

Designing and Creating a Forest Garden (2 day course)

Course Overview

Designing an Edible Forest Garden

This is a two-day course developed to help people gain an insight into designing and constructing their own Forest Garden.



Course Syllabus

- Introduction to, and definition of, a Forest Garden
- First principles, 7 layered system
- Points for consideration: Land-soil-aspect-Topography-water-previous activities on that site.
- Your needs verses site resources,
- Access: Footpaths-machinery, Boundaries: Legal & physical.
- Water: Access for watering-water table-surface water run off-flooding-contamination & ponds.
- Soil: Types-ph-compaction-contamination-machinery & aeration
- Plants: Selecting the right plant for the right place-considering what you want and what your site will permit. The 7 layers. Windbreaks- hedging & screening.
- Planning: Transforming what you have to what you want: points to consider.
- Design of permanent features: Main structural trees-water features-shelter-buildings-fences-hedges-paths.
- Weather: Consideration.
- Pollination: Bees & other beneficial insects.
- Practical application
- Planting: Techniques & timing.
- Mulching: Techniques- uses- types & frequencies.
- Grass management: Equipment & frequencies.
- Natural plant growth promoters: including-mycorrhizal fungi-biochar & compost tea.
- Compost: Types and uses.

DATES FOR 2024:

Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th September

Times: 09:30 – 16:30, (suggest you arrive by 09:15 for registration etc,)

Duration: 2 day course (and 1hr lunch break. Bring a packed lunch to enjoy in the garden)

Location: The Forest Garden Falmouth, Penjerrick Hill, Budock Water, Falmouth, Cornwall TR11 5ED, Free Parking on site available.

Fee: £230

Tutor: Contact Simon Miles NCH RHS

To book: Places on course must be booked online and in advance. For more information contact Simon Miles on 01326 250090 or 07964 75056

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