Weekend in the Woods - 15th & 16th May 2027



The Coppice Asscciation North West invites you to join us in the woods for our annual series of craft courses. Beautiful location, hearty lunches, woodland camping, great company, and of course, expert teaching from our fantastic course tutors! We look forward to seeing you in the woods!

WHAT IS IT?

For over 20 years, the Coppice Association North West has run our Weekend in the Woods, a weekend of traditional craft workshops set within a beautiful woodland in South Lakeland. Workshops are outdoors, surrounded by nature and are led by experienced, professional tutors. There is a choice of workshops to choose from - have a read through, then book your ticket online.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Each day will have courses running from 9am to 5pm, camp in the beautiful woods and enjoy breakfast & vegetarian lunch included in your fee. We always have a BBQ & campfire on Saturday night, but please bring your own drinks and food for this. We'd love you to join in and bring your instruments for the campfire.

WEEKEND IN THE WOODS 2026 BECOME A MEMBER

Although Weekend in the Woods is open to Members and Non-Members, it's a great time to sign up and join us. With a discounted price for Weekend in the Woods and the chance to meet some of our members. Membership is open to ALL, wherever they may be, who wish to support the aims of CANW. There is no restriction on the nature of Members' interests. They can be craft workers, charcoal makers, conservationists, coppice merchants, woodland owners, or just wood lovers who care about the future of our broadleaved woodlands and want to get involved

Scan the QR code to book your tickets or visit
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Split-wood basketry with Lorna Singleton - £235 + £30 Materials

Lorna has been exploring the potential of split wood basketry in its traditional and contemporary forms for many years. This will be a playful course where you will be steaming, roasting and cleaving a variety of wood species to make basketry materials. You will learn how accessible split wood basketry can be - in fact you can have a go with any materials that may be to hand! And you will go home with a beautiful double bottomed basket with a round hoop top.





Make a Stitching Clam with Tony Morgan - £235 + £20 Materials

Tony Morgan from Morgan Leather is one of the North Wests finest Leatherworkers, and has taught leatherworking courses at Weekend in the Woods for many years. This time the focus is on empowering folk to be able to work leather independently by building the tools required! In this course he will be teaching you to make a stitching clam from greenwood- a knee operated clamp that allows you to hold a leather workpience whilst using two hands to stitch. Once completed, Tony will set you up with a small leatherworking project for you to undertake on your very own clam!





Cleft Gates with Sam Ansell - £235 + £30 Materials

Sam (Member of the Coppice Co-op) is passionate about teaching coppicing, woodland management and crafts. Starting from a log, you will end up with your very own beautiful garden gate (roughly 3ft by 3ft). Here is an opportunity to learn about cleaving wood using the froe, shaping wood with drawknives and shavehorses and making round mortice and tenon joints using a range of traditional tools and techniques. On this course you will be following the grain all the way from freshly felled log to your very own beautiful garden gate.



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Bowl turning with Shannon Berry - £235 + £15 Materials

Spend two days learning the heritage craft of turning a wooden bowl using a foot-powered pole lathe and hand tools. Suitable for beginners, the course will take you through each stage of the process, developing your understanding of greenwood, the tools and the mechanics of the pole lathe. By the end of the two days, you'll have made your own bowl and gained an introduction to a traditional woodland craft. Bowl turning is a physically demanding activity - the exertion is comparable to walking uphill. Please consider any previous injuries or health conditions that may affect your ability to undertake this activity when deciding whether this workshop is suitable for you.





Forge a drawknife with Matt Whittaker - £235 + £30 Materials

Drawknives are beautiful and highly effective greenwoodworking tools. And blacksmithing is a complementary skill to green woodworking as it allows you to make the tools that are required from scratch. Starting from an old car leaf spring, Matt will teach you the various stages of heating, forging, shaping and tempering steel. You will fit round wooden handles and polish the edge. By the end of your course you will have your very own own 6 inch drawknife which you can take away and use on your next greenwood crafting project.





Make a shavehorse with Twiggy - £235 + £25 Materials

The shavehorse is one of the most useful green woodworking devices - you will see herds of them at woodland pioneers! Used to clamp and move your workpiece so that you can sit comfortably whilst shaping the wood with a drawknife. The process involves cleaving wood from a log, turning spindles on the pole lathe, and making mortice and tenon joints - so it covers a lot of the green woodworking fundamentals on the way. Again - at the end of the course you will be well set up to continue your crafting adventures at home.



WHERE IS IT?
Our 2026 Weekend in the Woods is at the lovely Hawes Villa Farm in Silverdale. The site provides a tranquil retreat situated in beautiful countryside. It is a haven for nature lovers and birdwatchers. For those who love the outdoors, walking, cycling and rock climbing are 'on the doorstep'.

DURING THE WEEKEND
You are welcome to arrive and set up camp from 5pm on Friday 15th May. Registration will open from 8am on Saturday 6th alongside breakfast, we'll have an opening talk around 9am with courses to start soon after. Vegetarian lunches are provided on both days - please email us (bookings.canw@gmail.com) if you have any specific dietary requirements. Its a long standing 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
There is a woodland camping field for quiet enioyment Of the National Nature Reserve. The fields are not accessible by car, barrows are available to transport your camping equipment the 350m. There are also options to camp closer tot the farm and the facilities if you would prefer. There is a hot shower, composting loo and cold water washing up facilities & drinking water on site. Dogs are permitted but please note this is also a farm so they must be kept under control at all times.

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 it's possible with your transport choice, please bring a camping chair or two. If you are camping, then appropriate equipment including a torch will useful.

COMING BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT
We encourage public transport or lift shares if you can! Silverdale Shuttle (bus) service is 0.5 mile away at the top Of Moss Lane. Silverdale Train Station is a I mile walk from Hawes Villa. 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. Live-in vehicles are welcome but there is an additional charge of £20 for the weekend, you can reserve your live-in vehicle spot as your book your event tickets





