

Scottish Mammals

27th - 30th August 2010

Led by John Haddow

Level: Open to all



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The Field Studies Council (FSC) is an environmental education charity committed to helping people explore, understand and be inspired by the natural world. Each year over 100,000 people experience the FSC through visits to our network of 17 Centres



Course outline: The latest in a series of in-depth courses covering a variety of mammal species in the Scottish Highlands, this weekend will introduce the biology, ecology and conservation status of otters, water voles, red squirrel and pine marten with an emphasis on the importance of fieldwork techniques, tracks and signs.

There will be field visits to sites of upland water voles and opportunities to find all the typical signs of otters. Red squirrel and pine marten can be seen in the grounds of Kindrogan , but other mammals are more elusive .

Suitable for Environmental Consultants.

Your Tutor: John Hadow is a mammal ecologist, specialising in bats. He has been actively involved in bat conservation and in training others on the subject for over 25 years. He is also a tutor for the Bat Conservation Trust and The Mammal Society.

Equipment to bring with you:

Wellingtons and/or waterproof walking boots (some are available at the centre at a small cost)
Waterproof clothing (some are available at the centre at a small cost)
Lunch Box , vacuum flask
Rucksack
Plenty of spare warm clothing

Booking Procedure

To book a place on this course, please complete the booking form and send it together with a deposit of £50.00 (cheque payable to Field Studies Council). Provisional bookings should be made by telephone. Payment of the balance of the course fee will be 30 days before the beginning of the course. Cancellation after this date may leave the customer liable for the full amount – a condition which is accepted when the booking is confirmed. You are recommended to take out personal cancellation insurance to cover this eventuality.

Course Fees & What's Included

Resident - £175 Sole Occupancy / £155 Shared Accommodation includes tuition, full board accommodation, transport to sites, use of library, from supper on 27th until after breakfast on 30th August 2010

Non – Residential - £128 includes tuition packed lunches, evening meals and transport (in other words everything but bed and breakfast).

Transport – Any excursions during the trip will be made in either the Centre vehicles or private cars. The cost of this is included in the fee. For anyone who kindly uses their own vehicle for the course excursions will be reimbursed for petrol costs at a set rate.

Times – Resident and Non-resident visitors are requested to arrive at the centre before 7pm on 27th and report to reception. Supper will be served at 7.30pm after which there will be an introductory talk about the centre. Breakfast is served at 8am. The course will end on the 30th by approximately 4pm.

Weekend/Mid week Courses – Courses that run from Friday to Sunday or mid week may finish late, so to accommodate this we maybe able to offer extra nights accommodation.