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## **Our Range of Courses Include**

### **Weekends**

#### Woodland Ways Weekend (Oxfordshire/Derbyshire)

The Woodland Ways Weekend is our introductory Bushcraft & Survival Course; learn the skills of fire lighting, wild foods, fish/game preparation, shelter building using only natural materials, water collection filtration and purification, traps and snares, natural navigation, knife choice and care... the list goes on. Spend two nights out in the wood under the stars!

*Voted number 18 in FHM's Top 100 Adventures!*

#### Bow Making Course (Oxfordshire)

Through this weekend our instructors will work with you to produce your very own bow. Everything from design, through to production, and then to testing is included within this weekend, we will show you how to select your wood, shape the stave, consider different factors for bow efficiency all the way through to the final production of your bow, which is obviously yours to keep at the end of the weekend!

#### Axe Workshop and Tree Interpretation (Oxfordshire)

What is the safest and most efficient way to take a tree down using your axe? How do you tell how the environmental conditions have affected the trees growth? How do you limb, split, and log up the timber? How do you understand the "language" of trees? During this completely unique course exclusive to woodland ways you discover it all, join our Bushcraft Instructor, who is a fully qualified arborist also, to open your eyes to this satisfying pursuit.

#### Woodland Winter Skills Weekend (Oxfordshire/Derbyshire)

The Woodland Winter Skills Weekend is an advanced course focusing on the skills required for winter survival based around thermal properties of shelter design, long term heating, friction fire lighting, water collection/filtration and purification, and long term food diets. This course is not for the feint hearted but is highly recommended to develop your skills further in a more extreme environment.

#### Tracking Weekend (Oxfordshire)

Join our instructors to learn the ancient art of tracking. Throughout the weekend our instructors will work with you to identify animal tracks and signs, moving further into the realms of tracking we will also develop your stalking techniques to allow you to move silently through the woodland. Experience the woodland come alive at dawn and experience dusk through the eyes of a deer!

#### Stone Age Weekend – Flint Knapping (Oxfordshire)

Have you ever wanted to know how prehistoric man made their tools? Join us and learn the art of pre historic hand axe production, how to make flakes for butchery and hide scrapers. You will then have the opportunity to use your tools to prepare your meals. We will also work with you on the production of blade cores and basic survival tools. On day two we step up a gear and work on the production of finer tools where you will make a leaf point arrowhead, followed by the production of a fully fledged arrow using hazel from the woodland.

### Woodland Crafts Weekend (Oxfordshire)

Over this weekend our instructors will show you how to source the right materials & prepare them for willow weaving & how to make a simple basket. The various techniques learnt will enable you to make any woven container such as arrow quivers & willow fish & eel traps. We also cover the different types of wood used for various applications & show you how to carve spoons, ladles & bowls.

### Remote Emergency Care (REC) Level 2 First Aid Course (Oxfordshire)

This is a two-day practical course designed for outdoor instructors, bushcraft practitioners, enthusiasts and those who work in remote environments. This course fulfils the requirements of the major outdoor National Governing Bodies for first aid training (e.g. MLTUK, BCU). The course is delivered by outdoor people for outdoor people, and involves plenty of outdoor scenarios. The course covers both life-saving skills and also care for more common problems that happen in the outdoors.

## **Day Courses**

### Bushcraft Basics Day Course (Oxfordshire/Derbyshire)

An introductory day aimed at teaching you the skills of how to survive, namely lighting your fire without matches, preparing wild food, building a waterproof woodland shelter using only natural materials and collecting, filtering and purifying your water.

### Foraging Day Course (Oxfordshire)

Join our instructors on a forage and learn flora identification techniques, useful, edible and medicinal plants. Learn how to harvest these resources in a sustainable manner and how to prepare each ingredient. Includes tasting sessions throughout the day and the opportunity to practice cooking techniques, including preparing and cooking your own game lunch, vegetarian options are also available.

### 4X4 Voyager (Derbyshire)

Our 4x4 Voyager course is designed to give you the confidence and ability to plan and tackle your off road adventures, whilst learning survival skills at the same time.

### Woodland Ways Walks – Intermediate Navigation (Peak District)

Our Intermediate Navigation course is designed for people who have an understanding of the features on the map but would like to develop their knowledge further. We cover interpreting the map within the landscape, understanding scales, calculating distances, providing grid references plus more advanced techniques including calculating magnetic & grid bearings, walking on a bearing plus much more.

## **Family/Teenage Courses**

### Family Bushcraft Course (Oxfordshire/Derbyshire)

Our Family Bushcraft course is a one-day and one night course aimed at parents and children who want to learn how to live more comfortably in the wilds. The course is designed to be a family friendly course, enabling parents and children to discover together some of the delights of learning to live with the resources available to us in the wilds, skills include shelter building, fire, water.



### Teenagers Fundamental Bushcraft (Oxfordshire/Derbyshire)

The Teenagers Fundamental Bushcraft Course is aimed at teenagers from 12-17 years of age. This course is designed to promote self responsibility and a responsibility for the environment, within a woodland setting. Parents are welcome to join the course if they wish although we actively encourage teenagers to attend without parental supervision on this course! Here you will spend two days and one night in our woodlands covering the Fundamental skills of Bushcraft, including Fire lighting and management, campfire cooking, game preparation, shelter building, sleeping in your shelter, tracking and woodcraft.

## **Week Long Courses**

### Woodland Ways Week (Oxfordshire)

The 5 day Woodland Ways Week is our advanced bush craft course & prior bush craft experience is essential. We gradually reduce your reliance on modern equipment & by the end of the week you are using only natural materials for all your activities. We cover Navigation techniques, Tracking, Fire, Food, Shelter & Water plus much more. We also construct a group woodland Sauna.

### Friction Fire Lighting Week (Oxfordshire)

Once again another completely unique course being delivered by the Woodland Ways team. During this five day course we will provide you with the skills and confidence to tackle a number of forms of friction fire lighting. This course is about you getting the “hands on” time to develop your skills set, using ours to guide you, to master the art of the Fire Bow, the Hand Drill, the Pump Drill, the Fire Saw, and finally the Fire Plough.

### Hide Tanning (Oxfordshire)

This four day Hide Tanning Course will equip you with all the skills you need to skin, prepare and cook a deer. Working through all the different stages of hide preparation and tanning a hide using natural resources. You will skin, scrap and soak the hide and make needles for sewing from the bones and sinews. Our instructors will be on hand to help you design a bag or pouch to sew from your skin.

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### **Our Range of Expeditions Include**

#### Sahara Desert Survival Course – Morocco

This course is a must for anyone who plans to venture into desert regions, whether for a brief tourist excursion or a serious expedition. You never know when the unexpected can happen, and the knowledge and hands on experience that this course gives you could mean the difference between life and death in an environment which takes no prisoners! The course is based in the Moroccan Sahara and is an intensive hands-on course that covers all aspects of desert survival including:- Hands on experience of off-road driving, Vehicle selection, Vehicle recovery, Emergency vehicle repair, Shelters, Water procurement, Heat related illness, Signalling, Fire lighting, Safety, Map and compass navigation, GPS, Natural navigation, Desert Environments, Flora and Fauna, Clothing selection.

#### Mojave Road Trek

For this once in a lifetime experience join us and trek over 100 miles across the Mojave Desert in Southern California following the historic Mojave Road. The Mojave Road began life centuries ago as a trade road for the Mojave Indians from the Colorado River to the Pacific, the Indians then led European settlers through the desert on the route and it subsequently became a major trail to the west. Today it remains virtually unchanged from those early days, come with us on this fantastic journey into the past and explore the history, culture, wildlife and solitude of the old "Wild West". We spend 10 days trekking the road through the stunning Mojave National Preserve wild camping on route. For your safety we will be fully supported throughout by 4x4. To culminate the trip we will move up to Death Valley and spend the last couple of days sightseeing in this breath taking part of the Mojave desert system before returning to the real world with bump for our last night in Las Vegas.

#### Masai Experience

See the world through the eyes of a Masai Warrior. A unique insight into the rapidly disappearing world of a proud race of people. The trip will begin at Nairobi where we will be collected by our Masai hosts. Over the next 10 days you will the experience all aspects of traditional Masai life. Living with them in one of their villages you will sample their food, culture, customs, music and dance. We will also accompany the warriors on foot across the Masai Mara tracking the amazing wildlife of the Kenyan savannah. This amazing experience is exclusive to Desert Ways.

## Course Dates 2010/11

### Weekend Courses

#### **Woodland Ways Weekend (Derbyshire/Oxfordshire)**

29 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup> April 2011	Derbyshire	Fully Booked
20 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2011	Oxfordshire	Fully Booked
3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> June 2011	Derbyshire	Fully Booked
24 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup> June 2011	Oxfordshire	Fully Booked
1 <sup>st</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2011	Oxfordshire	Fully Booked
8 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> July 2011	Oxfordshire	Fully Booked
22 <sup>nd</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> July 2011	Derbyshire	Fully Booked
29 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup> July 2011	Oxfordshire	Spaces Available
5 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> August 2011	Oxfordshire	Spaces Available
12 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> August 2011	Oxfordshire	Spaces Available
19 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> August 2011	Derbyshire	Fully Booked
2 <sup>nd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> September 2011	Oxfordshire	Spaces Available
7 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> October 2011	Oxfordshire	Spaces Available
14 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> October 2011	Oxfordshire	Spaces Available
28 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup> October 2011	Oxfordshire	Spaces Available

#### **Bow Making Course (Oxfordshire)**

20 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2011	Oxfordshire	Spaces Available
14 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> October 2011	Oxfordshire	Spaces Available

#### **Axe Workshop and Tree Interpretation (Oxfordshire)**

4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> March 2011	Oxfordshire	Fully Booked
28 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2011	Oxfordshire	Spaces Available

#### **Woodland Winter Skills Weekend (Oxfordshire)**

25 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> November 2011	Oxfordshire	Spaces Available
2 <sup>nd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> December 2011	Oxfordshire	Spaces Available

#### **Tracking Weekend (Oxfordshire)**

13 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2011	Oxfordshire	Limited Spaces Available
2 <sup>nd</sup> - 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2011	Oxfordshire	Fully Booked
7 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> October 2011	Oxfordshire	Spaces Available

#### **Stone Age Weekend- Flint knapping (Oxfordshire)**

28 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup> October 2011	Oxfordshire	Spaces Available
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#### **Woodland Crafts Weekend (Oxfordshire)**

22 <sup>nd</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> July 2011	Oxfordshire	Spaces Available
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## **Remote Emergency Care- REC Level 2 (Oxfordshire)**

19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> March 2011      Oxfordshire      Fully Booked

## **Day Courses**

### **Bushcraft Basics Day Course (Derbyshire/Oxfordshire)**

25 <sup>th</sup> June 2011	Oxfordshire	Fully Booked
26 <sup>th</sup> June 2011	Oxfordshire	Spaces Available
23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2011	Derbyshire	Fully Booked
24 <sup>th</sup> July 2011	Derbyshire	Spaces Available
6 <sup>th</sup> August 2011	Oxfordshire	Spaces Available
6 <sup>th</sup> August 2011	Derbyshire	Fully Booked
20 <sup>th</sup> August 2011	Derbyshire	Fully Booked
15 <sup>th</sup> October 2011	Oxfordshire	Spaces Available

### **Spring, Summer and Autumn Foraging Day Course (Oxfordshire)**

9 <sup>th</sup> April 2011 (Spring)	Oxfordshire	Fully Booked
10 <sup>th</sup> April 2011 (Spring)	Oxfordshire	Spaces Available
16 <sup>th</sup> April 2011 (Spring)	Oxfordshire	Fully Booked
17 <sup>th</sup> April 2011 (Spring)	Oxfordshire	Fully Booked
2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2011 (Summer)	Oxfordshire	Fully Booked
3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2011 (Summer)	Oxfordshire	Fully Booked
16 <sup>th</sup> July 2011 (Summer)	Oxfordshire	Spaces Available
30 <sup>th</sup> July 2011 (Summer)	Oxfordshire	Fully Booked
3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2011(Autumn)	Oxfordshire	Limited Spaces Available
4 <sup>th</sup> September 2011 (Autumn)	Oxfordshire	Limited Spaces Available
2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2011 (Autumn)	Oxfordshire	Limited Spaces Available

### **4X4 Off Road Driving/Expedition Preparation (Derbyshire)**

30 <sup>th</sup> April 2011	Derbyshire	Spaces Available
9 <sup>th</sup> October 2011	Derbyshire	Spaces Available

### **Woodland Ways Walks- Intermediate navigation (Peak District)**

3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2011	Peak District	Spaces Available
7 <sup>th</sup> June 2011	Peak District	Spaces Available
4 <sup>th</sup> July 2011	Peak District	Spaces Available
13 <sup>th</sup> October 2011	Peak District	Spaces Available

## **Family/Teenager Courses**

### **Family Bushcraft (Derbyshire/Oxfordshire)**

16 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> April 2011	Oxfordshire	Fully Booked
18 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> April 2011	Oxfordshire	Fully Booked
1 <sup>st</sup> -2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2011	Derbyshire	Fully Booked
30 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2011	Oxfordshire	Fully Booked
4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> August 2011	Derbyshire	Fully Booked
4 <sup>th</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> August 2011	Oxfordshire	Spaces Available
8 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> August 2011	Derbyshire	Spaces Available
11 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> August 2011	Oxfordshire	Limited Spaces Available
13 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> August 2011	Oxfordshire	Limited Spaces Available
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17 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> September 2011	Oxfordshire	Fully Booked
1 <sup>st</sup> -2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2011	Oxfordshire	Spaces Available

### **Teenagers Fundamental Bushcraft (Oxfordshire/Derbyshire)**

14 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2011	Oxfordshire	Spaces Available
28 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2011	Oxfordshire	Fully Booked
8 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> August 2011	Derbyshire	Spaces Available

## **Week Long Courses**

### **Hide Tanning (Oxfordshire)**

25 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2010	Oxfordshire	Completed
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### **Woodland Ways Week (Oxfordshire)**

11 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> April 2011	Oxfordshire	Spaces Available
15 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> August 2011	Oxfordshire	Spaces Available
5 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2011	Oxfordshire	Spaces Available

### **Friction Fire Lighting Week (Oxfordshire)**

27 <sup>th</sup> June – 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2011	Oxfordshire	Spaces Available
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## **Other**

**Marshland Ways Weekend (Lincolnshire)** Arranged on request for organised groups

**Fungi Weekend (Oxfordshire)** Arranged on request for organised groups

**Tailor Made Day Courses (UK wide)** Arranged on request

