Occupying a large Georgian manor house, Malham Tarn Field Centre is situated in the Malham Tarn National Nature Reserve. Many natural attractions are on the doorstep including the tarn, one of eight upland alkaline lakes in Europe, and the limestone features of Malham Cove and Gordale Scar.

**Botany Beginnings: Wildflowers - Fri 1 or Sat 2 June 2018**

We will give you the powers to identify the flowers!

We will introduce basic wildflower anatomy, terminology and common families, and share our simple methods of identification in a relaxed and passionate manner. There will be many handy tips and fun indoor and outdoor practical activities to aid learning. This course will leave you confident and excited to continue exploring the fascinating world of plants.

Together, we will explore the Malham Tarn area which is rich in both common and rarer wildflowers and offers many exciting habitats including limestone grassland and Tarn Moss, a wonderfully diverse wetland habitat. Excursions will be on foot from the Field Centre and will not be arduous (2 km).

**Botany Beginnings: Grasses, Sedges & Rushes - Sat 16 June 2018**

Open your eyes to the wonder that is nature’s carpet! No longer will you see merely green “grass”, but a world of species with their own unique qualities.

We will introduce basic anatomy and terminology for each group which will enable you to tell them apart. Our handy tips and simple methods of identification will be shared with you in a relaxed and passionate manner. There will be plenty of fun indoor and outdoor practical activities to aid learning. This course will leave you confident and excited to continue exploring this beautiful and understated group of plants.

Together, we will explore the Malham Tarn area which is rich in both common and rarer grasses, sedges and rushes and offers many exciting habitats including limestone grassland and Tarn Moss, a wonderfully diverse wetland habitat. Excursions will be on foot from the Field Centre and will not be arduous (2 km).

**Course Level:** Open to everyone
About the Tutor

Laurie Wildwood is an experienced freelance ecologist and botany tutor and runs his own business with his wife, Janine, which aims to inspire adults and children to explore and appreciate the natural world. His professional background is in conservation and woodland management.

What is Included

- Refreshments and a light lunch are included.
- Tea and coffee making facilities available throughout the day.
- Use of resources including library, workrooms and the Centre grounds.

Start and finish times

Participants are requested to arrive between 9:30 and 10:00. Please report to reception on arrival. The course will start at 10:00 and end at around 16:00.

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.

What to Bring

- Notebook and pencil
- Hand lens*
- Clothing to suit the British weather!
- Walking boots*
- Sun cream, insect repellent

For the Wildflowers day:
If you have it, a copy of Francis Rose: The Wild Flower Key. A limited number of these can be borrowed from the centre.

*These items can be borrowed at the Centre.

How to Book

Both provisional and confirmed bookings can be made via the FSC website at www.field-studies-council.org/malhamtarn or by completing the booking form located within the brochure. If you have any queries about the course, the centre, or would like to check availability before booking, please contact us on 01729 830331 or enquiries.mt@field-studies-council.org. Please note the booking conditions on the booking form, in the FSC Courses Brochure or on the FSC website.

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