

Wildwood craft day

Dates: 18th Feb and 21st Feb 2020

Timings: 10:00 - 14:00

Event info:

As the days become longer and warmer and winter loosens its grip over the land, animals awaken from their hibernation, the bare earth is covered with fresh green shoots, and birdsong fills the air.

Come and celebrate the arrival of spring at our woodland workshop for the first of the wildwood craft days at Rushmere Farm.

We will spend the morning crafting using the natural products provided to us by the woodland. How about making your very own magic wand? Whether you are a fairy in waiting, a witch with a mission or a wizard with a grudge, a world of spells, conjuring and transformation awaits! Or perhaps you would like to make a Sistrum... a percussion instrument much like a rattle. One sure sign that spring is in on its way is the birdsong, we are making instruments to celebrate this and to 'sing' along with them in the woodland. Or how about making your own dream catcher? Native Americans believed that webs of natural fibres trapped bad dreams, allowing only good dreams past. Have a go at making a dream catcher to hang near your bed.

Lunch will be cooked on the campfire. We will have a selection of homemade soups and to go with it we will be making bannock bread. You can make your own bread however you like, just perfect to warm up with round a fire!

Refreshments provided throughout the day (hot & cold drinks, plus the chance to toast a marshmallow over the fire).

After lunch we will go on a wildlife walk to look for signs of spring in the woodland. Or if you want, you can spend the time finishing off your crafts.

Everything you make can be taken home.

Directions and parking - Park here <https://www.google.co.uk/maps/dir/50.9263966,-1.0739294//@50.9269038,-1.0758714,454m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m2!4m1!3e0>

The yurt is a 5-minute walk away.

Tickets are £40 per person, with additional family members costing additional £10 each, under 3's free.

The day is aimed at children, but adults are more than welcome and will definitely enjoy themselves too! Anyone under 6 will need to be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Tickets available via our website (see link above).

We work and play in the woodlands. It's peaceful, inspiring and earthy! We've always got the fire going and a kettle on the trivet. This is the heart of our woodland workshop. Please come dressed appropriately for the weather (outdoor footwear & long sleeves are a good idea!)

The course is being run by Bea Finch. Bea loves being outside and is an ecologist currently working in prisons! She runs conservation volunteering days all over the country, but wants to bring the joy of nature to her back garden (she lived in Hambledon all her childhood).

Bea is part of the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust [Team Wilder](#), working together with neighbours, families and friends, to create wilder communities for nature's recovery. She is also a [BeeWalker](#) for the Bumblebee Conservation Trust (you can ask her to explain all about this!).