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.

Drawing Plants in Close Up

Friday 17th – Monday 20th July 2015

a course led by Kate Houghton
at Malham Tarn Field Centre

Overview of the course

Spend a weekend making detailed studies from the plants found around Malham, expand your knowledge of these fabulous structures through drawing.
Tuition includes a number of exercises aimed at improving observation skills together with some basic drawing techniques and the chance to experiment with a variety of materials.
The course might be of interest to those who study native flora and would like to learn how to make valuable visual recordings or for those who simply enjoy exploring our world through drawing.

Malham Tarn offers a surprising array of habitat - adjacent to the centre there is woodland, crags, and pasture leading down to the shores of the tarn. Within short walking distance is a wonderful boardwalk that stretches out across an acid peat bog giving access to an extraordinary range of plants. If you are prepared to scramble uphill, above the centre you will find yourself on a limestone pavement with its associated flora.

Course Level: Open to everyone
The study room offers ample space in which to base yourself where selection of plants will be made available to work from or if preferred you will find plenty more to inspire you by seeking out the plants where they grow in the grounds around the centre. There will be access to low powered microscopes to discover new unexpected details through.
Evening sessions will include a look at the work of Botanical Artists past and present and compare their approaches to this fascinating subject with discussion as how best to develop the direction of your own work.

About the Tutor

Kate Houghton M.A. has taken watercolour and drawing classes for many years, she has experience of teaching all levels of ability.
Kate has a particular interest in the role drawing can play in learning more about the structure of plants. This course delights in close observations of the natural world and welcomes all levels of ability.

https://www.facebook.com/drawingplants
Course fees
- Resident – sole occupancy £365.00
- Resident – shared accommodation £355.00
- Non-Resident £255.00

What is included within the fee?
- Up to 9 hours of tuition a day
- Full board accommodation including a cooked breakfast, picnic lunch, home-made cakes and an evening meal. Vegetarian and other dietary options are available
- Tea and coffee making facilities available throughout the day
- Use of resources including library, workrooms, studios and the Centre grounds
- Centre organised transport during the course and most admission fees

Non-resident course fees include all of the above except breakfast and accommodation.

Booking procedure
Provisional bookings can be made by telephoning the centre on 01729-830331 or by completing the online form on the FSC website: www.field-studies-council.org

You will then be asked to complete a booking form, located within the brochure or available to print off from the FSC website. Return this to the Centre with your deposit to confirm your place (or pay deposit on-line).

Please note the booking conditions on the booking form, in the FSC Courses Brochure or on the FSC website.

Start and finish times
Please aim to arrive between 4.00pm and 5.30pm on Friday afternoon, allowing time to settle into your accommodation before the evening meal at 6.00pm. The course will begin formally after dinner with an introduction to the Centre.

Non-resident guests – please arrive by 5.45pm.

The course will end at 3pm on Monday afternoon; bedrooms should be vacated by 9.30am.

Other Courses This Week
- Grass ID (Fri – Mon)
  Your partner, family or friend could join you for your stay to do their own thing or to fish the Tarn during the fishing season. Please ask for details.

Excursions
Excursions will be by Centre minibuses. On occasion it may be necessary to use private cars, in which case anyone who kindly uses their car will be refunded the petrol costs.

Travelling here:
The Centre is located 4 miles North of Malham Village and 7 miles East of Settle.
Grid ref: SD 895673. Post code BD24 9PU.
- By Train The nearest stations are Settle and Giggleswick. We can arrange to collect you from and return you to the station by Centre minibus depending upon demand. Please call & let us know of your arrival time in advance.
  Taxis from the station should be booked in advance – call 01729-822219 or 01729-824888.
- By Car Please follow the directions attached.
- Car Sharing If you would like to be put in touch with other participants who are coming from your area, please let us know.

Flowers of the Dales Festival
This Course is part of the Flowers of the Dales Festival, which features a wide range of events and activities to help people discover and celebrate the wonderful wildflower habitats found in the Yorkshire Dales. The Festival runs from May to October and is being co-ordinated by the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust. www.ydmt.org
What to Bring

- Pencil, HB or B
- Fine tipped black permanent pen
- Couple of medium brushes nos 5 or 6. Bring any other brushes you have.
- 140 lb Hot pressed or smooth watercolour paper, or any other paper you like to work on (Sheets will be available on the course if you are unable to source this.)
- A small notebook or paper for making notes.
- Paints: any waterbased paint boxes or tubes you already have. There will be some materials available if you don’t have your own kit.
- Watercolour palette with compartments, or plates etc for mixing colours in.
- Kitchen towel.
- Masking tape.
- Torch (for reading room code locks in the evening!)

If you think you may like to try some drawing outside the following might be useful. (optional)

- Sun hat.
- Long sleeved shirt.
- Sun cream, insect repellent.
- Warm clothing, hat, scarf, gloves; thick socks.
- Folding stool
- Small rucksack, flask / water bottle,
- Waterproof Jacket and Trousers *
- Wellington boots *

* These items can be borrowed at the Centre

Malham Tarn experiences an upland climate - at any season it can be bright and fine, but can also be cold, windy and wet. Please be prepared by bringing warm and waterproof clothing, and strong waterproof footwear.

Some surfaces around the buildings are uneven and may be slippery therefore visitors are advised to wear flat shoes.

Recommended Reading:
To find out a little of the subject history, ‘The Art of Botanical Illustration’ by Blunt and Stearn is a very comprehensive book. If you like a good read, ‘The Naming of Names’ by Anna Pavord takes you on a journey through the documentation of flora.
**About the centre**

Malham Tarn Field Centre is one of 17 Centres in the UK run by the Field Studies Council, an independent educational charity that helps people discover, explore, understand and be inspired by the natural environment. It is located high up (altitude 381m) in the heart of the Yorkshire Dales National Park in a peaceful woodland setting beneath dramatic cliffs, overlooking Malham Tarn. The Tarn is the focus of an internationally important National Nature Reserve and the area is known for its magnificent limestone scenery, with the famous features of Malham Cove and Gordale Scar within walking distance.

Tarn House was built during the eighteenth century and extended by Walter Morrison, who inherited the property in 1857. Many eminent guests stayed at the house during his time, including John Ruskin, Charles Kingsley and Judge Hughes. The estate was given to The National Trust in 1946, who leased the House to the FSC for educational purposes in 1947. The Field Centre opened early the following year with Paul Foster Holmes as the Warden.

The Centre is an ideal place to study a variety of topics and we offer courses at all levels for schools, colleges and universities, for vocational training and a wide range of special interest courses for adults and families. At any time we may have a variety of groups at the Centre. The Head of Centre leads a well-qualified and experienced teaching team with a full complement of staff on the domestic and administrative side. Courses are also run by carefully chosen guest tutors.

Accommodation & Facilities The Centre comprises three buildings - Tarn House, North Wing and High Stables. North Wing is close to Tarn House separated by a cobbled courtyard. High Stables is a few minutes’ walk up a woodland track, where there is also a large parking area. Visitors to the Centre can expect to find a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

Warm and comfortable sleeping accommodation is distributed across all three buildings. Many rooms have en-suite facilities, beds are prepared, towels provided and tea and coffee making facilities are available in your room.

There are four well equipped study rooms, a drying room, library, TV lounge, common room and tea room in Tarn House and North Wing. A second common room and bar are located at High Stables.

The tuck-shop sells a range of confectionery, drinks, toiletry items, stationery, postcards and souvenirs. The publications shop sells maps, books, FSC fold-out charts and keys. Note that the nearest shops and cash machines are 7 miles away in Settle.

Mobile reception is variable – public telephones are available if yours does not work! Computers have internet access, with wireless broadband accessible from your laptop, in some areas.

Catering The dining room is located in Tarn House. In addition to a cooked breakfast and wholesome home-cooked evening meal, materials are provided for you to make a picnic lunch to enjoy wherever your course may take you. Special diets can be catered for by prior arrangement. Drink making facilities are available at all times in the tea room.

Important It is in your own interests to inform the Centre of any medical problems, disabilities, allergies or dietary requirements you may have. All information will be treated in confidence.
How to find us

1 From Malham: Bear left at the Buck Inn. Drive up a winding hill, and along the flat (2 cattle grids) for 3 miles to a crossroads. Go straight ahead here, past High Trenhouse (Centre for Management Creativity) and down to a junction. Turn right and drive with the wood to your right for ½ mile. Ignore the gated track and watch out for a sharp right hand turn down a slope at the far end of the woodland.

NB Do not take the road from Malham that goes past the Listers Arms Hotel as this becomes a gated track.

2 From Settle/Hawes/Horton-in-Ribblesdale Take the B6479 to Langcliffe (don’t follow signs to Malham from Settle town Centre) and turn into Langcliffe at the sign ‘Malham 7½’. Follow this road through the village, over a cattle grid, up a steep winding hill, over 2 cattle grids, down to an isolated farm and up another long hill. Bear right at the top of this hill. After just over a mile, the road forks at a small copse. Bear left here at the sign ‘Arncliffe 5¾’ (do not take the road to Malham). Continue for another mile, past a sharp right turn and a gated track. At the far end of the woodland watch for a sharp right turn.

The final turn is marked with a small sign to the Field Centre. Follow the track for ¾ mile past various cottages, through a rock cutting to the large buildings at the far end.