



SUSTAINABLE WOODLAND MANAGEMENT



29th March – 2nd April, 2010

This course is aimed at those currently managing or planning to manage woodland. It covers both practical and theoretical aspects of managing a small wood and will lead to accreditation at Level 3 with the Open College Network.

COURSE OUTLINE

A theoretical and practical introduction to managing a small area of woodland, the course begins with an overview of the importance of sustainability in woodland management and introduces techniques to identify different types of woodland, assess and monitor wildlife and help promote biodiversity.

Learn how to process timber, including calculating timber sizes and volumes as well as using appropriate extraction, stacking, bundling, seasoning, cutting, splitting and conversion methods.

Financial aspects examined include assessing the value of woodlands and adding to this through woodland crafts and products. Specifically, we look at cleaving, weaving and turning, as well as charcoal, woodfuel and timber production. The course also provides an overview of legal issues involved in woodland management, including woodland and wildlife protection laws, insurance, felling licences and management contracts.

Finally, we look at the value of local community support and the importance of community access and involvement in woodlands, focusing on woodland activities, links with local culture and methods of raising awareness and involvement. The health and safety implications of this are also covered, including guidelines on undertaking risk assessments.

COURSE TIMINGS

The course begins with supper at 6pm on Monday. Please try to arrive from 4pm onwards and ask in the restaurant or in reception for directions to your room. Following supper on the first night, there will be a short introduction to the course, the Centre and each other.

On each subsequent day, teaching begins at 0930. The course finishes after lunch on Friday at 1400.

Breakfast is served at 0830 and supper at 1800 – in CAT's wholefood vegetarian restaurant. Tea and coffee breaks and lunch are also provided either in the woodland or at CAT's restaurant depending on days activities.

COURSE TUTORS

Bob Shaw, woodland manager, community teacher and wood craftsman.

Grace Crabb, CAT Sustainable Land Use Co-ordinator.

FOOD AND ACCOMMODATION

The course fee covers full board accommodation at CAT, tuition and course materials. All food is vegetarian, and we are happy to cater for special diets – please let us know your requirements when booking. There are a small number of single rooms available at an extra cost of £15 per night. Please indicate when you book if you would like a single room.

ACCOMMODATION FOR NON-PARTICIPANTS

Depending on course numbers it is sometimes possible to accommodate friends and family. The cost, full board for a non-participant is £50 per day, including entrance to the centre. Please contact the Course Administrator about availability. We regret that we are unable to offer crèche facilities.

DIRECTIONS

CAT is 3 miles north of Machynlleth on the A487 and is clearly sign posted. To arrive by train you need to come via Shrewsbury to Machynlleth. You can walk to CAT from the station (about 45 minutes) or get a bus or take a taxi (a single journey costs about £7.50). CAT is registered on www.liftshare.com as a public group. If you require or can offer a lift, please use www.liftshare.com For more public transport details and excellent journey planners please see www.traveline.org.uk

WHAT TO BRING

We provide bedding but you will need to bring a towel. A torch is useful for moving between buildings at night. Please bring wet weather gear and strong footwear as we are based in an old slate quarry and the weather is changeable.

COURSE FEES

£675 – Company / £500 – Waged / £325 – Non-waged

We have to charge a realistic rate for our courses, but we do not want to exclude people because of cost. We have therefore designed a tiered price structure. Please choose the rate to pay accordingly and let us know when you book. If we do not have this information you will be automatically be invoiced for the ‘Waged’ rate.

TO RESERVE A PLACE

A £100 non-refundable deposit is required to secure your booking. Please book in one of the following ways:

Online: www.cat.org.uk/shortcourses

By phone: 01654 704952

By post: The Courses Administrator, CAT, Machynlleth, Powys SY20 9AZ. Cheques should be made payable to ‘CAT PLC’.

PAYMENT OF BALANCE

After booking your place you will receive an e-mail (or postal copies if requested) and an invoice for the balance. We reserve the right to offer the place to another participant if fees are not paid two weeks before the course starts.

CANCELLATION FEES

We regret that except in cases of illness supported by a doctor’s note, we will make the following cancellation charges:

Deposits are none returnable;

More than six weeks before the course – half the fee is forfeit;

Less than four weeks before the course – the full fee is forfeit.

CAT reserves the right to cancel any courses. Should this be necessary, deposits and fees will be returned in full. CAT also reserves the right to modify the published programme.