

Saturday 5 May 2018

Asham Wood Wildlife and Wonder



Discover Asham Wood whilst trying something new...

To raise awareness of Asham Wood and its wildlife, Somerset Wildlife Trust is running a variety of woodland-themed sessions at this beautiful wood near Downhead, East Mendip.

How to book:

1. Choose between the morning or afternoon programme
2. Choose your first session
3. Choose your second session
4. Let us know your choices by email to events@somersetwildlife.org (or phone 01823 652400) and we will reserve your places subject to availability and provide payment details

Morning sessions: 9.00am – 1.15pm £6 adults, £4 children

Programme times include time to walk between the car park and the event base, as well as to register for your sessions.

Session 1: 9.30am – 11.40am

A	Connect to nature <i>Adult and child (13+) friendly</i> Experience nature and discover wildlife in a whole new way - have a go at sit spotting, otter tag, fox walking and owl eyes techniques to improve your peripheral vision and stealth when wildlife watching. Led by Andy Butterly.
B	Get hands-on with charcoal and wildlife box building <i>Adult and child (8+) friendly</i> Find out about the traditional woodland craft of charcoal making and help load an oil-drum kiln and/or try your hand at making bird and bat boxes with help from charcoal burner Alex Arthur, Frome Town Council and Frome Men's Shed.
C	Make your own spoon <i>Adults (16+) only</i> Learn the basics of carving wood and use your new-found skills to make your own spoon to take home, with expert guidance from local wood worker and coppicer Harry Samuel.
D	Discover Asham Wood <i>More suited to adults</i> Learn about the trees and plants of Asham Wood, including listening for the songs of woodland birds, with professional ecologist and wildlife enthusiast Eve Tigwell.

Session 2: 11.50am – 1.00pm

E	Learn how woodlands can be managed for timber, crafts and wildlife <i>More suited to adults</i> Find out how woodlands can be managed for both wildlife and people on a walk through Asham Wood, looking at traditional management techniques such as coppicing and charcoal burning as well as how to create bat corridors. Led by woodland manager Bec Cork.
F	Try Woodland Tai Chi <i>Adult and child friendly</i> Learn to 'fly like a wild goose' and other simple Tai Chi movements in a beautiful woodland setting - this relaxing form of gentle exercise is suitable for all ages and abilities, with instruction provided by Beith Woodburn from Tai Chi for Health.
G	Get hands-on with charcoal and wildlife box building <i>Adult and child (8+) friendly</i> Find out about the traditional woodland craft of charcoal making and see the work in progress in the oil-drum kiln and/or try your hand at making bird and bat boxes with help from charcoal burner Alex Arthur, Frome Town Council and Frome Men's Shed.

Please see overleaf for the afternoon programme...

Afternoon sessions: 2.15pm – 6.00pm £6 adults, £4 children

Programme times include time to walk between the car park and the event base, as well as to register for your sessions

Session 1: 2.45pm – 4.15pm

A	Try Woodland Tai Chi <i>Adult and child friendly</i> Learn to 'fly like a wild goose' and other simple Tai Chi movements in a beautiful woodland setting - this relaxing form of gentle exercise is suitable for all ages and abilities, with instruction provided by Beith Woodburn from Tai Chi for Health.
B	Make your own spatula <i>Adults (16+) only</i> Have a go at carving your own wooden spatula to take home, with expert guidance from wood worker Harry Samuel.
C	Get hands-on building bird and bat boxes <i>Adult and child (8+) friendly</i> Try your hand at making bird and bat boxes with help from Frome Town Council and Frome Men's Shed.
D	Learn how woodlands can be managed for timber, crafts and wildlife <i>More suited to adults</i> Find out how woodlands can be managed for both wildlife and people on a walk through Asham Wood, looking at traditional management techniques such as coppicing and charcoal burning as well as how to create bat corridors. Led by woodland manager Bec Cork.

Session 2: 4.25pm – 5.45pm

E	Discover Asham Wood <i>More suited to adults</i> Learn how to identify the trees and plants of Asham Wood, as well as how the trees are used by bats and other wildlife, with Adel Avery (Somerset Bat Group) and Lila Morris (SWT).
F	Connect to nature <i>Adult and child (13+) friendly</i> Experience nature and discover wildlife in a new way - have a go at sit spotting, otter tag, fox walking and owl eyes techniques to improve your peripheral vision and stealth when wildlife watching. Led by Andy Butterly.
G	Try Woodland Tai Chi <i>Adult and child friendly</i> Learn to 'fly like a wild goose' and other simple Tai Chi movements in the beautiful woodland setting - this relaxing form of gentle exercise is suitable for all ages and abilities, with instruction provided by Beith Woodburn from Tai Chi for Health.
H	Get hands-on charcoal and wildlife box building <i>Adult and child (8+) friendly</i> Find out about the traditional woodland craft of charcoal making and help unload the oil-drum kiln to see the charcoal that has been produced and/or try your hand at making bird and bat boxes with expert help from Alex Arthur, Frome Town Council and Frome Men's Shed.

The event is being held at Asham Wood with kind permission from Hanson UK, who own and manage the woodland and are supporting the event through the Hanson in the Community Fund, which helps charities and voluntary groups in communities close to Hanson sites (see www.hanson-communities.co.uk).

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This event is part of our Mendip Wildlife Links project work, which aims to restore habitats and engage people with the fantastic wildlife of the East Mendip area. The project is funded through an agreement between Aggregate Industries UK Limited and Somerset County Council through the Torr Works Environmental Enhancement Fund.

For more information or to find out about our other events please visit www.somersetwildlife.org/MendipWildlifeLinks

