



LEVEL 2 AWARD FOR FOREST SCHOOL ASSISTANTS FSTC 5 DAY MODULAR COURSE

DETAILS FOR NORFOLK COURSE – STARTING IN MARCH 2024

Please ensure you have read our 'Level 2 Course Information Guide' (available on our website) in conjunction with this flier. The Information Guide contains full details about the content, commitment and assessment methods of our level 2 Forest School training course.

COURSE DATES + LOCATIONS:

Course Component	Date	Number of Days	Location
Immersion	Wednesday 20 th March 2024	1	Pridgeons Belt, West Acre Estate
Module 1	Thursday 21 st & Friday 22 nd March 2024	2	Pridgeons Belt, West Acre Estate
Module 2	Thursday 25 th & Friday 26 th April 2024	2	Pridgeons Belt, West Acre Estate
Live Lectures x 2	7.30-9pm on 28 th March & 11 th April 2024	1.5 hours each	Online (recordings will be available)
Assisting with a FS programme	April - July 2024	3 sessions	At your Forest School site
Online Tutorial	Thursday 11 th July 2024 (7.30 – 9pm)	1.5 hours	Online
Final Hand-in	31 st July 2024	n/a	n/a

TIMINGS: 9am to 5pm each day on training modules. 7.30-9pm for online elements.

VENUE – PRIDGEON'S BELT, WEST ACRE

We are fortunate enough to be able to use a beautiful piece of woodland within the West Acre Estate thanks to the Birkbeck family and The Outrageous Nature Community Interest Company.

Please be aware that this venue is fairly 'rustic' and does not have any indoor space. **We will be outside all day every day!** There is no mains water on site, however there is a compost loo available and we will have jerry cans of drinking water available. In wet weather we will rig shelters but it is essential you have appropriate and adequate outdoor clothing and footwear to be comfortable.

The woodland is a couple of minutes drive from the A47, roughly halfway between Swaffham and King's Lynn.



The address is: Pidgeon's Belt
West Acre Estate
Just off Gayton Road (B1153)
PE32 1PS (Please do not use this postcode to find the woodland – it will take you to a farm!) we will send detailed directions to find us in the pre-course information.

STUDENTS WISHING TO 'TOP UP'

The modular format of our training is designed to be flexible to meet learners needs, therefore it is possible for students who have recently gained a level 2 Forest School Qualification to 'top-up' their training to level 3. This means that in the future you can use the level 2 qualification towards a level 3 course should you wish to continue your Forest School training.



PRICES

FSTC prices are fully inclusive of all course costs, including; qualification registration & certification, marking & moderation, administration, course support resources & access to equipment, student website access, and tutorial support. There are no 'hidden extras' and we do not charge our students for late submission of work (unless the submission date has gone beyond what is required by the moderators).

	Number of Training Days attended	Cost of course
Level 2 Full Course	5	£650

SUPPORTING A FOREST SCHOOL PROGRAMME

To complete the level 2 qualification students are required to support a minimum of 3 consecutive sessions within a Forest School programme being run by a level 3 Leader. It is usual that students will arrange this themselves, however if participants do not yet have contact with a Forest School, our tutors may be able to signpost students to existing Forest Schools if needed.

VALUE ADDED FEATURES OF OUR TRAINING COURSE

We care about the quality of our training and the Forest School practice which ultimately results from it. There is a wide range of Forest School training available in the UK and we want to ensure that our course is right for the students that choose to undertake their training with us. Our training course aims to support aspirant Forest School Assistants every step of the way. Some of the additional benefits that our training offers are:

- **MODULAR FORMAT** – making learning more manageable, working through the seasons
- **NATIONALLY RECOGNISED QUALIFICATION** – we use the most up to date Forest School qualification units. These are the national standard and on the QCF
- **OUTDOOR LIVING EXPERIENCES** – through the immersion day
- **24/7 ONLINE SERVICES** – Student password protected web pages & resources,
- **ONGOING SUPPORT** – Tutorial support to reconnect & woodland practical opportunities
- **FREE 1 YEAR STUDENT MEMBERSHIP** to the Forest School Association

YOUR LEAD TRAINER – LOUISE

This course will be led by Louise, along with assistant trainers Mell, Steph and Emma to facilitate the course. All tutors are experienced outdoor practitioners and Forest School Leaders.

Louise wants to live in a world where everyone is connected to nature; where people of all ages have muddy knees, twigs in their hair, woodsmoke infused clothes, a sparkle in their eyes and warmth in their heart.

She's worked as a Forest School practitioner with groups of all ages, coordinated Forest School development for Norfolk County Council and been a Forest School trainer for the last 15 years.

More recently she is enjoying being a mama and having a small human attached to her 24/7, which has enabled her to confront her luddite ways and create a YouTube channel 'Forest School Lou' to share all things Forest School-sy.



CONTACT LOUISE

Please **contact Louise** directly if you would like to discuss anything about this course – birchwoodlearning@gmail.com

We also have a FAQ video about our training courses online here - <https://youtu.be/HMfytEGzBos?si=5wg53up20STACZnN>



HOW TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

Please complete and submit the online registration form. Please ensure you have read our Terms and Conditions before applying, found on our website www.forestschoolltraining.co.uk

PREPARING FOR THE COURSE

All of the training days will take place outside, in all weathers. Please ensure you have appropriate outdoor clothing, including full waterproofs and footwear.

You may also like to begin learning about some of the aspects of Forest School. You can do this by:

- Reading about the Forest School philosophy – www.forestschoollassociation.org
- Visiting existing Forest School Programmes & talking to Forest School leaders - www.fsanorfolk.wixsite.com/fsan
- Watch a video explaining its ethos – www.youtube.com/c/ForestSchoolLou
- Participate in an online experiential series of videos as an introduction to Forest School – www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLM_3b0QSEkWm6BRf_BWDDdSiRr6Khd9yA



WE HOPE TO WELCOME YOU TO THE WOODS SOON!