

SNOUT & ABOUT Issue 217

Your bite sized travel guide to destinations in the UK

Are you a Curculionidae in search of your next niche getaway? Then this weeks issue of 'Snout & About' is perfect for you! Pack your mandibles and prepare to see what habitats the UK has to offer!



Early bird discount? No thanks! Early weevil discount? Now you're talking! Receive 10% off your first stay when you book though 'Snout & About'

SPECIAL
offer

The Nettled-Inn Getaway

Ideal for: Nettle weevils (*Phyllobius pomaceus*) in search of luxury foliage, natural camouflage, and a touch of zing from a thriving *Urtica dioica* patch. The best time to visit? April to August!

Welcome to the Nettled-Inn, a lively sun-kissed destination bursting with adventure. With its signature ridged leaves and exciting sting, this getaway offers a bold stay for travellers who appreciate a patch with personality. They pride themselves on having the lowest disturbance rates as larger herbivores and predators tend to avoid the area due to the best Trichome Security System (TSS) around!

Why Nettle Weevils Love It!

This location is tailored for the trendy, shimmering nettle weevil. The striking greenery offers flawless camouflage for privacy-minded weevils, while the soft, comforting underside of leaves provide the perfect dining spot and scenic perch.

Fine Dining!

The Inn sits beside a 24/7 self-service foraging zone offering diverse dining: seed resources from nearby grasses, tender nettle stems and leaves for those skilled in handling nettle defences, and an underground root buffet that's perfect for dropping off the kids - who can eat free Monday to Friday!



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"I had the best time at the Nettled-Inn, it felt like a home away from home! Would highly recommend" - Derrick Weevil, from Nettleville

DISCLAIMER - Although every attempt has been made to reduce predation through our Trichome Security systems, we cannot guarantee that this will be 100% effective. Please check the T's & C's before your stay.

The Oak-Bore Resort

Ideal for: Acorn weevils (*Curculio glandium*) seeking a safe developmental retreat, adults preparing for oviposition and larvae desiring a stable, nutrient packed microenvironment. Perfect for the whole Acorn weevil family! Best time to visit? April to September. Off peak = early autumn (subject to availability).

Why the Oak-Bore Resort? - That's easy! It is situated within the finest woodland, with a selection of perfectly grown acorn-pods chosen for their nutrient density and structural integrity perfect for larvae guests. Each suite includes bark perches with crevices perfect for hiding from predators like birds and parasitic wasps.

All inclusive dining!

Don't forget, when you book at the Oak-Bore Resort, food is included! They pride their selves on the best acorn selection, all locally source and handpicked by expert weevils. Pair your acorn with the finest fungus in the region, and don't forget the Oak-Drip Delight mocktail, made with the freshest sap around!

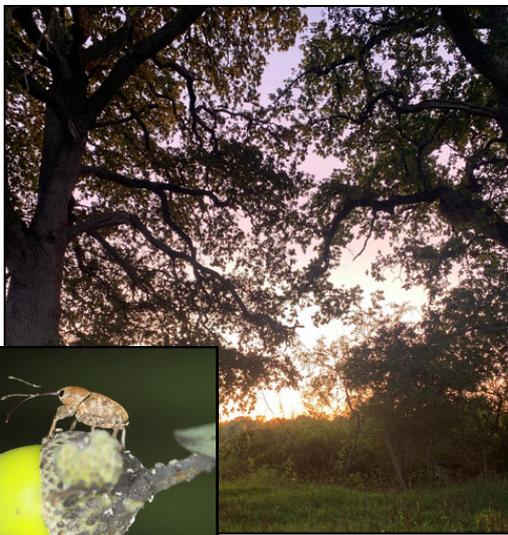


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"The kids (larva) loved it here! We oviposited them in the acorn pod we hired, and the drop-off service was super quick" - Matilda Glandium

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Thistle Be the Place Hideaway

Ideal for: Nodding Thistle Receptacle weevils (*Rhinocyllus conicus*) seeking a destination with flair, fragrance and prickly-luxury. Best time to visit? April to September.

Why? - picture this, you are perched atop a gently bobbing flower head of a thistle, with unmatched panoramic meadow views - the perfect place for weevils who enjoy watching the world go by. The thistle's plush receptacle will give you a soft yet solid base for lounging, eating and oviposition. Guests particularly like the signature pollen dining, where weevils can enjoy nutrient-rich floral tissues.

Families welcome! - this retreat doubles as a deluxe nursery: oviposit your young directly into the developing flowering head and let the plant cradle your offspring in a naturally catered, sustainable larval suite, perfect for peace of mind with on-site Spiny Security for protection from predators.

Whether you are here for fine floral dining, prime egg laying business or to simply nod and watch the world go by in thistle bliss, the Thistle Be the Place Hideaway caters to all needs!



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"The views are stunning! I feel so relaxed and the Hideaway have been able to look after at least 100 of my eggs over the years!" - Silia Noddington

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"Incredible stay, you have to go! Especially if you love the hustle-and-bustle of the city, night life is amazing!" - Phil Fungalby, from *Mycro-Rise*

Sporewood Springs

Ideal for: Fungus weevils (*Platyrhinus resinosus* or *Platystomos albinus*) in search of the perfect decomposing retreat amongst rich fungal growths! It's a great opportunity to meet like-minded insects and detritivores! Best time to visit? Spring till Autumn.

For *Platyrhinus resinosus* guests, the rich wood provides the ideal spot for burrowing and feeding. The retreat's naturally aged sap pools are perfect for relaxing in. Don't miss the night burrow tours or forget to try the signature King Alfreds cake!

Platystomos albinus visitors can expect to kick back in the decay wood suite and thriving mycelium provides plenty of fungal delicacies to feast on. Explore our Mushroom Hunts or settle in for a peaceful evening spore-spreading among the fungi.

Best of both Worlds! - Here you'll feel like you are contributing to nutrient cycling, breaking down rotting wood and helping the environment to flourish - but really you're enjoying a spore-filled serenity making it the perfect decomposing getaway.

That's all for this weeks issue of 'Snout & About' we hope we have tempted you to discover some weevily-great new destinations! Don't wander too far as next weeks issue will be talking about Curculionidae events happening across the country, you won't want to miss it!



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