



Plumpton College Centre for Sustainable Food Farming and Forestry

Course Information

Course Name:

Introduction to Chainsaw Use and Maintenance

Tutor: Jim Chatton

Venue: Woodland Enterprise Centre
Hastings Road
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East Sussex
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Duration: 1 day course

Start Time: 9.30 am; arrive 9.15am for
coffee/tea and registration

Finish time: Approx 5.00 pm

Designed for: Those looking for an introduction to the safe use and maintenance of chainsaws. The course is suitable for those wishing to use a chainsaw on their own land. Includes cross cutting but not felling.

Aims of the course: To be able to safely use and maintain a chainsaw.

Typical number of delegates: 6

Course runs approximately four times a year

Course Programme

Workshop sessions and practical session in the woods.

9.30 am – 10.00 am

Introduction to the day

10.00 am – 1.00 pm

Health and Safety – Protective clothing
Chainsaw maintenance – including refuelling, air filter cleaning and sharpening the chain.

1.00 pm

Lunch

1.30 pm – 4.30 pm

Setting the saw for work
Cross cutting cord wood
Re-sharpening the chain
Storing the saw in clean and safe condition

4.30 pm

Summary /Questions and Answers. Course Evaluations

What you need to bring: Hot & cold drinks are provided, but you will need to bring a packed lunch.

Chainsaws are provided but you may bring your own if you prefer. Warm clothing.

You will need to provide and wear your own personal protective clothing (PPE) as detailed in the attached letter. For Health and Safety reasons, you will not be able to participate in the practical session if you have not provided your own PPE.

Course Outcome: Knowledge and skills to maintain a chainsaw and use it for cross cutting.
College Certificate.

Follow on course suggestions:

Introduction to Woodland Management, Generating Income from Coppice Woodland, Trug Making, Hazel Hurdle Making, Charcoal Making, Chestnut Gate Hurdles, Introduction to Green Woodwork, Woodland Archaeology, Practical Woodland Management using Hand Tools, Emergency First Aid for Foresters, Oak Timber Framing, Shingle Making, Selecting and Milling Timber.

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

To book this course and for further information please contact:

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