

Saturday 18th January
Rewilding 2: Bringing Back the Beaver



Tutor: Anne Riddell

The second of our rewilding-themed courses looks at the vital role of the beaver in reinstating wetlands and enhancing biodiversity. After briefly exploring the history of the beaver in Britain, we will look at its ecology, field signs and its work as a landscape

architect and wetland engineer, as well as the pros and cons of reintroducing an animal that has been absent from Britain for over 400 years. The recent return of the beaver to Britain – in both authorised and unauthorised projects – will also be discussed, including a review of Kent Wildlife Trust's Ham Fen project and the beaver's recolonisation of the Kentish Stour. The course includes a guided tour of Ham Fen by Kent Wildlife Trust.

10.00am – 4.30pm £30 per person

(Book together with Rewilding 1: Big Grazers for Big Landscapes for £50)

Saturday 25th January
Harvest Mouse Ecology and Surveying



Tutor: Steve Kirk

In Partnership with the Heritage Lottery Fund and Kent Mammal Group (KMG)

This course is for anyone wishing to participate in the Kent Harvest Mouse Survey. It will inform you about the key factors affecting the status and distribution of harvest mice in this country. You will have the opportunity to examine a variety of harvest mouse nests

and gain the practical surveying experience in the field needed for the survey.

10.00am – 4.00pm Free for survey volunteers

Saturday 8th February
Kent Mammal Identification



Tutor: Suzanne Kynaston / Hazel Ryan

In partnership with Kent Mammal Group (KMG)

Learn how to identify our larger mammals from their tracks, signs and sightings. Includes a

tour of the park to see some of the animals in the flesh and a close up examination of skins, skulls and antlers. Please note that this course does not include mice, voles or shrews which are covered in the Small Mammal Survey Skills course.

9.45am – 4.15pm £30 per person

(Book together with Small Mammal Survey Skills course for £50)

COMING SOON:



Rewilding 3:
Are we ready for Lynx?



Rewilding 4:
Return of the Wolf

For details on all of our courses, see our website

Important Information

- Minimum age for all courses is 16yrs unless specified.
- All under 18s must be accompanied by a paying adult unless specified.
- All courses are held at Wildwood Trust, unless otherwise specified, and include Wildwood entry fees and materials. Wildwood does not provide transport.
- All courses must be paid for at the time of booking and are non-refundable unless cancelled by Wildwood.
- Lunch is not provided. Participants are welcome to bring a packed lunch or purchase lunch in the Wildwood Cafe.

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Rewilding 1: Big Grazers for Big Landscapes

Saturday 30th November

Book Wildwood courses at www.wildwoodtrust.shop

For more information about courses, email:
courses@wildwoodtrust.org

Oct/Nov

Saturday 19th October
Small Mammal Survey Skills



Tutor: Suzanne Kynaston
In partnership with Kent Mammal Group (KMG)

Learn how to survey for our smallest mammals using live, humane traps. Includes handling, sexing and identification, trap designs and mechanisms and principles of baiting and setting traps, surveying methods and legislation.

9.30am – 4.30pm **£30 per person**
 (Book together with Kent Mammal ID Course for £50)

Saturday 26th October
Fungi Ecology and Identification



Tutor: Steve Kirk

Aimed at beginners, after a presentation to introduce this amazing life form, specimens will be looked at and discussed in the classroom. The course includes a foray in the park and the woods of two hours or more, depending on conditions and a chance to make a collection. Participants will have

the opportunity to take digital photographs and notes as they are given insights into how to identify fungi as well as background information on their ecology, history, folklore and uses, including as food and medicine.

10.00am – 4.00pm **£30 per person**

Saturday 2nd November
Kent Mammal Identification



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in the flesh and a close up examination of skins, skulls and antlers. Please note that this course does not include mice, voles or shrews which are covered in the Small Mammal Survey Skills course.

9.45am – 4.15pm **£30 per person**
 (Book together with Small Mammal Survey Skills course for £50)

Nov

Sunday 17th November
Linocut Printmaking



Tutor: Tina Hagger

Get inspired by British wildlife this winter at Wildwood and produce your own handmade linocut prints, perfect to use as gifts or cards for Christmas!

After a walk around Wildwood for inspiration, you will be taken step-by-step through the process of linocutting black and white designs. You will take home your linoprints and tips on continuing printing.

10.00am – 4.00pm **£40 per person**

Saturday 23rd November
Harvest Mouse Ecology and Surveying



Tutor: Steve Kirk

In Partnership with the Heritage Lottery Fund and Kent Mammal Group (KMG)

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You will have the opportunity to examine a variety of harvest mouse nests and gain the practical surveying experience in the field needed for the survey.

10.00am – 4.00pm **Free for survey volunteers**

Sunday 24th November
Wildwood's Natural Skincare Lab



Tutors: Donna Murphy and Helen Lynn

In this hands-on one day course, learn how to formulate your own medicinal balms, deodorants, scrubs and other natural skincare products. Find out about the detrimental impacts to health, wildlife and the environment from the plastic packaging and ingredients used in everyday skincare and personal care products.

Discuss how you can reduce the impact of your own routine and your exposure to potentially harmful ingredients.

You'll work with herbs, essential oils, nut oils, butters and a range of other natural ingredients to make your own products to take away with you, along with the formulations to get you started in setting up your very own skincare and cosmetics chemistry lab at home. Take home what you make as gifts or to pamper yourself.

10.00am – 3.00pm **£40 per person**

Nov/Dec/Jan

Saturday 30th November
Rewilding 1: Big Grazers for Big Landscapes



Tutors: Anne Riddell and Vicki Breakell

The first of a series of four rewilding courses, examining the pros and cons of bringing back large herbivores and carnivores to modern Britain. This first course looks at the large herbivores which kick start landscape changes to benefit biodiversity, including primitive horses and bison, followed by a visit to the Blean.

10.00am – 4.30pm **£30 per person**
 (Book together with Rewilding 1: Bringing Back the Beaver for £50)

Saturday 7th December
Festive Willow Wreaths



Tutor: Hazel Ryan

Use locally grown colourful willow and dogwood stems to make a re-usable wreath base then decorate it with natural materials, all sourced locally. Take it home to hang on your front door or as a table decoration.

Materials provided.

10.30am – 1.00pm **£25 per person**

Saturday 11th January
Small Mammal Survey Skills



Tutor: Hazel Ryan / Suzanne Kynaston
In partnership with Kent Mammal Group (KMG)

Learn how to survey for our smallest mammals using live, humane traps. Includes handling, sexing and identification, trap designs and mechanisms and principles of baiting

and setting traps, surveying methods and legislation.

9.30am – 4.30pm **£30 per person**
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