

## LEARNING THE CURRICULUM OUTDOORS

ACHIEVED THROUGH A WOODLAND PROJECT and BASED ON THE "WOLF BROTHER" BOOK by Michelle Paver and supported by the "WOLF BROTHER'S WILDWOODS" RESOURCE PACK.

AN OUTDOOR LEARNING WORKSHOP DAY THAT HIGHLIGHTS THE WIDE RANGE OF LEARNING OUTCOMES ACHIEVABLE THROUGH THESE RESOURCES.

Course date: 26 September 2015

Venue: The Woodland Play Centre, Crowcombe, Somerset

Course cost: £65



Our hunter-gatherer ancestors lived Bushcraft because they had a deep and thorough knowledge of the outdoors and in particular, their forest environment. This provided them with all the resources they needed to enable them to survive successfully. Understanding the woodland is the key to understanding Mesolithic life. This workshop day will provide an introduction to an outdoor learning resource pack produced by Forestry Commission Scotland which imagines Mesolithic life in our forests and woodlands. <http://owlsotland.org/resources/>

All course participants will receive a **FREE** copy of the book "Wolf Brother", a copy of the resource pack with accompanying posters, plus additional course extension handouts.

Based on the book, "Wolf Brother" by Michelle Paver, the pack covers games, activities and projects with suggestions for incorporating these ideas into outdoor learning experiences.

Additionally the pack also includes extension ideas for further work in a classroom type environment. For a number of years George Yeomans of "Mountain & Bushcraft Ways" has been advocating the use of this series of books as a starting point for many Bushcraft activities with children and was therefore delighted with the effort that went into compiling this resource. He has gone on to expand aspects of the pack to enhance these Bushcraft elements and these will be fully explored during the workshop and offered to participants as additional information handouts.



The day will cover:

- Introducing the resource pack and book.
- Additional ideas for getting started.
- Introducing Joseph Cornell's "Flow Learning" through nature awareness games.
- Shelter building mini and maxi – complete the shelter challenge!
- Become familiar with the woodland supermarket – learn what could go in your basket!
- Introducing basic tracking with pupils – leading to tracking like a wolf!
- All things fiery – try using sparks to light a fire, leading to boiling water with hot rocks!
- Some simple crafts to try out – natural cordage, rush lights and tree offerings!

For outdoor activity practitioners, forest school leaders, teachers and volunteers working with children and youngsters in outdoor settings, the activities within this pack provide a wealth of interest and could even be a starting point for an entire Mesolithic project!

The pack is targeted at Key Stage 2, but the activities are flexible and can easily be adjusted up or down for different age groups. The workshop day will be active and hands-on, with practical activities and the development of personal skills.

As with all our courses we keep participant numbers low, to allow for a relaxed atmosphere and individual attention - so places will be limited!

FEEDBACK SPRING 2015:

*"Excellent and inspiring course. Good balance of theory and practical"*

*"Great day. Useful, practical and well delivered. Will be able to use everything learnt"*

*"Content of the day excellent - well paced, but with plenty of time for questions."*

*"Lots of really good ideas. I especially liked the tracking games and cordage making"*

For more information or to book a place contact :

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