

Level		Days	Shared occupancy cost			
FM	O	5 – 9 August	Mon - Fri	£470	£370	£240
Centre		Date	Sole occupancy cost			Non-Residential cost

Coracle Making



The location of many of John Constable's paintings, Flatford Mill runs over 120 Natural History and Arts courses in a unique and tranquil learning environment.

Course Overview

A coracle is one of the most ancient boat designs, only a few small technical steps more advanced than a raft. During this week you will be able to construct your own coracle using willows for the framework and thin canvas for the skin, and hew your own paddle if time allows.

There will be a maximum of four people on this course. Please expect to reimburse the tutor for materials, approximately £35. Please note a reasonable level of fitness is expected of the course participants. If you have any questions please contact the office.

Course Description

Coracle: 'A boat of skin-covered wicker' (Pocket Oxford Dictionary).

During this week you will be able to construct your own coracle using willows for the framework and thin canvas for the skin, and hew your own paddle if time allows.

The group will be small, only four people maximum, to allow for individual tuition in the weaving and binding of the hull and gunwale of your craft.



A canvas and bitumen covering provides a waterproof skin where animal skin would have been used in prehistory. This technique also has a long history and is favoured by many coracle fishermen who continue the tradition, keeping these skills alive.

If all goes well, on the last day we should be on the river, not in it! Needless to say coracles take a bit of getting used to so be prepared for a dunking just in case!

About the Tutor

Richard King trained as a biologist specialising in Environmental Science and this led him to understand the importance of eco-sustainable industries. He has spent over 20 years as a professional green wood worker, furniture maker and thatcher.

What to Bring

Be prepared to get wet!

Start and finish times

Afternoon tea is available from **1600** on Monday, but the first formal activity is dinner at **1830** (with the bar open from **1815**).

Residents: Please aim to arrive between **1600 and 1800** on Monday to allow us sufficient time to show you to your accommodation and around the communal areas.

Non-residents: You do not need to arrive quite so early but please can you be here by **1800** as we need to show you the communal areas as well.

The course will end at **1200** on Friday.

What the fee includes

Residential course fee includes:

- Full board accommodation including cooked breakfast, picnic lunch, homemade cakes and an evening meal. Vegetarian and other dietary option available.
- Up to 8 hours teaching time a day, plus relaxing breaks for meals and refreshments.
- Tea and coffee making facilities available throughout the day.
- Use of resources including library, workrooms, studios and the Centre grounds.
- Transport during the courses.
- Insurance to cover cancellation, personal belongings, personal accident, legal liability and medical emergency.

If you choose to be a non-resident on a residential course, the fee will include all the above except accommodation and breakfast.

Special Offer

Bring a friend!

If you are attending a course at Flatford Mill at the sole occupancy price, we are offering a special rate for a friend or partner not enrolled on the course to also stay at £50 per night for dinner, bed and breakfast.

How to book

Bookings can be made by telephoning the Centre; we are open 0930 – 1700 weekdays and most weekends. Alternatively, bookings can be made via our website: www.field-studies-council.org

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