

Frequently Asked Questions

We have compiled this list of the most frequently asked questions we receive and our answers. If you can not find the question you need answering here please contact us and we will do our best to answer it.

Which course should I attend?

The best process is entirely up to the individual, but we always advise people wanting to try bushcraft for the first time to attend our introduction courses before progressing onto more complex or longer courses.

Who runs the courses?

All of our courses are ran by professional outdoor instructors who when not instructing bushcraft can be found teaching Rock Climbing, Mountaineering, Archery and Traditional Green Woodworking skills.

What are the course sizes?

Sizes of course vary but the maximum group size will be 12 with a minimum needed for a course to run of 6.

Who attend your courses?

There is no straight answer to this question as people from all age groups and walks of life attend our courses. All are welcome and the rich eclectic mix of backgrounds and personalities make for some memorable experiences.

Can I bring my children?

Most of our courses are aimed at people over the age of 16. We do however run several family and young people course throughout the year. These are aimed at families and children over the age of 8.

How far do I need to walk?

Our courses are aimed to give you maximum time practising survival skills in a woodland environment and do not involve long walks or hike in to camp. In fact you car will be within easy walking distance at all times.

What equipment do I need to bring

The answer depends on the course you choose. Our introduction courses require you to bring lunch and sensible clothing; all other equipment and tools are provided. Our other courses require you to bring increasing amounts of equipment to allow you to survive comfortably in the woodland. We can hire or sell you most of the items you need. Please check each course information sheets for a full list of requirements.

I do not have a knife?

Contrary to popular belief it is better if you do not have your own knife when first attending our courses, we will supply you with all the tools you need whilst on our courses. If you want you can then buy the equipment you need from us.

Who provides the food?

On our introduction courses we ask you to bring your lunch.

When in the woodland I like to start the day with a bacon sandwich if you arrive on time I always have plenty to share. On our other courses we provide you with our own version of ration packs to last the duration of the course, as we progress through the courses this is supplemented or replaced by nature's larder.

Will I be forced to eat bugs?

No is the straight answer. The wild foods we use are sourced locally or found growing naturally in the woods and are mostly plant based.

Are your courses safe?

We pride ourselves in running safe and stimulating courses. All courses are fully risk assessed and ran as safely as it is possible to do so in the wild. If in doubt we leave it out.

Where is your woodland?

Our privately owned woodland is situated North West of Brancepeth in County Durham, just 6 miles from the centre of Durham City. A map and directions are sent to you when you book your course.