



Juniper Hall	This course will take participants from an Introductory level through to an Intermediate level	31 August 2018 – 2 September 2018	Fri – Sun	£50 Sole	£30 Shared	£20 Non-resident
				This course is offered at a reduced rate thanks to support from the FSC BioLinks project		

## Identifying & Recording Centipedes



### Course Overview

Over 50 species of centipedes are known to occur in the wild in Britain and, despite being animals that often live in proximity to humans and can be found in almost any garden as well as in “wild” locations, centipedes are hugely under-recorded.

This is an introduction to these predatory invertebrates and why they are worth taking a closer look at. The first evening will involve learning about centipedes and the role that they play in the environment. During the weekend, we will survey Juniper Hall and its surroundings for centipedes and learn how to identify specimens in a lab-based identification workshop using microscopes.

This course is about gaining an introduction to centipedes, to build confidence in starting to identify this group and demonstrating how to make your observations count by submitting your records to the Centipede Recording Scheme. By the end of the weekend we aim to be able to identify centipedes using the FSC AIDGAP ‘Key to the Identification of British Centipedes’ and a microscope.

No previous knowledge of centipedes or experience of using identification keys/microscopes is needed to enjoy this course – just a passion for nature and learning more about wildlife that is often overlooked.

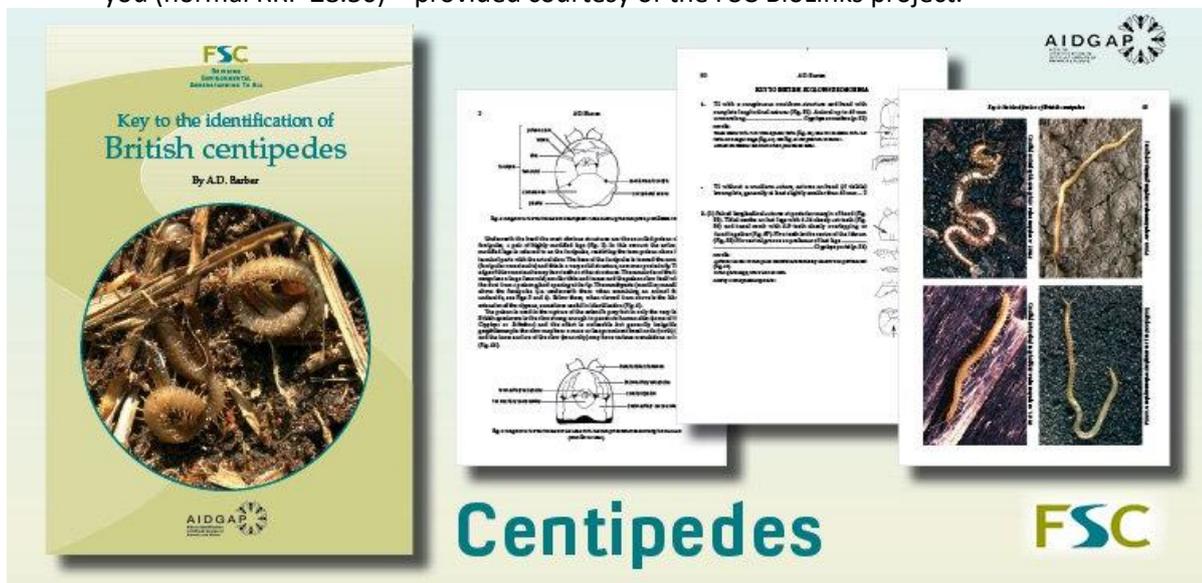
***Please note that this course will involve the collection, killing and preservation of specimens.***

## Course Fees

- Sole occupancy: £50
- Shared occupancy: £30
- Non-resident: £20

### What is included within the fee?

- Up to 10 hours of tuition a day
- A certificate of attendance
- Full board accommodation including a cooked breakfast, packed lunch, homemade cakes and an evening meal. Vegetarian and other dietary options are available if we are notified in advance
- 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.
- A FREE copy of the FSC AIDGAP 'Key to the Identification of British Centipedes' to take away with you (normal RRP £8.50) – provided courtesy of the FSC BioLinks project.



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

## About the Tutor

**Tony Barber** is a member of the British Myriapod and Isopod Group, one of the editors of the group's annual *Bulletin* and organiser of the national Centipede Recording Scheme. Tony produced both the FSC AIDGAP 'Key to the Identification of British Centipedes' (2008) and the Linnean Society Synopsis (New Series) 58 'Centipedes' (2009). He has had an interest in myriapods (centipedes & millipedes) for many years and has published a number of scientific papers on them including, as joint author, the Provisional Atlas of Centipedes of the British Isles (1988) and is currently working on a new atlas for Britain & Ireland. Particular interests include the ecology and distribution of centipedes, the means by which centipedes and millipedes disperse from one place to another, myriapods on sea-shores and the centipedes and millipedes of urban areas and greenhouses.

## Start and finish times

Residential guests are welcome to arrive, register and settle into rooms any time between 3.30pm and 5.30pm on Friday. Non-residents need not arrive so early but should aim to be here by 5.30pm. Afternoon tea will be served at 4pm.

A short welcome talk will take place at 6.30pm. You will then be shown into supper at 6.45pm.

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

## What to Bring

What to bring with you if you can:

- Notebook and pencil
- Hand Lens (if you have one)
- Small rucksack or bag and a lunchbox
- Waterproofs (just in case!) - these can be borrowed from the Centre
- Stout shoes or boots (wellies can be borrowed from the Centre)
- Water bottle and/or thermos flask
- Hat and Sunscreen
- Casual clothing

There will be a member of staff with first aid training and access to a first aid kit on site. If you have special medical requirements please let us know as soon as possible so we can plan the course.

## How to Book

Bookings can be made by telephoning the FSC Head Office on 01743 852100, emailing [enquiries@field-studies-council.org](mailto:enquiries@field-studies-council.org) or by visiting the FSC Biodiversity website:

<http://www.field-studies-council.org/biodiversity>

## Getting to FSC Juniper Hall

**Juniper Hall Field Centre, Old London Road, Mickleham, Dorking, RH5 6DA**

Full directions for getting to the site by train, bus and car can be downloaded from the FSC website.

<http://www.field-studies-council.org/media/3995852/if-juniper-directions-updated-291117.pdf>

## FSC BioLinks project

This course is part of the FSC BioLinks project and supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund. More information about the project and other FSC BioLinks training courses can be found on the FSC Biodiversity webpage:

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