

The Management of Broad-leaved Woodland

Monday 12th to Wednesday 14th October 2009



Course description

This course examines how to manage broad-leaved woodland for timber production and for wildlife value. It explores how woodlands developed and were managed in the past. It looks at how woodland is classified and gives an ecological overview. It then considers the range of management systems available for sympathetic but productive woodland management. It also covers important aspects of management such as thinning, restocking and woodland products. The final day involves practical exercises using some useful timber survey techniques and finishes with a close look at woodland grants.

Who will benefit

Anyone directly or indirectly involved with the management of broad-leaved woodland

Those with an interest in the sympathetic management of woodland as a sustainable source of timber for wood fuel

What participants will gain

After attending the workshop participants will:

- ◆ Understand the origins and development of broad-leaved woodland in Britain
- ◆ Be aware of the key ecological features of woodland, their importance and management
- ◆ Understand how woodland is classified through the NVC system
- ◆ Be aware of the range of woodland management systems available and be able to select the most appropriate form of management for a particular woodland
- ◆ Be aware of the options for restocking woodland
- ◆ Be able to carry out a survey of the standing timber present
- ◆ Be able to undertake a survey of dead wood
- ◆ Understand the EWGS and how to apply





Facilitator

Bruce Ferguson has worked in countryside management both in the North East and now nationwide for the last 24 years. His specialist subjects are countryside recreation management (including interpretation and community consultation), environmental education and woodland ecology, conservation and management. He is proficient in plant identification and habitat survey in particular grassland and woodland. He is involved with the production of interpretive plans, interpretive media, site development and management planning, the development and production of environmental education teaching resources and environmental education programme delivery. In addition to full time consultancy work for Countryside Management Services (UK) Ltd, he has lectured for the last 15 years on many different environmental land based modules from diploma to master's degree in the subjects he delivers professionally through his consultancy work. He has been a visiting lecturer at Sunderland University since 1999. In addition to an environment-based degree, he is a qualified arboriculturalist. He is a member of the Association for Heritage Interpretation and an Associate of the Institute for Earth Education.

A Forestry Authority representative will be present to cover the EWGS

Location

Thorpe Wood, Wynyard Woodland Park,
Thorpe Thewles,
Stockton-on-Tees

Cost

£180 excluding VAT
This is a non-residential course

Other information

Buffet lunch included
Refreshments included
Come prepared for some activities outdoors
It is important to book by 19th September however if you miss this date please ring to check availability

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