

# EarthCraftuk Nature Skills (Woodland Crafts)

**Level: One**

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

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LEARNING OUTCOMES	ASSESSMENT CRITERIA
<b>The participant will be able to:</b>	<b>The participant has achieved this outcome as they can now:</b>
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. The understanding of key personal Health & Safety responsibilities for Bushcraft skills	2.1 State and discuss key risks to self and others when participating in Bushcraft 2.2 Be familiar with and take personal responsibility to comply with the EarthCraftuk Health & Safety policies within the woodland camp
3. Become competent with the safety; use and maintenance of basic woodland hand tools	3.1 Discuss the importance for the selection and use of appropriate personal protective equipment when using various hand tools in a woodland setting 3.2 Discuss the importance of using the hand tools safely and demonstrate a safety briefing when using each hand tool 3.3 Actively check, clean, maintain and store the hand tools safely whilst on the programme
4. Become familiar with appropriate suitable trees for green woodworking	4.1 Identify 3 appropriate green woods suitable for making various craft items 4.2 Harvest sustainably, appropriate green woods for craft use
5. Create woodland craft items out of natural materials	5.1 Make the following craft items from natural woodland materials using basic hand tools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wooden bowl</li> <li>• Wooden knife, Fork &amp; Spoon</li> <li>• Wooden mallet</li> <li>• Wooden tent peg</li> <li>• Woven shallow plate</li> <li>• Charcoal</li> <li>• Pine resin glue</li> </ul>
6. Successfully complete one overnight stay in a woodland camp whilst attending the EarthCraftuk Nature Skills Programme	6. 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 woodland craft. By the end of this programme, the students will have a thorough understanding of the tools used; the maintenance; safety and spend quality time making several simple woodland craft items to proudly take home! A wonderful hands-on and enriching programme.

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.

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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