Based in classic snail country of the North Downs the weekend includes searching for land snails in their appropriate habitats with follow-up identification at the centre. There is an excellent key to snails in the FSC publications. Unlike some insect groups there is a limited number of species making it an accessible group to learn but at the same time the species are sensitive to conditions of habitat so are useful environmental indicators, both for conservation and archaeology. Come and enjoy a weekend looking at snails.

Course objectives
By the end of the course participants will be able to:

- Have an appreciation of the habitats in which snails are found
- Have a grounding in the features that are used to identify them from shells
- Be able to distinguish an adult from a juvenile shell
- Interpret the ecological meaning of a list of snails from fieldwork
- Have leads for taking the interest further

Course Overview

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<td>Morning – searching in the Field Centre grounds followed by identification session in lab and lunch. Walk to other habitats for alluvial field by River Mole and woodland with lab work after tea including the sifting of leaf litter for tiny snails that are difficult to see in the field. Evening interpretation of snail lists in terms of habitat requirements for the species.</td>
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<td>Morning – Chalk grassland slopes of Juniper Top and valley near the field centre. Concluding session summarising leads for further study and the application of shell identification in ecology and environmental archaeology. The course finishes in the afternoon.</td>
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Course Details

Course fees
Sole occupancy: £240
Shared occupancy: £220
Non-resident: £180

What is included within the fee?
- Up to 10 hours of tuition a day
- Full board accommodation including a cooked breakfast, packed lunch, homemade cakes and an evening meal. Vegetarian and other dietary options are available
- All bedding and towels are provided
- Tea and coffee making facilities
- Use of wi-fi internet, bar/lounge, library
- Any excursions during the course will mostly be on foot. However, if longer excursions are to be made then these will be by Centre minibus or by private cars. Arrangements will be made to reimburse petrol costs if cars are used

Non-residential fees include all of the above except breakfast and accommodation

Start and finish times
Residential guests are welcome to arrive, register and settle into rooms any time between 3.30 pm and 6.30 pm on Friday. Non-residents need not arrive so early but should aim to be here by 6.30pm. Afternoon tea will be available at 5.30 pm.

There will be a welcome talk in the Royal Oak Room followed by supper at 7pm.

The course will begin with a classroom session after supper and will finish with afternoon tea at approximately 4.00pm on Sunday.

About the Tutor
Dr June Chatfield has had a lifelong interest in snails and is a Vice President of the Conchological Society of Great Britain and Ireland with a career as a college lecturer, museum curator, author and consultant. She has led the Juniper Hall snail course since 1967.

What to Bring

Please bring the following with you if you can:
- x10 hand lens - can be borrowed or bought at the Centre.
- Camera
- Waterproof clothing
- Stout shoes (wellies can be borrowed from the Centre at no extra cost)
- Lunchbox
- Water bottle and/or thermos flask
- Small rucksack
How to Book

Bookings can be made online at www.field-studies-council.org/individuals-and-families

Alternatively, please telephone or email Juniper Hall (contact details below) to make a provisional booking. We will then hold your place for 7 days. If the course is already full you may wish to be put on a waiting list; we will then inform you if a vacancy becomes available.

To confirm your booking please complete a Booking Form and return this to the Centre with your deposit. Cheques should be made payable to ‘Field Studies Council’.

Fees are payable before commencement of the course and we will invoice you for the balance approximately 4 weeks before the course starts.