



LEVEL 2 AWARD FOR FOREST SCHOOL ASSISTANTS
FSTC 6 DAY MODULAR COURSE

DETAILS FOR NORFOLK COURSE – STARTING IN MARCH 2022

Please ensure you have read our 'Level 2 Course Information Guide' (available on our website) in conjunction with this flier. The Information Guide contains full details about the content, commitment and assessment methods of our level 2 Forest School training course.

COURSE DATES + LOCATIONS:

Course Component	Date	Number of Days	Location
Immersion	Monday 28 th March 2022	1	Patteson Lodge
Module 1	Tuesday 29 th & Wednesday 30 th March 2022	2	Patteson Lodge
Module 2	Monday 9 th , Tuesday 10 th & Wednesday 11 th May 2022	3	Patteson Lodge
Assisting with a FS programme	May - August 2022	3 sessions	At your Forest School site
Online Tutorial	Wednesday 14 th July 2022 (7.30 – 9pm)	1.5 hours	Online
Final Hand-in	4 th September 2022	n/a	n/a

TIMINGS: 9am to 5pm each day

VENUE – PATTERSON LODGE ACTIVITY CENTRE

Patterson Lodge is a residential outdoor centre owned by Girl Guiding Norfolk on the outskirts of Coltishall, Norfolk. We will have sole occupancy of the lodge and access to an area of their woodland for the training modules. You can find out more about the venue here: www.pattesonlodge.org.uk

The address is: Patterson Lodge Activity Centre
14 Gt Hautbois Road
Coltishall
Norfolk
NR12 7JN

ACCOMMODATION:

If you are travelling from further afield, we can offer self-catered accommodation at this venue for a small additional charge. There are a couple of room options available:

- Dormitory - £20 per person per night
- Private room (limited availability)- £30 per person per night

Please indicate if you would like accommodation and your preferences on your booking form.



STUDENTS WISHING TO 'TOP UP'

The modular format of our training is designed to be flexible to meet learners needs, therefore it is possible for students who have recently gained a level 2 Forest School Qualification to 'top-up' their training to level 3. This means that in the future you can use the level 2 qualification towards a level 3 course should you wish to continue your Forest School training.



PRICES

FSTC prices are fully inclusive of all course costs, including; qualification registration & certification, marking & moderation, administration, course support resources & access to equipment, student website access, and tutorial support. There are no 'hidden extras' and we do not charge our students for late submission of work (unless the submission date has gone beyond what is required by the moderators).

	Number of Training Days attended	Cost of course
Level 2 Full Course	6	£650

SUPPORTING A FOREST SCHOOL PROGRAMME

To complete the level 2 qualification students are required to support a minimum of 3 consecutive sessions within a Forest School programme being run by a level 3 Leader. It is usual that students will arrange this themselves, however if participants do not yet have contact with a Forest School, our tutors may be able to signpost students to existing Forest Schools if needed.

VALUE ADDED FEATURES OF OUR TRAINING COURSE

We care about the quality of our training and the Forest School practice which ultimately results from it. There is a wide range of Forest School training available in the UK and we want to ensure that our course is right for the students that choose to undertake their training with us. Our training course aims to support aspirant Forest School Assistants every step of the way. Some of the additional benefits that our training offers are:

- **MODULAR FORMAT** – making learning more manageable, working through the seasons
- **NATIONALLY RECOGNISED QUALIFICATION** – we use the most up to date Forest School qualification units. These are the national standard and on the QCF
- **OUTDOOR LIVING EXPERIENCES** – through the immersion day
- **ONLINE SERVICES** – Student password protected web pages & resources,
- **ONGOING SUPPORT** – Tutorial support to reconnect
- **FREE 1 YEAR STUDENT MEMBERSHIP** to the Forest School Association

YOUR LEAD TRAINER - LOUISE

This course will be led by Louise, along with assistant trainers Steph, Emma and Jane to facilitate the course. All tutors are experienced outdoor practitioners and Forest School Leaders.



COVID-19 MEASURES

We have made the decision to run our courses in a face to face way as it would be done in a pre-Covid world. We feel the benefits of people coming together and learning skills in a practical, hands on way within a supportive community outweigh the possible risks presented by Covid-19 at this time. However we still recognise the seriousness of the risk posed by the disease and have undertaken risk assessments.

We appreciate attendees co-operation in following these precautions:

- Socially distancing as appropriate indoors (The venue has a large space as the main room)
- Using handwashing facilities regularly (indoors and outdoors)
- Please do not attend a training day if you have tested positive for Covid-19 and/or are displaying symptoms
- Inform your trainer if you have tested positive after any training module, so that the rest of the group can be informed and tested.
- If you have health concerns that make you vulnerable, you may wish to gain medical advice before attending



We recognise that if the situation with Covid-19 changes in the future, we may need to adjust our measures following government advice. If the course is affected by any changes to current legislation (e.g. another lockdown) then we will look at postponing modules &/or providing more online content.

HOW TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

Please complete and submit the online registration form. Please ensure you have read our Terms and Conditions before applying, found on our website www.forestschoolltraining.co.uk

PREPARING FOR THE COURSE

A large part of the training will take place outside, in all weathers. Please ensure you have appropriate outdoor clothing, including full waterproofs and footwear.

You may also like to begin learning about some of the aspects of Forest School. You can do this by:

- Reading about the Forest School philosophy – www.forestschoollassociation.org
- Visiting existing Forest School Programmes & talking to Forest School leaders - www.fsanorfolk.wixsite.com/fsan
- Watch a video explaining its ethos – www.youtube.com/c/ForestSchoolLou
- Participate in an online experiential series of videos as an introduction to Forest School – www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLM_3b0QSEkWm6BRf_BWDDdSIRr6Khd9yA



CONTACT LOUISE

Please **contact Louise** directly if you would like to discuss anything about this course – birchwoodlearning@gmail.com

WE HOPE TO WELCOME YOU TO THE WOODS SOON!