

WEEKEND IN THE WOODS 2024

1st & 2nd June



Where to go...

Silverhelme Activity Centre

The Row, Silverdale,
Nr. Carnforth.
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How to book...

Please book your tickets by following the link on:
<https://coppicenorthwest.org.uk/weekend-in-the-woods-2024/>

Any questions please get in touch with us via:
bookings.canw@gmail.com

What to Expect...

Coppice Association North West invites you to spend a **Weekend in the Woods** with experienced, professional tutors to learn traditional crafts.

Each day will have **courses** running from 9am to 5pm, **camp** in the beautiful woods and enjoy **complimentary meals:** breakfast, vegetarian lunch and evening meal on Saturday.

(BYOB and instruments for the **Campfire on Saturday** night!)



Steam Bending Sculptures with Charlie Whinney

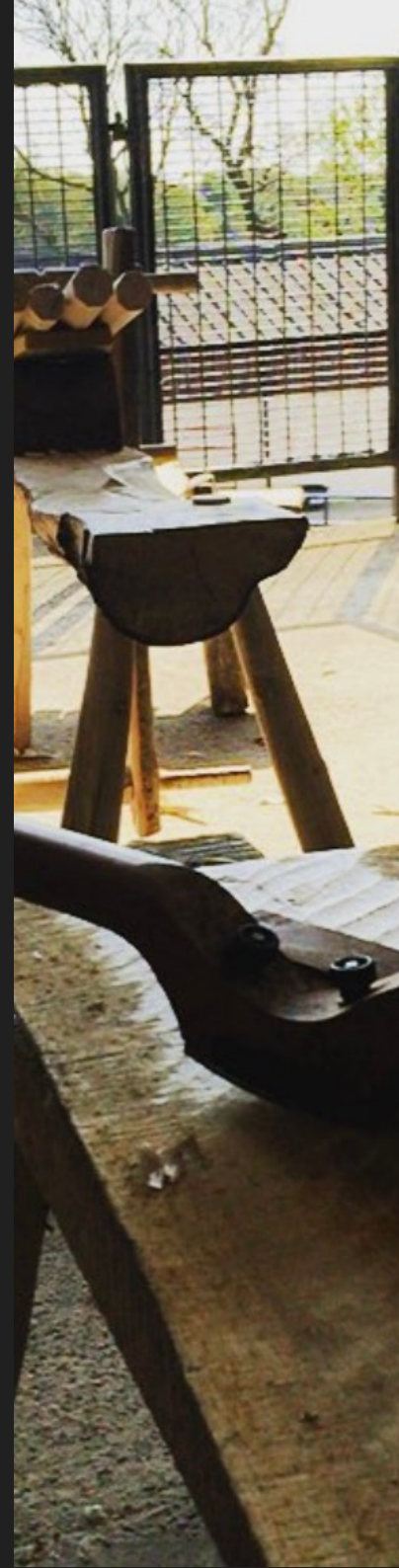


Charlie will offer you the opportunity to tap into your creativity using Sculptural Steam Bending to experience an incredible Weekend in the Woods pushing the limits of what wood can do!

“Explore the many exciting and unlikely sculptural opportunities Steam-Bending can offer and gain new insights into what wood is as a material.

Included are the basics of the process including compression straps and steamers, plus advanced techniques including impossible joints and steam-bags.

You'll go home with a unique creation designed and made by you with help from Charlie. Sculpture, lampshade, vessel or something else!”



Build Your Own Shavehorse with Maurice Pyle



Take away a shavehorse, an essential part of a green woodworker's kit & expert guidance from Maurice to add to your repertoire.

“Maurice Pyle has been a full-time greenwood craftsman and teacher involved in a wide range of traditional woodland crafts in the north of England since the early nineties. He is also the founder of Woodsmith, a woodworking tool retailer.

We'll cover the bodging skills of timber selection, cleaving, trimming, and shaving using a few simple hand tools. These tools will include axes, froes, drawknives, and spokeshaves. Learn to use them correctly and safely, and if there is time, how to keep them sharp.”

Swill Skills in Oak Basketry with Lorna Singleton



Oak basketry is a critically endangered craft with its historic hub in South Cumbria. You're invited to join Lorna, one of the very few remaining 'swillers' for a Weekend in the Woods.

“This course combines greenwood and basketry techniques (and fire!) to teach the basics of processing the wood and 2 beginner weaving patterns.

You'll learn:

To cleave a coppiced oak stem using wedges and a maul, and then a froe.

How to boil the wood to a riving state, in my oil-drum boiler.

To rive the hot oak

To dress it to weaving quality using a knife or using a mare and drawknife

And learn weaving techniques to make two small baskets.”

N.B. Boiling oak makes a black soup that can dye your hands and clothes so wear clothes you don't mind getting dyed!



Traditional Westmorland Panels with Sam Ansell



Sam will teach the traditional heritage craft of Hazel Hurdle making through the smaller Westmoreland Panel construction. A bit easier to take away with you, yet all the techniques you need to succeed.

“Traditional Westmorland panels are beautiful, robust and compact panels made from woven Hazel with an Ash top and bottom rail.

We will be using basic greenwood techniques to build the framework, and then splitting, weaving and coaxing hazel to make the body of the panel.

Finished panels will be approximately 3ft by 3ft.”

Pole-lathe Bowl Turning with Shannon Berry



With evidence showing this craft was alive over 2,000 years ago Shannon is keen to share skills and knowledge about pole-lathe turning over Weekend in the Woods.

“Experience the heritage craft of pole-lathe turning from log to bowl. Immersing yourself in nature at every step of the process.

We will delve into detail about wood, cover tool technique and dip our toes into design.

Suited to all levels of experience. Please note for this type of turning we'll be using our legs to pump and arms for tool control. Similar energy as walking up a large hill and I will be there to help at each stage.”

Leather Axe Sheath and Tool Belt Making with Tony Morgan



Tony is passionate about making sure tools are protected and is keen to show you how over two-days of teaching leathermaking at Weekend in the Woods.



“Bring along your favourite axe and make a leather cover for it.

You'll learn to design a template, cut, oil and wax the leather, set rivets and press studs, and learn the saddle stitch for hand-sewing.

On the second day there may be time to make another axe sheath or a sturdy tool belt.”



Foraging, Wild Medicine, Natural Dying and Nature Connection with Andrew and Emma



Plant exploration and discovery at Weekend in the Woods will inspire you to look at nature through a new lens.

“Join Andrew and Emma of Miscellaneous Adventures for a 2 day course in foraging, wild medicine making, natural dyeing and nature connection.

“There will be woodwork, textiles, cordage and other woodland skills woven in throughout the 2 days of plant exploration and discovery.

Develop skills to carry with you throughout the seasons.”



Deep Dive into the Lime Tree with Dave Watson



Dave's true passion for the woodland comes through in his teaching, where the learner always discovers much more than what was expected from the session.

“The Lime Tree has an incredible history, often overlooked and yet quite simply inspiring.

During the course we will look at how to make simple cups/containers out of the bark, roll some high quality cordage referencing some of its historical uses and create a simple woven basket.”

DURING THE WEEKEND

There will be someone to greet you in Mortimer Lodge on Friday evening. You are welcome to arrive and set up camp from 5pm.

Registration will open at 8am alongside breakfast, opening talk around 9am with courses to start soon after.

It's a Weekend in the Woods tradition to have a fireside gathering on the Saturday night. Please bring your instruments, voices and anything else you might need!

CAMPING AND FACILITIES

You have a choice to camp in the fields or woods. The fields are accessible by car to drop your kit off, we ask you maybe recce where your camp will be first as see if the single lane track is clear before you drive up.

There are awesome blocks of toilets, showers and outside sinks beside the lodge. (We ask the loos in the lodge to remain only for kitchen staff)

No dogs are permitted on site.

WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING

Waterproofs and sturdy footwear are essential. Please also bring a bowl, plate, mug and cutlery and some warm clothes. If you are camping, then appropriate equipment including a torch will be useful.

COMING BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT

We encourage public transport or lift shares if you can!

Silverdale Train Station is a 0.4 mile walk from SilverHelme. There are regular direct trains to & from Lancaster and easy access to Arnside, Grange and beyond to Cark & Cartmel.

COMING BY CAR

There is free parking on site and limited capacity for live-in vehicles.

We encourage you to take advantage of this beautiful place and camp in the woods if you can., Otherwise, you can reserve your live-in vehicle spot as your book your event tickets.

HEALTH AND SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

There will be qualified first aiders on hand throughout the weekend. Course tutors will make you aware of any safety considerations specific to your course. You are reminded that the courses take place within a woodland setting, and may involve uneven ground and difficult access. Please get in touch beforehand if you have any mobility needs. CANW and each individual tutor holds public liability insurance.



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