

Course Information

An Introduction to spoon carving

10am - 4pm Saturday 3 June 2017

A day for complete beginners, the course will teach you how to turn a piece of wood into a practical useful object. You'll get to grips with some unusual tools – shave horse, drawknife and hook knife to create your very first wooden cooking spoon or spatula.

The course also provides the opportunity to spend a relaxing day in the beautiful and peaceful setting of Bottoms' Corner Wood. Plenty of tea and coffee with homemade cake is on offer throughout the day.

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 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. There is an outside composting toilet with camping style hand wash.

If you would like to come by public transport, please let us know so we can assist.

What to bring:

- Packed lunch (We'll provide tea, coffee, drinks, biscuits, fruit and homemade cake.)
- Suitable outdoor clothes, boots, waterproofs or sunhat (remember we will be outside all day)

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. If you don't hear from us assume the course is going ahead.

Booking & Payment:

The cost of the course is £65 per person. Please complete the booking form available from us from <http://wassledine.co.uk/a-day-in-the-woods/courses-and-events>

Course tutor

The course will be led by local wood carver and 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. See more at Stockwood Carvings on Facebook .

If there's anything else you need to know just give us a call or send an email.