Discovering the Flora of Chalk Grasslands & Woodland

In a quiet wooded valley in an unspoilt area of the chalk North Downs, Juniper Hall is a superb country house dating from the 17th century, complete with a butterfly garden and surrounding woodland.

Course Overview

This wildflower identification course, suitable both for beginners and more experienced botanists alike, is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the varied flora found in the Box Hill area.

During the course you will spend time out in the beautiful local countryside around Box Hill learning the names of the wide range of wildflowers living there, particularly on the chalk grassland and woodlands. You may be shown how to identify the various plant species, including how to identify and distinguish plants belonging to some of the more difficult families such as the Crucifers (Cabbage family) and Umbellifers (Carrot family). This is also an opportunity to enjoy seeing some of the rarer and more unusual wildflowers that are a speciality of the area.

There will be ample time for wild flower photography and there will be a slide show one evening. There is no strenuous walking.

Course Details

Course fees
Sole occupancy Room: £240
Shared room: £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 6.30 pm. Afternoon tea will be available at 5.30 pm.

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

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

Provisional Programme

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<td>Saturday</td>
<td>Spend the day exploring the South facing slopes of the North Downs at</td>
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<td>Ranmore Common. Picnic lunch</td>
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<td>Evening session in the laboratory.</td>
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<td>Sunday</td>
<td>A gentle morning stroll around typical chalk woodland at Sheepleas, West</td>
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<td>Horsley followed by lunch.</td>
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<td>After lunch, a look at the plants in the vicinity of Juniper Hall.</td>
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About the Tutor

John Dicker is a keen and enthusiastic self-taught botanist with a wide knowledge of the local flora of Surrey. He is a long-standing Committee member of the Surrey Botanical Society and was closely involved in the Atlas 2000 project which resulted in the production of the New Atlas of the British and Irish Flora. He has taught botanical courses at Juniper Hall for a number of years.
What to Bring

**Please bring the following with you if you can**
- Hand lens (x10 magnification) - can be borrowed or bought at the Centre.
- Notebook and pencil.
- Stout shoes or boots (wellies can be borrowed from the Centre)
- Waterproofs (just in case!) – these can also be borrowed at the Centre
- Small rucksack or bag
- Hat and sunscreen
- Lunchbox
- Water bottle
- Casual clothing

**Recommended reference books**
Fitter, Fitter & Blamey Wildflowers of Britain and Northern Europe. Collins

How to Book

Bookings can be made online at [www.field-studies-council.org/individuals-and-families](http://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.