

Learn To Love Dragonflies

FSC BioLinks



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Date Weds 3 rd July 2019	Location Wildside Activity Centre, Wolverhampton	Level Introductory	Course fee* £5
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*This course is offered at a reduced rate due to support from the FSC BioLinks project

Course Overview

If you're interested in dragonflies but don't feel ready for a beginner's ID workshop, then this day is for you! It's a day for people who are fascinated by dragon and damselflies but don't know where to start with them. It's a very gentle introduction to the world of dragonflies and the art (and science!) of telling one kind from another.

- Come and learn about the different types of British dragonflies and damselflies and their natural history
- Learn some of their names
- Learn how to tell a few of them apart
- Listen to some fascinating talks from a local expert
- Find out what to do if you want to take your interest further

Please note that this is an introductory course and absolutely no experience is needed – just a passion for nature and learning more about wildlife that is often overlooked. The day will include a mixture of classroom and outside sessions so please dress appropriately.

Timetable

Please arrive in time for the course to start promptly at 10am. Refreshments will be available from 9.45am. The course will end at 4pm.

What's included?

- 6 hours of tuition.
- Certificate of attendance.
- Light refreshments (tea, coffee and biscuits).
- Use of tea and coffee making facilities.
- Any excursions during the course will be on foot.

Please note lunch is not included and you will need to bring your own packed lunch.

About the Tutor



Sue Rees Evans was the Shropshire County Recorder for Dragonflies and Damselflies for eight years. During this time Sue created the 'Shropshire Dragonflies' website (shropshiredragonflies.co.uk) - an online atlas and the Shropshire Dragonfly Watch blog. Already an enthusiastic recorder of adult Dragonflies and Damselflies, an MSc in Biological Recording gave Sue the opportunity to dive into the world of larval and exuvial identification. With a real enthusiasm for hands-on teaching, Sue has taught numerous courses on both as an Associate Tutor for the FSC and for various Wildlife Trusts, the National Trust and projects further afield such as 'Cold-blooded and Spineless' in the North Pennines.

What to Bring

- Notebook and pencil
- Field guides/keys (if you have one)
- Hand lens (if you have one)
- Lunch
- Small rucksack or bag
- Waterproofs (just in case!)
- Stout shoes, boots or wellies
- 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. Please let us know as soon as possible if you have special medical or access requirements.

Getting there

Wildside Activity Centre, Hordern Rd, Wolverhampton WV6 0HA.

BUS: From Wolverhampton City Centre buses 5, 5A, 6, 6A, 62, 62A and 535 all come past the Centre, ask for the old post office on Hordern Road, when boarding.

CYCLE: There are cycle lanes along A41 Tettenhall Road from the City Centre, as well as good access from the Smestow Valley Pathway and Staffordshire and Worcestershire canal towpath.

The new Sustrans National Cycle Network Route 81 comes past the front entrance and offers access from Wolverhampton City Centre and Codsall. There is secure cycle parking when you get here.

CAR: Our entrance is at the bottom end of Hordern Road, opposite the Peter and Paul Primary Academy, postcode is WV6 0HA, there is car parking for 15 cars.

How to Book

Please book online via www.fscbiodiversity.uk/courses or contact FSC by phone on 01743 852100 or email on enquiries@field-studies-council.org.

About FSC BioLinks

FSC BioLinks is an exciting new biodiversity project for FSC, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, running from 2018 to 2022 inclusive. It is all about invertebrate identification! FSC BioLinks will bring together new volunteers with existing volunteers who have skills in invertebrate identification and recording. The aim is to build and strengthen the biological recording community by providing training, learning opportunities and digital tools for people involved in biological recording and those that wish to become involved. Training opportunities will be given at all levels from beginner to expert, allowing people to progress and consolidate their skills and experience.

This **Learn to Love Dragonflies** course is part of a structured pathway of training courses on dragon and damselflies. The diagram below shows the FSC BioLinks training pathway illustrates where this course fits into it.

