



Introduction to Woodland Management

Saturdays 7th, 14th and 21st March 2020

Course Outline

Day 1: Introduction to Woodlands and Woodland Management

Saturday 7th March 2020, 9.30am to 3.00pm.

In this classroom-based day we will take an overview of woodlands and woodland management. Participants will be introduced to the theory of woodland management and will gain a greater appreciation of how we can utilise woodlands for the sustainable growth of products and how to protect and enhance biodiversity.

The outline for the day is:

- Introductions – who we are and why we have joined the course
- Woodlands in Britain
- Human intervention in woodlands
- Uses of woodlands (including woodfuel heating systems)
- Developing effective management plans
- Woodland management systems

Days 2 and 3: Learning Practical Skills

Saturday 14th March 2020, 9.30am to 3.00pm; Saturday 21st March 2020, 9.30am to 3.00pm.

In these woodland-based days we will learn some of the practical skills necessary for managing woodlands. The objective for the practical days is for all trainees to practice each stage from tree selection, through felling, to processing felled trees using various hand-tools. At the end of the 2 days there will be a range of woodland products cut and a stack of logs ready for seasoning.

Areas covered include:

- Selecting trees for thinning and retention
- How to safely use a bowsaw, loppers and billhook
- Felling a small tree using hand tools
- Processing a tree into wood products and logs
- Using axes and wedges to split wood
- Seasoning wood
- Building a log stack

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