

All About Woods

Enrichment afternoons Autumn Term 2018– Programme Schedule v1.0

1. Friday 7th September 2018 on site from 1.45pm to 3pm

Introduction to Woodlands and Woodland Management

Session Lead: Gary Cowell

Lightfoot assistant: Dave Thomlinson

Location: The Hurst, Clunton, Craven Arms, Shropshire, SY7 0JA

Schedule for day: This is an introduction to woodlands in a landscape context and how we manage them both historically and today. During this visit we will look at cutting and drying firewood using hand tools and traditional seasoning (i.e. drying) methods. We will learn how to use tools safely and efficiently.

2. Friday 21st September 2018 1.45pm to 3pm (*times tbc*)

Wildlife Roleplay – *The Hawthorn*

Session Lead: Jenny Ogden

Lightfoot assistant: Alison Weeks

Location: Grounds of Bishop's Castle Community College (indoors if bad weather), Bishop's Castle, SY9 5AY

Schedule for day: In this interactive take on wildlife we will learn about the role of the hawthorn tree and the species that rely on it. Scripted interviews with insects, birds and mammals encourage empathy with them and raise awareness of their importance in the grand scheme of things.

3. Friday 5th October 2018 on site from 1.45pm to 3pm

Woodland Wildlife

Session Lead: Alan Reid

Lightfoot assistant: Alison Weeks

Location: Bury Ditches, Lower Down, Lydbury North, SY7 8BD

Schedule for day: Alan Reid, Learning Ranger for the Forestry Commission, will show us the kind of evidence to look for in woodlands to see what wildlife is present. He will show us various droppings, bones/skulls, fur and owl pellets before leading us through the woodland to look for signs of the animals that live there.

4. Friday 19th October 2018 on site from 1.45pm to 3pm

Fungi Foray

Session Lead: John Hughes

Lightfoot assistant: Alison Weeks

Location: Bury Ditches, Lower Down, Lydbury North, SY7 8BD

Schedule for day: Britain is one of the best places in the world for fungi. John Hughes of Shropshire Wildlife Trust will lead a walk around Bury Ditches wood to find and identify a range of fungi species.

5. Friday 9th November 2018 on site from 1.45pm to 3pm

An Eye for Detail

Session Lead: Antonia Pettitt

Lightfoot assistant: Dave Thomlinson

Location: tbc

Schedule for day: This activity aims to encourage independent exploring of the natural environment through guided tasks. The participants will be divided into small groups and given a bag of curiosities – samples of leaves, petals, flowers, etc. from the site. They will match up their samples with the natural environment to try and identify where the sample came from and guess what that species is.

6. Friday 23rd November 2018 on site from 1.45pm to 3pm

Practical Tool Use

Session Lead: Gary Cowell

Lightfoot assistant: Dave Thomlinson

Location: The Hurst, Clunton, Craven Arms, Shropshire, SY7 0JA

Schedule for day: In this session there will be a tree-felling demonstration followed by the participants cutting the felled tree to provide materials for the den building sessions that complete the enrichment course. The focus will be on how to safely and efficiently use hand tools and the selection of useful building materials.

7. Friday 7th December 2018 on site from 1.45pm to 3pm

Den Building

Session Lead: Gary Cowell

Lightfoot assistant: Dave Thomlinson

Location: The Hurst, Clunton, Craven Arms, Shropshire, SY7 0JA

Schedule for day: Working in groups of 2 to 3, the participants will build dens using found materials and wood from the trees felled in earlier sessions. The dens will be subject to peer review and discussions around what makes a good shelter.

8. Friday 21st December 2018 on site from 1.45pm to 3pm

Den Building

Session Lead: Gary Cowell

Lightfoot assistant: Alison Weeks

Location: The Hurst, Clunton, Craven Arms, Shropshire, SY7 0JA

Schedule for day: Working in groups of 2 to 3, the participants will continue building dens using found materials and wood from the trees felled in earlier sessions. The dens will be subject to peer review and discussions around what makes a good shelter.