

Drawing in the woods



Sunday 13th September 2020, 10am – 4.30pm Course Information

A relaxed, informal but informative course on drawing and sketching in the natural world. Steve Halton, well-known local artist and ecologist will help you to learn the basics of drawing and/or pick up new skills to help you improve. The course takes place in a peaceful woodland setting providing plenty of inspiration to draw from. Working in pencil, colour pencil, pen and pastels, Steve will help develop your skills in shading, representation of landscape, trees and detailed wildlife studies.

Plenty of tea and coffee with fruit and homemade cake will be on offer throughout the day.

Course venue

We will be 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, 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.

Access

There's a walk of about 300m over grass rides (including a slope), from the car park, through the woodland. We can provide a lift from the car park for you if you need it. If you have any doubt about your physical ability to enjoy the day, please call for a chat; we'll do all we can to make the day work 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, sunblock (remember we'll be outside all day)
- Drawing materials and sketchbook. This is a day about drawing, not drawing materials so bring what you have even if it's just a pencil and paper and a board to lean on. Materials can be available to buy on the day if you let us know in advance.

Wet weather plan:

There is some shelter in the wood, so a little rain is not a problem, but if the weather forecast is extremely bad the course may have to be cancelled. The decision will be taken the day preceding 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 £65 per person. Please complete the attached booking form or go back to the web site to pay online.

Course tutor

Steve Halton has a lifelong passion for drawing inspired by the natural world. He is both a skilled artist and extremely knowledgeable naturalist, holding degrees in both fine art and ecology. Steve has worked in conservation for many years and has provided illustrations for local wildlife site interpretation boards and booklets (you've probably seen some) as well as exhibiting work in art galleries. He finds sketching outside both a mindful and relaxing way to enjoy the natural environment.

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



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Wassledine Days in the Woods - booking form

Course Title			
Course Date		Cost	

Your Details:

Name	
Organisation (if any)	
Address	
Telephone	
Mobile Your contact on the course date	
Email	
Please tell us of any allergy, medical or mobility issues we should be aware of	
Where did you hear about Wassledine's <i>Days in the woods</i> ?	

To secure your place please return this booking form with payment to:
 Wassledine, 45, Clophill Road, Gravenhurst, Beds MK45 4JH
 or email info@wassledine.co.uk

Please tick as appropriate

<input type="checkbox"/>	I enclose a cheque made payable to "Wassledine"
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have made BACS payment (bank details – sort code 60-24-77, acc. 17842433)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Please invoice my organisation (if different to above address please supply details)

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Course:	Participant name:
Booking received & confirmation sent	Date:
Payment Amount	Payment Method: Date:
Pre course information & directions sent	Date:

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Booking Terms and Conditions

Payment - The price of the course includes the cost of all materials and refreshments (excluding lunch).

Your place is confirmed once payment has been made.

Payment methods – BACS, cash or cheque

Payment is required in full at the time of booking

Please use these bank details if paying by BACS – ‘Wassledine’ Nat West Account number 17842433 Sort Code 60 24 77

Please make cheques payable to “Wassledine”

Cancellation

Wassledine reserves the right to cancel a course at short notice should events beyond our control make this unavoidable. One reason for a last-minute cancellation is a very poor weather forecast. There is some shelter in our woodland site so light rain and wind is not too problematic, however, the prospect of heavy or prolonged rain or very high winds would mean that a course could become unsafe or at least not enjoyable. If this occurs, a decision will be made 24-36 hours before the course and a full refund of the course fee will be made. An alternative date will be offered.

For participants cancelling - a full refund will be made providing more than 14 days’ notice is given. For cancellations of less than 14 days’ notice a 50% refund will be made. For cancellations within 7 days no refund will be made.

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