

Course Information

Make a shave horse

A two-day weekend course

10 am – 4pm Saturday 13 & Sunday 14 May 2017

For those of you who are beginning to get into green woodworking, a shave horse is one of the first devices you'll need and although they can be bought, there's nothing quite like using one you made yourself. This course will cover the selection and sourcing of materials, instruction on how to construct your very own shave horse and tuition on how to use it. All materials will be provided and no previous wood working skills are required.

The day requires a large amount of bending and kneeling and a certain amount of upper body strength. If you have any doubt about your physical ability please call for a chat.

The course also provides the opportunity to escape to the woods for a weekend.

If you wish to bring a tent and camp in the woods on Saturday night please let us know so we can make the right provisions. Alternatively, if you're not local and need somewhere to stay we can provide an accommodation guide.

Course venue

The course will take place outside in Bottoms' Corner Wood, a working woodland that's part of the Wassledine farm, Upper Gravenhurst, Bedfordshire.

The wood is midway between the villages of Gravenhurst and Campton, near Shefford just within the parish of Gravenhurst. It's a hidden away location and further directions will be sent to you before the course date. It's a beautiful setting but please be aware the facilities are quite basic. There is an outside composting toilet with camping style hand wash. There is off road parking along a surfaced but bumpy track. It's then a walk of about 300 metres along uneven grass to the venue in the woods. If you think you might need assistance, please let us know in advance.

What to bring

- Packed lunches for both days (We'll provide tea, coffee, drinks, biscuits, fruit and homemade cake.)
- Suitable outdoor clothes, boots, waterproofs or sunhat (remember we'll be outside all day)
- Tent and necessary equipment if you wish to camp overnight. (Please get in touch to discuss catering arrangements for an evening meal and breakfast.)

Wet weather plan

There will be some shelter in the wood, so some rain is not a problem, but if the weather is extremely bad the course may have to be cancelled. Please provide us with the best number to contact you on in case we are very unlucky with the weather. If this happens a full refund will be provided. We will try our best to rearrange another date for the course. If you don't hear from us assume the course is going ahead.

Booking & Payment

The cost of the course is £200 per person inclusive of all materials as well as tea and coffee and snacks throughout both days. Please complete the attached booking form.

Course tutor

The course will be led by local craftsman Ed Burnett. Ed worked for many years in Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire managing country parks and woodlands and is now a full time green woodworker, carver and basket maker. He enjoys making functional, beautiful things and knowing about where the materials come from, particularly sourcing timber and willow from Bedfordshire.