



LEVEL 3 CERTIFICATE FOR FOREST SCHOOL LEADERS
FSTC 12 DAY MODULAR COURSE

DETAILS FOR NORFOLK COURSE – STARTING IN MARCH 2022

Please ensure you have read our 'Level 3 Course Information Guide' (available on our website) in conjunction with this flier. The Information Guide contains full details about the course content, commitment and assessment methods of our level 3 Forest School training.

COURSE DATES + LOCATIONS:

Course Component	Date	Number of Days	Location
Immersion	Monday 28 th March 2022	1	Patteson Lodge
Module 1	Tuesday 29 th & Wednesday 30 th March 2022	2	Patteson Lodge
Module 2	Monday 9 th , Tuesday 10 th & Wednesday 11 th May 2022	3	Patteson Lodge
Module 3	Monday 13 th , Tuesday 14 th & Wednesday 15 th June 2022	3	Patteson Lodge
Module 4 (includes camp out)	Monday 18 th , Tuesday 19 th & Wednesday 20 th July 2022	3	Patteson Lodge
Delivery Assessment	TBA during training – estimated to be Autumn Term 2022	0.5	At your Forest School site
Online Tutorials x3	8-9pm on 29 th September 2022, 29 th November 2022, 18 th January 2023	1 hour each	Online
Final Hand-in	31 st January 2023	n/a	n/a

TIMINGS:

- Immersion & Modules 1-4 = 9am to 5pm
- Woodland Camp Out = The activities during the daytime are course requirements but the overnight stay in the woods is optional (although we hope that by this point in the course you would like to!)
- Delivery Assessments = To be arranged with an assessor, once you have arranged your introductory Forest School programme.
- Online Tutorials = 8-9pm



VENUE – PATTERSON LODGE ACTIVITY CENTRE

Patterson Lodge is a residential outdoor centre owned by Girl Guiding Norfolk on the outskirts of Coltishall, Norfolk. We will have sole occupancy of the lodge and access to an area of their woodland for the training modules. You can find out more about the venue here: www.pattesonlodge.org.uk

The address is: Patterson Lodge Activity Centre
14 Gt Hautbois Road
Coltishall
Norfolk
NR12 7JN



ACCOMMODATION:

If you are travelling from further afield, we can offer self-catered accommodation at this venue for a small additional charge. There are a couple of room options available:

- Dormitory - £20 per person per night
- Private room (limited availability)- £30 per person per night

Please indicate if you would like accommodation and your preferences on your booking form.

STUDENTS WISHING TO 'TOP UP'

The modular format of 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. Ideally the level 2 qualification will have been gained within 2 years before the start date of the level 3 course and was undertaken with FSTC.

If you did your level 2 with a different training provider and wish to 'top-up' please contact us before booking to discuss options. All students are encouraged to attend the immersion day at the start of the course, but then people who have done level 2 can omit Module 1 & 2.

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 3 Full Course	12	£1,350
Level 2 to 3 'Top Up'	6	£850

**Delivery Assessments – at level 3, students are assessed for leadership skills by an assessor travelling to the student's FS site & observing practice. We also use this visit as an opportunity to provide tailored advice and support to students about their Forest School site & situation to help them action plan for future development. In order to provide this service, an additional charge of £75 plus 45p mile is levied for students working outside a 30-mile radius of the training venue.*

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 Leaders 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
- **DELIVERY ASSESSMENTS** – we visit you at your Forest School to give you tailored feedback and support relevant to your situation for your future development
- **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 and woodland camp out
- **ONLINE SERVICES** – Student password protected web pages & resources
- **ONGOING SUPPORT** – Online Group Tutorials & woodland practical practice days
- **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 Steph, Emma and Jane 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



FIRST AID TRAINING

Level 3 students will need to hold an appropriate Outdoor First Aid certificate (we recommend doing one that is at least 16 hour and that covers the age groups you intend on working with) before they run their introductory Forest School Programme (after module 4).

In Norfolk, a specialist trainer regularly offers a 16 hour First Aid for Forest School course hosted by the Norfolk FSA local group. Please check their website for forthcoming courses - www.fsanorfolk.wixsite.com/fsan/upcoming-events

COVID-19 MEASURES

We have made the decision to run our courses in a face to face way as it would be done in a pre-Covid world. We feel the benefits of people coming together and learning skills in a practical, hands on way within a supportive community outweigh the possible risks presented by Covid-19 at this time. However we still recognise the seriousness of the risk posed by the disease and have undertaken risk assessments.

We appreciate attendees co-operation in following these precautions:

- Socially distancing as appropriate indoors (The venue has a large space as the main room)
- Using handwashing facilities regularly (indoors and outdoors)
- Please do not attend a training day if you have tested positive for Covid-19 and/or are displaying symptoms
- Inform your trainer if you have tested positive after any training module, so that the rest of the group can be informed and tested.
- If you have health concerns that make you vulnerable, you may wish to gain medical advice before attending



We recognise that if the situation with Covid-19 changes in the future, we may need to adjust our measures following government advice. If the course is affected by any changes to current legislation (e.g. another lockdown) then we will look at postponing modules &/or providing more online content.

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

Before making a booking we **strongly recommend** that you ensure that Forest School is the most appropriate type of Outdoor Learning for your situation (there are numerous different outdoor approaches). You can do this by:

- Reading about the Forest School philosophy – www.forestschoollassociation.org
- Read about the wider context of outdoor learning - <https://www.outdoor-learning.org/Good-Practice/Research-Publications/About-Outdoor-Learning>
- 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
- Undertake a level 1 Introductory course before committing to the level 3 course – check availability of our courses – www.forestschoolltraining.co.uk
- Or 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!