

Course Information

An Introduction to spoon carving

10am - 4pm Saturday 15 June 2019

A day for complete beginners, the course will teach you how to turn a piece of tree 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. We'll use wood cut from the Bottoms' Corner just a day or two in advance – probably field maple, cherry, sycamore, hazel and willow.

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:

- 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.

