

Make a willow hurdle



Saturday 28 April 2018, 9.30am - 5pm
Course information

Hurdles make attractive screens or fence panels for the garden. This day will give you an introduction to working with willow and cover the basic skills you need to create a small, straight, willow hurdle panel. You will end up with something to take home so good measurements of your car will be needed before you start making! If you have a space to fill in your garden, why not come armed with some dimensions?

The day requires a large amount of bending and kneeling and a certain amount of upper body strength. There's a walk of about 300m over grass rides (including a slope), from the carpark to the venue, through the lovely woodland although we can provide a lift for you if you need it. If you have any doubt about your physical ability please call for a chat; we'll do all we can to make the day enjoyable for you.

The course also provides the opportunity to spend a day in the beautiful and peaceful setting of Bottoms' Corner Wood – our working hazel woodland. Plenty of tea and coffee with fruit and 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 location that's hidden away, so further directions will be sent before the course date. Although it's a beautiful setting, please be aware that the facilities are quite basic. There is off road parking along a surfaced but bumpy track. We have an outside, composting toilet with camping style hand wash.

If you would like to come by public transport, please let us know in advance; we will assist if we can.

What to bring

- Secateurs and loppers (we can supply some)
- Something to kneel on
- Packed lunch (we'll provide tea, coffee, drinks, biscuits, fruit and homemade cake.)
- Suitable outdoor clothes, boots, waterproofs or sunhat, sunblock (remember we will be outside all day)

Wet weather plan

There is some shelter in the wood, so a little rain is not a problem, but if the weather is extremely bad the course may have to be cancelled. The decision will be taken a day or two before the course and we will contact you by phone, so please provide us with the best number to use 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 £75 per person. Please complete the attached booking form.

Course tutor

The course will be led by Guy Lambourne of Wassledine. Guy has been growing willow since 20013 and making hurdles since about 2005. He enjoys teaching adults and the satisfaction of making something useful from natural materials.

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

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