Slapton Ley Field Centre

Natural History, Art and Family Courses

2013

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Woodland Plants ** Ros Bennett
17 – 20 May Sole Occupancy £360
Devon’s woodlands should be at their richest in May, a treasure-trove, with a wealth of plants to study and identify.

Aquatic Plants Nick Stewart
22-26 July Sole Occupancy £430
This course will concentrate on the identification and ecology of aquatic and vascular plants and stoneworts in habitats around Slapton Ley and South Devon.

Using A Flora ** Ros Bennett
20 – 24 May Sole Occupancy £440
This accredited course will be particularly useful to countryside professionals and is intended for those with some knowledge of botanical terminology wishing to have more practice in the use of botanical keys.

Grasses, Sedges & Rushes for Beginners Ros Bennett
22-25 July Sole Occupancy £360
The course is designed to give the beginner a sound foundation. Despite their superficial appearance, rush flowers are in fact very similar to those of lilies on a miniature scale.

Dragonflies David Smallshire
19-22 July Sole Occupancy £335
This course will give a thorough grounding in dragonflies and damselflies, concentrating on the wide range of species that occur in South Devon.

Butterflies and Moths Adrian Spalding
19 – 22 July Sole Occupancy £335
This course provides an introduction to moths and butterflies, covering tips for identification, field trips to good butterfly habitats, field techniques, moth trapping at night and plenty of chances for photography. Ideal for the beginner or the expert

Digital Photography -The Basics and Beyond Adrian Davies
26-28 July Sole Occupancy £230
A general introduction to digital photography, aimed at both beginners, and those with more experience. It will show you how to get the best from your equipment, be it a compact or DSLR

Flowering Plants: Top 20 Families Ros Bennett
19-22 July Sole Occupancy £360
For anyone with a recent or renewed interest in wild flowers, who would like to learn how to identify them correctly

British Mammals: Ecology & Conservation Fiona Matthews
26-28 July Sole Occupancy £230
This course will show you how to look for mammals. We will have close encounters with small mammals, bats, and probably badgers, and will study the tracks and signs of other species.

Making Watercolours Work for you Rob & Sian Dudley
26 July – 29 July Sole Occupancy £335
This is a course for beginners and the more experienced watercolourist alike who are in need of inspiration.

Art and a Sense of Place NEW Hilary J Gibson & Dr Steve Trudgill
19-26 July Sole Occupancy £605
This course is for those who have some experience in sketching, watercolours, pen and ink. The aim is to develop your art through understanding the layers of history and memory which is inherent in the landscape

Introduction to Grasses Mark Gardener
26 July – 28 July Sole Occupancy £230
In this course you will learn how to identify some of the commoner grasses. You will learn to recognize some local species by simple field characteristics.

Art & Natural History Family

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Family Naturalists
26 July – 2 Aug
Fiona Woolmer
Adult £270
Child £210 (Min age 8Yrs)
This course is for adults and younger family members looking for a shared opportunity to discover more about natural history through a variety of experiences.

Wildlife Watching with Nick Baker
2-5 August
Adult £206 Child £185
5-9 August
Adult £280 Child £240
This family course with TV naturalist Nick Baker is designed to be a great introduction to wildlife watching in general. If you’re keen to learn about bird watching, moth trapping and pond dipping then this is the one for you.

Digital Plant Photography
Adrian Davies
28 July – 2 August
Sole Occupancy £450
This course will cover all aspects of plant photography, both outdoors on location, and indoors. It will cover portraits, close-up and macro photography, wide angle habitat shots and even time lapse and high speed imaging.

An Approach to Botanical Illustration
Rosie Martin
4-9 August
Sole Occupancy £445
An introduction to this fascinating subject - painting and drawing plants in detail. We will study observational drawing, colour theory and mixing/matching to a subject/watercolour techniques including wet-into-wet botanical style.

Watercolour, tips, tricks and techniques
Rob & Sian Dudley
29 July – 2 August
Sole Occupancy £415
This course is aimed at both beginners and more experienced painters who feel in need of fresh inspiration to make more progress, from botanical to landscape, seascape to portrait.

Native British Woodland Ecology Management and Establishment
Paul Lunt
29 July – 2 August
Sole Occupancy £430
This four day course will provide information on British semi-natural woodland types, distribution and nature conservation interests.

An Introduction to the Archaeology of Dartmoor and The Tamar Valley
Owen Thompson
2 – 9 August
Sole Occupancy £585
A course introducing the various aspects of archaeology in Devon, from prehistoric times up to the recent past, which also gives a chance to explore some of the stunning scenery of the area.

Surveying Protected Mammals
Sue Searle
5 – 9 August
Sole Occupancy £430
This course covers the ecology, legal protection, identification and surveying techniques for protected mammals including dormice, bats, water voles and otters.

Dramatic Sea and Landscapes in Acrylic
Susan Gray
5-9 August
Sole Occupancy £430
Acrylics are ideal for painting atmospheric sea and landscapes. This course aims to loosen up your style and is suitable for beginners and experienced painters.

Coastal Plants
David Streeter
2-4 August
Sole Occupancy £230
Slapton is an ideal location for the study of coastal plants. Famous for the unique shingle beach of Slapton Sands and for the freshwater lake of Slapton Ley, it is also within easy reach of the cliffs of Start Point and the sand dunes and salt marshes of the Avon Estuary.

Identifying Beetles
Chris Terrel Nield
2-5 August
Sole Occupancy £295
One animal in four is a beetle and almost half a million species have been described. This course will familiarise you with beetles that can be collected in terrestrial habitats.

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Using your Smartphone for Nature

Photography  NEW  Julian Cremona
9–11 August  Sole Occupancy £230
An introduction to using Smartphones in the field. Explore how to use your smart phone to take images, from individual species to landscapes visiting breathtaking locations around the Slapton Ley Nature Reserve and the Start Bay Coastline.

Reptile Surveying and Handling  NEW  Sue Searle
9–11 August  Sole Occupancy £230
Under the guidance of an ecologist you will learn all about the UK’s native reptile fauna. There will also be a reptile session to enable students to confidently handle snakes and lizards if available.

Field Study of Geology, Botany & Marine Biology  Martin Summers
9-16 August  Sole Occupancy £595
A hands-on course visiting the countries most spectacular locations to study Devon’s fascinating geology, Botany & Marine Biology.

Painting Coast, Water and Sky in Watercolour  David Webb
9-16 August  Sole Occupancy £595
This course will help you create bold and loose paintings in watercolour. Painting on location around the beautiful Nature Reserve of Slapton Ley.

Beside The Sea  FSC Tutors
9-16 August  Adult £280
Child £215 (Min age 8Yrs)
Explore a fantastic mixture of coastal & woodland habitats rich with wildlife, colourful stories & legends. Ecology, fish catching, survival skills, some local History, rock pooling, badger watch, campfire and lots of fun! Beginners guide to close-up and macro digital photography  Julian Cremona
11 – 14 August  Sole Occupancy £335
Close-up photography reveals a whole new world. This course will not only enable you to understand picturesque South Devon. You will learn how to get more from your camera, store images on a computer, sort them by subject & learn some basics of photo editing.

Stone Circles of Dartmoor  NEW  Paul Daw
12 – 16 August  Sole Occupancy £430
The course provides an introduction to the natural history of this classic English landscape. Ranging from the coastline onto the contours of Dartmoor.

Birds and Wildlife of South Devon  NEW  Sandy Hill
16 – 23 August  Sole Occupancy £595
With a clear emphasis upon birds, this six day course aims to provide a comprehensive introduction to the natural history of the South Hams district. Each day will have a slightly different theme; exploring a range of habitats and the organisms that call this place home.

Exploring the Rocky Shore and Beyond  NEW  Monty Halls & Rachel Cole
19-23 August  Adult £280
Child £240 (Min age 8Yrs)
Explore rock pools and the shallow sea with Marine Biologist Monty Halls, a chance to reveal the real story behind one of the most rapidly changing and competitive ecosystems in the world.

Free Up Your Watercolour  Gerald Green
19-23 August  Sole Occupancy £415
This course is for anyone who may already have some experience in watercolour painting but is painting in a more expressive manner.

Sand Sea and Surf  FSC Tutors
23-30 August
Adult £360  Child £270 (Min Age 8 Years)
Explore the scenery & wildlife of the South Devon coast. Visit the rocky cliffs, sandy beaches and rivers. Have a go at kayaking & body boarding.

Digital Devon: Digital Photography  Mark Gardener
23-26 August  Sole Occupancy £335
Learn how to use your digital camera in digital photography

For shared room and non–resident prices please contact the field centre

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