldtrip is Wembury Marine Conservation Area which is approximately 20 minute drive from Plymouth City Centre (see map). The coastline is dominated by rocky shore with a sandy beach and a small stream that runs across the beach. The rangers have kindly allowed us to set up a laboratory in the marine centre. Please bring your own equipment. The centre is small which is why when booking we put a limit on numbers however there is some flexibility on numbers so if you haven't booked please inform someone at the registration table on Saturday.

There is a small charge of £5 to cover refreshments and a donation to the Centre but please bring your own lunch. Car parking is available at the Centre. If you require transport to Wembury please inform someone at registration as we do have the use of a minibus. There will be a small additional charge which will depend on numbers.

Important – Wembury lies in a Marine Conservation Area (MCA) and a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) so please return species to the shore. If you find something that you think is rare and scarce and requires further examination please let us know. If you wish to collect seaweed then only take a small sample not the whole specimen. Thank you

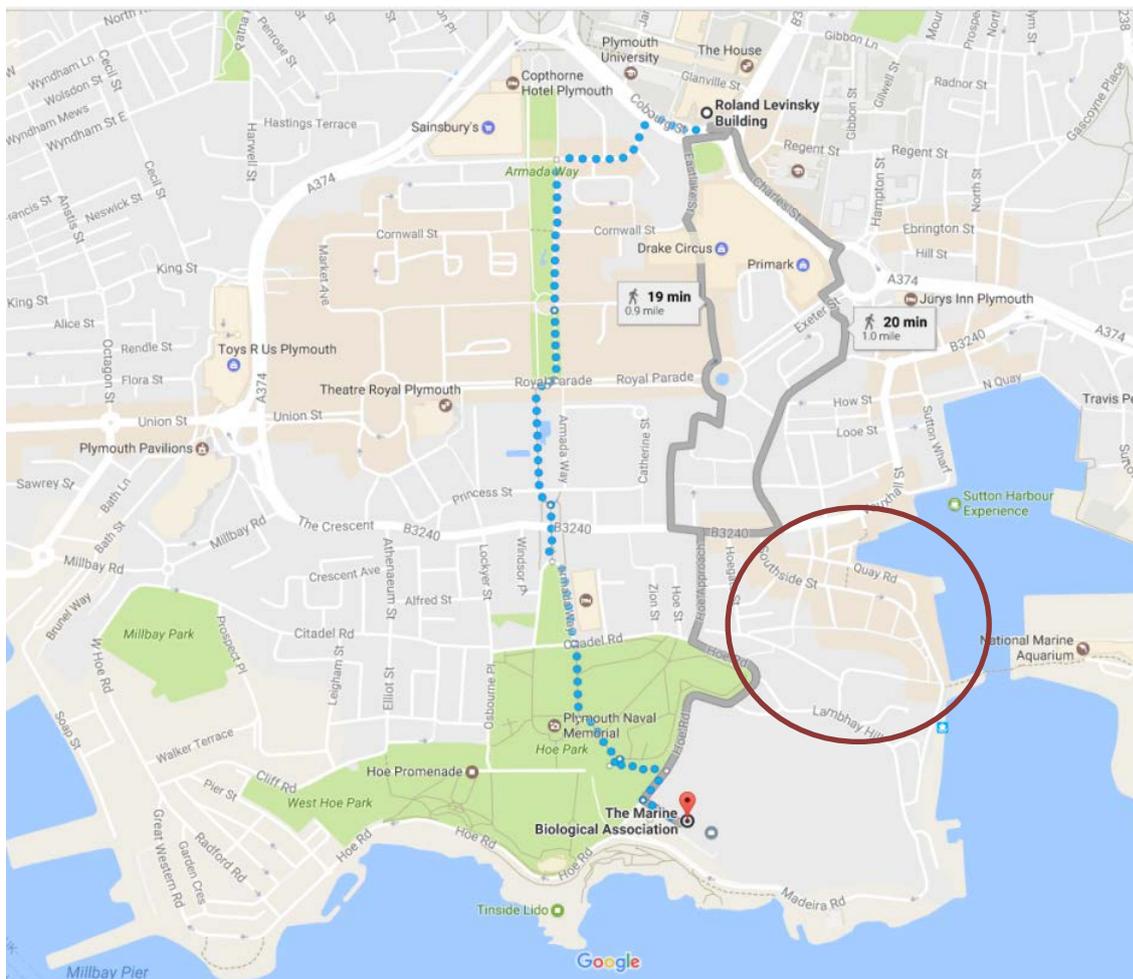
Please record all that you find as we will be submitting records to NBN and the Devon Wildlife Trust.

Conference Dinner

The Marine Biological Association, Citadel Hill, Plymouth PL1 2PB

The MBA is a short walk from the University. The nicest route is through the shopping centre and up onto the Hoe. If you can see Smeaton's Tower (lighthouse on the Hoe) then you are going in the right direction. The MBA is to the left of Smeaton's tower down the approach road at the far end of the wall that surrounds the Citadel.

If you require a pre-dinner drink then there are lots of pubs in the Barbican area of the City (circled).



Wembury

Wembury Marine Centre, Church Rd, Wembury, Plymouth PL9 0HP

<http://www.wemburymarinecentre.org/>

