

Course Information

Basket making for beginners

9.30am - 5pm, Saturday 11 May 2019

This day will introduce you to working with willow and allow you to get to grips with making your own round basket to take home. We will use willow grown on our small farm in Gravenhurst. Participants with some experience will be able to try some different techniques - if you have something specific in mind please contact us in advance.

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 hazel 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.

There's a walk of about 300m over grass rides (including a slope), from the carpark to the venue, through the lovely woodland. 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.

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 (we can supply some)
- 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. 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 £70 per person. Please complete the attached booking form.

Course tutor

The course will be led by local craftsman Ed Burnett. Ed is a self-taught green woodworker and basket maker. He reckons his first baskets were dreadful so he'll be able to help you avoid all his mistakes! He enjoys making functional, beautiful things and knowing about where the materials come from.

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