

EarthCraftuk Nature Skills (Shelter Building & Camp Fires)

Level: One

Course Duration: 10am day 1 to 5pm day 2. Minimum 6 Participants

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LEARNING OUTCOMES	ASSESSMENT CRITERIA
The participant will be able to:	The participant has achieved this outcome as they can now:
1. Understand the importance of respecting the countryside	1.1. Identify and discuss important features of the Country Code 1.2. Demonstrate areas of putting the Country Code into practice.
2. Understand key Health & Safety issues in the field of Bushcraft	2.1 Identify key risks to self and others when participating in Bushcraft skills 2.2 Be familiar with and take personal responsibility with the EarthCraftuk Health & Safety policies whilst within the woodland camp
3. Understand the principles and techniques of safe camp fire location; lighting; management and safety	3.1 Discuss the fundamental importance of camp fire safety 3.2 Identify the key factors affecting the safe selection of a suitable location for a camp fire 3.3 Identify, source and prepare 4 different natural materials used as tinder 3.4 Identify and source suitable woods for kindling and firewood 3.5 Discuss the importance of the 3 elements of the fire triangle 3.6 Demonstrate 3 different fire lays and discuss their effectiveness 3.7 Discuss the importance of fire management 3.8 Identify the key factors to ensure the camp fire is extinguished safely to `leave no trace`.
4. Understand the principles and techniques of alternative methods of fire lighting without matches or lighter	4.1 Name 3 different forms of fire lighting 4.2 Create fire using the above methods (including fire by friction)
5. Erect a range of man made shelters	5.1 Demonstrate how to site and erect a tent 5.2 Demonstrate how to site and erect a tarp & hammock 5.3 Demonstrate the tying and practical application of at least 3 suitable knots used to secure man made shelters.

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6. Construct a simple and safe, weatherproof woodland shelter	6.1 Identify and source natural materials used to create a simple woodland shelter and bedding 6.2 Discuss key considerations when choosing the location for a woodland shelter 6.3 Discuss key environmental considerations needed to be taken into account when constructing woodland shelters.
7. Successfully complete one overnight stay in a woodland camp whilst attending the EarthCraftuk Nature Skills Programme	8. Stay overnight in a woodland camp and work alongside others in harmony

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This programme is run for groups of a minimum of 6 participants and over 2 full days and 1 night. This is an ideal introduction to the world of Bushcraft with complete emphasis on shelter building and camp fires. By the end of this programme, the students will have a good understanding of these vital areas of Bushcraft.

We are an approved provider of Outdoor Education by Kent County Council and our programmes can be tailored towards youth groups and school groups (From Year 7) offering an opportunity to develop new nature based skills and essential life skills in `the classroom without walls`! Children exploring the natural environment will grow in confidence, take responsibility for their own learning, become far more aware and show a greater appreciation for the natural world in which they live. By taking part, schools will be implementing aspects of sustainable development, the new Manifesto for Learning Outside the Classroom, and the Every Child Matters Agenda. We ask that one teacher/youth group leader per 10 children accompany the group to provide pastoral care. This place is offered free of charge, additional teachers/leaders will be charged the programme fee.

Our programmes also make brilliant corporate events being tailored towards adults. Being away from the stresses, strains and distractions of the commercial world, it will give participants the chance to develop team building skills; emotional intelligence; build on their friendships and develop new skills and knowledge, in a unique peaceful ancient woodland setting.

Each participant's achievements will be assessed informally during the programme and an 'EarthCraftuk Certificate of Achievement' will be presented before departure.

Please refer to our suggested overnight camp kit list for each participant to bring along. However, please speak to us if a participant hasn't access or funds to buy kit, as we do have a few sets which can be borrowed if needed. All food and refreshments are provided, however, the programme encourages a hands-on approach and the participants will be encouraged to work together under supervision, to prepare and cook their meals from a selection of produce provided (including vegetarian options).

The cost per person is £150 (6 - 25 participants). For numbers over 25, please talk with us to discuss a programme suitable for your group.

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