



## Bushcraft and Forest School courses events offered by IOL Organisational Members

### Curriculum Based Outdoor Learning Practitioner (Level 2) (CBOL)

22.04.26, 23.04.26.

Forest School Swansea Neath Port Talbot, Swansea

Contact details: [office@forestschoolsnpt.org.uk](mailto:office@forestschoolsnpt.org.uk) 01792 367118

£425 (Incl VAT)

<https://www.forestschoolsnpt.org.uk/training-course/outdoor-learning-practitioner-level-2-cbol-2/>

### Level 3 Coastal School Top-Up

30.04.26 / 01.05.26

Forest School Swansea Neath Port Talbot, Swansea

Contact details: [office@forestschoolsnpt.org.uk](mailto:office@forestschoolsnpt.org.uk) 01792 367118

£320 (Incl VAT)

<https://www.forestschoolsnpt.org.uk/training-course/coastal-school-level-3-top-up/>

### Level 3 Forest School Leader

15.09.26 / 16.09.26 / 17.09.26 / 18.09.26 and 13.10.26 / 14.10.26 / 15.10.26 / 16.10.26 (Compulsory to attend all 8 dates)

Forest School Swansea Neath Port Talbot, Swansea

Contact details: [office@forestschoolsnpt.org.uk](mailto:office@forestschoolsnpt.org.uk) 01792 367118

£1200 (Incl VAT)

<https://www.forestschoolsnpt.org.uk/training-course/forest-school-leader-level-3/>



### Bushcraft Competency Award - 2 Day Course - IOL ACCREDITED

Sat 16 - Sunday 17 May, Sat 12 - Sunday 13 September

Course Fee: £225. This fee also covers all meals and hot drinks during the course.

Explore the Great Outdoors. Chase Wood. Warminster. Wiltshire.

Email: [getout@explorethegreatoutdoors.co.uk](mailto:getout@explorethegreatoutdoors.co.uk)

Website: <https://www.explorethegreatoutdoors.co.uk/bushcraft-courses.php>

Telephone: Pete 07920104466 Jacqui: 07776220196

This course spans two days, offering 16 hours of guided learning under the supervision of qualified instructors. After the initial training, students are required to complete a 60-hour consolidation period, where they will practice and refine the skills they have learned, logging their experiences in a logbook to track their progress. A 1/2day assessment, which is booked separately, will evaluate their competency and mastery of the course material.

**This course syllabus covers five key units, including:**

- **Edged Tools:** Safe handling and use of knives and saws for various bushcraft tasks.
- **Fire:** Techniques for creating and maintaining fire using modern and primitive methods.
- **Water:** Finding, collecting, and purifying water in the wilderness.
- **Tarp Shelters & Knots:** Techniques to set up a tarp and create an effective shelter and various tarp configurations also mastering essential knots for securing your shelter.
- **Tree Identification:** Recognizing and understanding different tree species and their uses in bushcraft.

- **Campfire Cooking:** Different methods for cooking on a campfire, boiling, hot smoking, baking dutch oven, spit roasting.

Suitable for a wide range of people working or volunteering in formal or non-formal settings such as early years, schools, colleges, outdoor centres, education centres, wildlife trusts, national parks, youth and voluntary organisations, etc.



#### **Bushcraft Competency Certificate - 3 Day Course - IOL ACCREDITED**

Fri 10 - Sun 12 April, Fri 7 - Sun 9 August, Fri 2 - Sun 4 October

Fee: £325. Fee also covers all meals + hot drinks.

Explore the Great Outdoors. Chase Wood. Warminster. Wiltshire.

Email: [getout@explorethegreatoutdoors.co.uk](mailto:getout@explorethegreatoutdoors.co.uk)

Website: <https://www.explorethegreatoutdoors.co.uk/bushcraft-courses.php>

Telephone: Pete 07920104466 Jacqui: 07776220196

The course spans three days, offering 24 hours of guided learning under the supervision of qualified instructors. After the initial training, students are required to complete a 120-hour consolidation period, where they will practice and refine the skills they have learned, logging their experiences in a logbook to track their progress. A one-day assessment, which is booked separately, will evaluate their competency and mastery of the course material. **This course syllabus covers eight key units, including:**

- **Edged Tools:** Safe handling and use of knives and saws for various bushcraft tasks.
- **Fire:** Techniques for creating and maintaining fire using modern and primitive methods.
- **Bow Drill:** Mastery of traditional friction fire techniques, focusing on the bow drill method.
- **Water:** Finding, collecting, and purifying water in the wilderness.
- **Debris Shelters:** Building effective, weather-resistant shelters from natural materials.
- **Tree Identification:** Recognizing and understanding different tree species and their uses in bushcraft.
- **Natural Navigation:** Using environmental cues, such as the sun, stars, and land features, to navigate without modern tools.
- **Cordage:** Learning to create strong, natural ropes and bindings from plant materials.

Suitable for a wide range of people working or volunteering in formal or non-formal settings such as early years, schools, colleges, outdoor centres, education centres, wildlife trusts, national parks, youth and voluntary organisations, etc.

All courses are conducted by experienced, Institute for Outdoor Learning-approved instructors, ensuring a safe and supportive environment as participants develop their bushcraft skills.

#### **Bushcraft Competency Award - IOL ACCREDITED**



Friday 15th - Sunday 17th May 2026

Friday 14th - Sunday 16th August 2026

Friday 16th - Sunday 18th October

Jack Raven Bushcraft. Jack Raven Bushcraft Camp, Kent. 07553 763397, [info@jackravenbushcraft.co.uk](mailto:info@jackravenbushcraft.co.uk), [www.jackravenbushcraft.co.uk](http://www.jackravenbushcraft.co.uk)

#### **Bushcraft Competency Certificate - IOL ACCREDITED**



Friday 10th - Sunday 12th April 2026

Friday 19th - Sunday 21st June 2026

Friday 21st - Sunday 23rd August 2026

Friday 2nd - Sunday 4th October 2026

Jack Raven Bushcraft. Jack Raven Bushcraft Camp, Kent. 07553 763397,

[info@jackravenbushcraft.co.uk](mailto:info@jackravenbushcraft.co.uk), [www.jackravenbushcraft.co.uk](http://www.jackravenbushcraft.co.uk)

The syllabus meets the IOL Statement of Good Practice. On this intensive 3 day course you will cover:

- UK knife law and its relevance to bushcraft,
- Safe use of basic bushcraft tools such as knives, folding saws and bow saws,
- How to sharpen a bushcraft knife,
- Making simple carved implements such as a tent peg or feather stick,
- Safe shelter construction, including 'A' frame and 'lean to' debris shelters,
- Importance of insulating yourself from the ground in a debris shelter by creating an improvised bed,
- Establishing fires by: bow drill, fire steel, flint and steel, lenses, mirrors, chemicals, matches, fire pistons, lighters, batteries & wire wool,
- Constructing and using a tinder bundle to light a fire,
- Locating, filtering and purifying water,
- Tree identification and uses, including food sources available from trees,
- How to prepare and make natural cordage from a variety of sources,
- Natural navigation using shadow sticks, a watch, the moon and stars,
- And of course, ensuring that we leave no trace

Throughout the course we will provide advice and guidance on tools and equipment and how to teach the skills covered to other people, whether that be individuals or groups, all based on our own years of experience.

To be added to the register of holders of the IOL Bushcraft Competency Certificate, you will need to log 120 quality hours and attend a separate assessment, as well as join the IOL and the Bushcraft Professional Practice Group. Memberships and assessments are administered through the IOL.

Take a look at our 'IOL Hall of Fame' to see photos of the people that we know have successfully taken their assessment. and gained the IOL Bushcraft Competency Certificate.

Link: <https://www.jackravenbushcraft.co.uk/bushcraft-qualifications/iol-bushcraft-competency-certificate/>

### **Level 3 Certificate for Forest School Leaders**

**19th January 2026 - 5th March 2026**

**7th October 2026 - 13th November 2026**

Field Studies Council. Bishops Wood, Stourport-on-Severn, DY13 9SE. £1099

T:01743 852100 T:01299 250513

[enquiries.bw@field-studies-council.org](mailto:enquiries.bw@field-studies-council.org)

<https://www.field-studies-council.org/courses-and-experiences/static-courses/level-3-certificate-for-forest-school-leaders/>

### **Level 2 Award in Forest School Assistants**

**19th January 2026 - 27th January 2026**

**7th October 2026 - 15th October 2026**

Field Studies Council. Bishops Wood, Stourport-on-Severn, DY13 9SE. £588

T: 01743 852100 T: 01299 250513

[enquiries.bw@field-studies-council.org](mailto:enquiries.bw@field-studies-council.org)

<https://www.field-studies-council.org/courses-and-experiences/static-courses/level-2-award-in-forest-school-assistants/>

### **Level 1 Forest School Ethos and Principles**

**19th January 2026 - 20th January 2026**

**7th October 2026 - 8th October 2026**

Field Studies Council. Bishops Wood, Stourport-on-Severn, DY13 9SE. £273

T: 01743 852100 T: 01299 250513

[enquiries.bw@field-studies-council.org](mailto:enquiries.bw@field-studies-council.org)

<https://www.field-studies-council.org/courses-and-experiences/static-courses/level-1-forest-school-ethos-and-principles/>

### **Bushcraft Competency Award training course**

1-2 Nov. At Leicester Outdoor Pursuits Centre. £200.

<https://www.lopc.co.uk/courses/bushcraft-courses/bushcraft-competency-award/>

### **IOL Level 3 Bushcraft Competency Certificate**

31 Oct 2025, 09:30 – 2 Nov 2025, 16:00, 10-12 April, 23-25 Oct 2026

Incl. overnight self-catered camping.

Polaris Wilderness Adventure Ltd. Bayford, SG1 8QB

IOL Members £325.00. Non members £350.00

T: 07971289604

[info@polarisbushcraft.co.uk](mailto:info@polarisbushcraft.co.uk)

<https://www.polarisbushcraft.co.uk/iol-bushcraft-competency-certificate>

### **Bushcraft Competency Award - 2 day course - IOL ACCREDITED**

#### **WOODLAND SURVIVAL CRAFTS**

Bushcraft and Survival Skills Specialists

Woodland Survival Crafts. Ashton under Lyme.

See their website for dates.

<https://www.woodlandsurvivalcrafts.com/shop/p/bushcraft-competency-award>

T: 07736 225035 Dave [dave@woodlandsurvivalcrafts.com](mailto:dave@woodlandsurvivalcrafts.com)

This is a 2-day, IOL-approved course designed very much for outdoor professionals/centre staff wanting to deliver short sessions of quality bushcraft. As a result it is often run as a bespoke course for 3 or more of your instructors. Course dates for individuals are available as listed and are sometimes being run at different locations around the country.

Site requirements to run a course at your venue are:

- a selection of fire places or bases
- enough trees or equivalent to use for tarp shelters
- toilets and water
- a covered area out of the wind.

### **Bushcraft Competency Certificate - 3 day course - IOL ACCREDITED**

#### **WOODLAND SURVIVAL CRAFTS**

Bushcraft and Survival Skills Specialists

Woodland Survival Crafts. Spring Wood, Derbyshire

18-20 October £325 (£300 IOL Members)

An ideal training course for Outdoor Professionals leading to the Bushcraft Competency Certificate developed through the IOL.

<https://www.woodlandsurvivalcrafts.com/shop/p/bushcraft-competency-certificate>

T: 07736 225035 Dave [dave@woodlandsurvivalcrafts.com](mailto:dave@woodlandsurvivalcrafts.com)

Designed especially for Outdoor Centres and Professionals, our Bushcraft Competency Certificate Training three day course will build on your basic bushcraft skills, allowing you to enhance your existing bushcraft/forest school sessions.

As an approved training course with the Institute for Outdoor Learning, you will be able to use this along with a further 100 hours +/- of Bushcraft based experience in order to work towards the Bushcraft Competency Certificate. This award is increasingly recognised within outdoor learning circles as suitable clarification of safe and competent practice.

Whether you are a Forest School Leader, Environmental Education Officer or Outdoor Instructor, you will find the course incredibly beneficial – enhancing your bushcraft knowledge and confidence in teaching.

During the three days you will learn and enhance the key skills of bushcraft, including:

- Effective shelter building
- Confident and safe knife skills
- Successful friction fire lighting
- Efficient water filtering
- Inspiring tree identification
- String making
- Accurate direction finding

**Over the years we have trained many teams in the UK and occasionally overseas. For centres and organisations wanting several staff members trained, please contact us to create your own course.**



#### **Bushcraft Competency Certificate training course (IOL Accredited)**

**Discover Tribe.** 13-15 Oct 2025, at TRIBE Bushcraft Centre, Dronfield. Cost: £325/£300

All easily bookable online at <https://www.discovertribe.co.uk/events-for-adults/>

Peter Sutherland 07947722958 [contactus@discovertribe.co.uk](mailto:contactus@discovertribe.co.uk)

At TRIBE, we are committed to helping you achieve the BCC. Our training courses span three days and include 24 guided learning hours. Whether you are an educator, instructor, leader, or simply someone passionate about the outdoors, this course is open to all who have an interest in bushcraft, though some prior experience is recommended. We provide a supportive and immersive environment where participants can hone their skills under expert guidance, preparing them for the next stages of certification. All trainees have access to our Google Classroom BCC group with helpful resources and a growing community.

Courses run 9am - 5pm each day, and participants are able to book camping over in the woods if desired.

Don't just take our word for it, here are some reviews from recent trainees:

*"Absolutely fantastic course. Thoroughly enjoyed 3 days, great location, really good teaching from Pete. I would definitely recommend."* - Luke, May '25 course

*"An amazing course which hugely built on some basic skills I had and taught me many new skills. I feel more confident now to deliver workshops in my school setting to pass on these Bushcraft skills which otherwise would be lost to future generations."*

*The instructors were so patient and knowledgeable and really built my confidence as well as sharing far more tips and information than was planned for.*

*I cannot believe how calmly and confidently I walked around the camp with a fire, I started and grew, before setting it down on the ground! I can't wait to pass on those proud moments to our future generations."* - Donna, Mar '25 course.

#### **1 Day Bushcraft Competency Diploma Training (Module)**

Backcountry Survival. 10<sup>th</sup> Oct 25, 11<sup>th</sup> Oct 25

Aviemore. £125.

Tel: 07584090025

Email: [info@backcountrysurvival.co.uk](mailto:info@backcountrysurvival.co.uk)

[www.backcountrysurvival.co.uk](http://www.backcountrysurvival.co.uk)

#### **4 Day Woodland Skill Leader**

Backcountry Survival. 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Oct 25

Aviemore. £500.

Tel: 07584090025  
Email: [info@backcountrysurvival.co.uk](mailto:info@backcountrysurvival.co.uk)  
[www.backcountrysurvival.co.uk](http://www.backcountrysurvival.co.uk)

### **Level 3 Certificate For Forest School Leaders**

Field Studies Council. 8, October 2025 - Fri 14, November 2025.  
Bishops Wood Crossway Green Stourport-on-Severn. £1075  
01743 852100 01299 250513 [enquiries.bw@field-studies-council.org](mailto:enquiries.bw@field-studies-council.org)  
<https://www.field-studies-council.org/courses-and-experiences/static-courses/level-3-certificate-for-forest-school-leaders/>

### **Level 2 Award in Forest School Assistants**

8th October 2025 – Thursday 16th November 2025.  
Field Studies Centres, Bishops Wood Crossway Green, Stourport-on-Severn. £560  
01743 852100 01299 250513 [enquiries.bw@field-studies-council.org](mailto:enquiries.bw@field-studies-council.org)  
<https://www.field-studies-council.org/courses-and-experiences/static-courses/level-2-award-in-forest-school-assistants/>

### **Level 1 Forest School Ethos and Principles**

8th - 9th October 2025  
Field Studies Council, Bishops Wood Crossway Green, Stourport-on-Severn. £260.  
01743 852100 01299 250513 [enquiries.bw@field-studies-council.org](mailto:enquiries.bw@field-studies-council.org)  
<https://www.field-studies-council.org/courses-and-experiences/static-courses/level-1-forest-school-ethos-and-principles/>

### **Forest School CPD – Tools and Craft items**

Thu 2nd October 2025 16:00 - 18:00  
Field Studies Council, Bishops Wood Crossway Green, Stourport-on-Severn. £35  
01743 852100 01299 250513 [enquiries.bw@field-studies-council.org](mailto:enquiries.bw@field-studies-council.org)  
<https://www.field-studies-council.org/courses-and-experiences/static-courses/forest-school-cpd-tools-and-craft-items/>

### **Forest School CPD Wildlife Knowledge and species Identification**

Thu 25th September 2025 16:00 - 18:00  
Field Studies Council, Bishops Wood Crossway Green, Stourport-on-Severn. £35  
01743 852100 01299 250513 [enquiries.bw@field-studies-council.org](mailto:enquiries.bw@field-studies-council.org)  
<https://www.field-studies-council.org/courses-and-experiences/static-courses/forest-school-cpd-knots-ropes-and-shelters/>

### **Forest School Leader Training Level 2 or 3**

27- 31 October 2025. At Leeford Woods, Exmouth, Devon.  
The Outdoors Group.  
Level 3: £1050 without First Aid or £1,275 with First Aid. Level 2: £725  
07922 427608. [training@outdoorsgroup.co.uk](mailto:training@outdoorsgroup.co.uk), <https://www.outdoorsgroup.co.uk/training/>



### **Nature Connection & Forest Bathing Guide Teacher Training: 3 cohorts run in 2025**

1-3 August 2025. 3 day course.  
Adore Your Outdoors.  
Online or in private woodland in Fareham, Hampshire

07717368308 [sonya@adoreyouroutdoors.co.uk](mailto:sonya@adoreyouroutdoors.co.uk)

<https://adoreyouroutdoors.co.uk/forestbathingguidetraining/>

3 cohorts run in 2025. All start with a weekend of online learning on 5th April, 24th May or 12th July. Then choose from either an immersion week in the woods in Hampshire or an immersion week online. After that week, there are numerous coursework deliverables including deepening nature connection personal practices and delivering 3 trial walks with at least 4 participants, plus an open book exam.

**COHORT 1/2025:** ONLINE INTRO: Sat 5th & Sun 6th April + WOODLAND IMMERSION: w/c Monday 28th April (Mon to Fri) OR ONLINE IMMERSION: w/c 12th May (Mon to Fri) + COMPLETION: 30th September

**COHORT 2/2025:** ONLINE INTRO: Sat 24th & Sun 25th May + WOODLAND IMMERSION: w/c Mon 9th June (Mon to Fri) OR ONLINE IMMERSION: w/c Mon 16th June (Mon to Fri) + COMPLETION: 31st October

**COHORT 3/2025:** ONLINE INTRO: Sat 12th & Sun 13th July + WOODLAND IMMERSION: w/c Monday 11th August (Mon to Fri) OR ONLINE IMMERSION: w/c Mon 18th August (Mon to Fri) + COMPLETION: 30th December.

£2745 for the hybrid learning path (includes the woodland immersion with 2 opportunities to deliver sessions for real life customers or volunteers), or £2245 (fully online learning path).

Is 2025 your year to become a Certified Forest Bathing Guide? Want to be your own boss while nurturing a deeper connection with nature—for yourself, your clients, and the future of our planet? As nature lovers, we share a common concern: while we cherish the natural world, the impact of climate change and biodiversity loss can feel overwhelming. We also crave a slower pace, a simpler life, far removed from the "more, more, more" mentality.

It can leave you wondering how to live a happy, healthy life and be part of the solution. What you're longing for is likely: a deeper connection to nature that eases anxiety and nourishes your soul; a fulfilling and financially rewarding career where you're in control; a strong sense of purpose; a feeling of belonging.

At Adore Your Outdoors, we believe Forest Therapy Guiding, with a business rooted in nature, offers a path to truly joyful living—for you and future generations. We believe those who nurture a sustainable future deserve both financial reward and deep fulfilment.

As a certified Forest Bathing Guide, you can:

- Be your own boss and revitalise your career.
- Embark on a profound journey of self-discovery.
- Become a certified, trusted professional.
- Create transformative experiences.
- Harmoniously combine purpose with profit.
- Join the Forest Bathing revolution.

Choose from the fully online learning path or a hybrid approach with a transformative week together in Hampshire. With three intakes in 2025, you can find the perfect fit for your schedule.

Shinrin Yoku (Forest Bathing) has been integrated into the Japanese healthcare system for over 45 years and is now endorsed by the NHS, lending legitimacy to your practice. Research consistently demonstrates long-lasting benefits, including stress reduction, improved sleep, enhanced immunity, and well-being.

Are you ready to answer the call of the wild?

### Woodland Activity Leader Training Practical Only

18-20 Oct 2025 [www.wild-things.org.uk](http://www.wild-things.org.uk) [enquiries@wild-things.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@wild-things.org.uk)

Wild Things. Findhorn Village Centre, Findhorn. £360.

## Bushcraft Competency Training 2 days - IOL ACCREDITED



14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> March, 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> October 2026. Woodland Classroom, Wrexham, N. Wales.

<https://woodlandclassroom.com/event/iol-bushcraft-competency-award/>

<https://woodlandclassroom.com/event/iol-bushcraft-competency-award-2/>

This accredited training course is designed for instructors, leaders and teachers who want to demonstrate that they follow good practice and have a high level of safety and competency in a range of bushcraft skills.

This 2 day course is designed for the outdoor learning workforce including FE/HE students, apprentices, instructors and teachers. It is suitable for a wide range of people working or volunteering in formal or non-formal settings such as early years, schools, colleges, outdoor centres, education centres, wildlife trusts, national parks, youth and voluntary organisations. Wherever you are on your journey into bushcraft we aim to bring your confidence and skillset forward to the next level.

This 2 day course is open to all with an interest in passing bushcraft skills and knowledge on to others. The course covers 5 key bushcraft skill units; edged tools – knives & saws, fire, water, tarp shelters & knots and campfire cooking.

Our weekend long course is all set against the backdrop of mixed woodlands, wetlands and open meadows of [Park In The Past](#), with 120 acres of wild space to explore. Students are encouraged to camp over in the woods, with the option of staying over on both the Friday and Saturday, or just Saturday night.

This course covers five essential bushcraft skillsets