



four feathers

RURAL COURSES

Immerse yourself in a world of shooting and woodland experiences, designed to introduce hands-on skills to all ages.





— WHAT WE DO —

The Four Feathers Rural Courses offer structured and bespoke outdoor courses for all ages and experiences.

Using the centuries old techniques of hunting and outdoor living, we aim to re-engage individuals with skills learnt and developed over many generations and to highlight their numerous modern day benefits.

We focus on the development of hands-on, practical skills and improving knowledge and awareness of the countryside. Our courses provide first-hand tuition in every step of the hunting and wilderness experience, exploring the full web of connections we have with the natural world, our place within it and how our interaction influences it.

— OUR STARTING POINT —

We believe that practical skillsets are essential for everyone to possess, whatever their lifestyle. Well-developed senses and abilities allow us to live richer lives and maintain an innate wellbeing in an increasingly pressured world.

In the space of just one generation, opportunities for people to experience the natural world and to learn the accompanying rural skills have dramatically diminished.

Through cultural changes, Health & Safety, modern agricultural pressures and commercialisation of previously apprenticed roles - gamekeepers, woodsman, rural craft practitioners - the opportunities to expose people to the countryside have reduced to very few and will continue to be reduced.

Whilst this may seem of little consequence in our modern lives, new studies have started to realise the importance of a natural connection

in the development and well-being of both young and mature persons. Lack of connection with the natural outdoor world can have a fundamentally detrimental effect, with links to a number of contemporary ills such as depression, stress and attention deficit disorder.

SO WHERE DO WE FIT IN?

Our core aim is to reintroduce the natural world and the associated skills back into everyone's lives. We seek to achieve improved physical, therapeutic and sensory improvement in all our clients as well as arming each individual with a robust, rounded, confidence to meet any modern challenge.

Shooting Disciplines





— WHY CHOOSE US? —

Four Feathers strongly believe that skills developed in the natural world have an essential part to play in our lifestyles and have tailored our courses to offer all the opportunities that are being closed off.

Through skills such as tracking, shooting, bushcraft and butchery we allow our students to re-engage with the outdoors in the most hands on format possible giving them a new perspective on the world around them.

Our instructors are all experienced practitioners of their disciplines with first hand

knowledge of the environment. On top of this, all are experienced in teaching all age groups and are qualified in the relevant first aid requirements.

The courses are run in enclosed areas on a private estate with qualified staff members available 24hrs of the day.

— SYLLABUS COMPONENTS —

- Species Identification
- Natural Studies
- Tracking & Awareness Skills
- Natural Camouflage
- Rifle Shooting
- Water sourcing
- Friction Fire & firecraft
- Carving, cordage
- Wild foods
- Natural shelters
- Knife handling
- Game dressing
- Skinning
- Butchery
- Navigation



— SKILLS OF THE WILD —

This course will arm you with abilities that allow you to enjoy the outdoors safely, respectfully and to its fullest extent. Whether at play in the woods, working in an outdoor environment or just in your back yard, we will provide you with the knowledge to get the most out of your time in the natural world.

COURSE DETAILS

DURATION	2 Days	• Tracking & Nature Studies
ATTENDANCE	5-16 persons	• Knife & Hand Tools
INSTRUCTORS	2	• Skinning & Butchery
COST	£150/pers	• Firecraft
CATERED	Yes	• Basic Survival & Navigation
DATES	Flexible - please enquire	• Campcraft & Knots

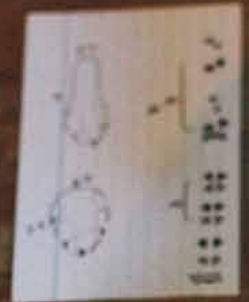


— HUNTSMAN PT 1&2 —

Hunting with a rifle is one of the most challenging rural practises and connects you directly to the natural world. Our courses take you through the spectrum of skills required to be a genuine hunter, allowing you to enjoy this pursuit both ethically and safely. There is lots to learn beyond just pulling the trigger.

COURSE DETAILS

DURATION	2 Days	• Awareness skills	• Firecraft
ATTENDANCE	Up to 6 persons	• Nature Studies	• Knots & Cordage
INSTRUCTORS	2	• Tracking	• Natural Camouflage
COST	£375 Adults / U16's £195	• Rifle Marksmanship	• Skinning & Butchery
CATERED	Yes	• Stalking techniques	• Navigation
DATES	Fixed - see website for details	<i>N.B. Live quarry is not included on these courses.</i>	



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Nature Studies
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— GETTING IN TOUCH —

We are based on a private estate in South Wiltshire, between Salisbury and Warminster. Transport by road is recommended but train connections from London are available as well. Directions and equipment lists are forwarded after booking.

Courses are booked on a first-come, first-served basis. If you have a group bigger than 6, please ask about our Bespoke Courses.

To book a course or for more information call us on 07770 820222.

More details are available online at www.ff-ruralcourses.co.uk

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