



Plumpton College Centre for Sustainable Food Farming and Forestry

Course Information

Course Name: Charcoal Making	Tutor: John Shepherd
Venue: Woodland Enterprise Centre Hastings Road Flimwell East Sussex TN5 7PR Tel: 01580 879552	Duration: 1 day course
	Start Time: 10.00 am; arrive 9.45am for coffee and registration
	Finish time: Approx 4.30 pm
Designed for: Anyone who is interested in learning how to make charcoal. The course uses small-scale kilns (oil drum size) suitable for producing charcoal in the woods or garden. No previous experience needed.	
Aims of the course: To carry out a small-scale charcoal burn, covering different style kilns.	
Typical number of delegates: 8 - 10	Course runs approximately twice a year
<u>Course Programme</u>	
10.00 am – 10.30 am	Introduction to history of charcoal making and the burning process.
10.30 am – 12.30 pm	Outline of different kiln designs. Sawing wood and loading kilns. Lighting kilns.
12.30 pm – 1.30 pm	Lunch
1.30 pm – 3.45 pm	Monitoring burn and discussion on wood types, sourcing kilns and marketing charcoal.
3.45 pm – 4.30 pm	Summary /Questions and Answers Tea / Coffee and Course Evaluations
What you need to bring: Hot & cold drinks are provided, but you will need to bring a packed lunch. This is a practical course working outside using a bowsaw (hand saw) to cut wood. Please bring appropriate clothing and footwear. Gloves are available or bring your own if you wish.	
Course Outcome: Knowledge to produce and market your own charcoal. College Certificate	
Follow on course suggestions: Introduction to Woodland Management, Generating Income from Coppice Woodland, Trug Making, Hazel Hurdle Making, Practical Woodland Management using Hand Tools, Chestnut Gate Hurdles, Introduction to Green Woodwork, Woodland Archaeology, Introduction to Chainsaw Use and Maintenance, First Aid. These courses are run in partnership with Woodnet. For dates and further course information please contact Plumpton College or look at the Woodnet website www.woodnet.org.uk	
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