



A new and exciting Bushcraft Company comes to the Forest of Dean that aims to encourage the responsible use of our beautiful woodlands.

A new and exciting Bushcraft company has been set up in the Royal Forest of Dean to bring specialist training for enthusiasts to the area. The company aims to instruct on all current subjects of Bushcraft and Survival to give people back the knowledge of this fascinating subject and a taste of history. The company has also launched a new website (www.forest-bushcraft.co.uk) which will provide details of forthcoming courses and provide an online shop for Bushcraft clothing and equipment, at competitive prices.

The concept of Forest Bushcraft was the brainchild of Mark Austin (outdoor pursuit's instructor) based in the Forest of Dean for over 16 years, and keen experienced Bushcraft enthusiast himself. Mark is also a qualified canoe instructor who after many years of guiding students through the watercourses of Britain, Mark decided to explore the wilds of the Canadian outback; practicing the skills he will be teaching on the Forest Bushcraft courses.

Forest Bushcraft instructors provide a wealth of knowledge stemming from many years of experience in teaching Bushcraft skills, hunting, fishing, tracking, foraging, primitive and modern fire lighting and much more. Forest Bushcraft instructors have also undertaken expeditions to various countries, as well as leading outdoor pursuit's instruction including canoeing, kayaking, climbing and cave exploration.

Courses have been specifically designed for general public, students, youth groups, schools, families and corporate events. In addition to their range of courses listed on their website, tailor-made courses and experiences can also be arranged to cater for the requirements of individuals or groups.

Mark Austin added:

"We hope that Forest Bushcraft will encourage people to appreciate the landscape and woodlands of the Royal Forest of Dean whilst learning a range of fascinating skills. We strongly believe that this venture could provide a valuable educational resource that will potentially rejuvenate the connection that so many of us have lost with the land and woodlands of Britain. Also, with the present political uncertainty for the future of our woodlands, we would like to think we are offering a sensible method of encouraging tourism back into these areas, whilst teaching people how to do so respectfully and safely".

Editors Notes:

Forest Bushcraft will be based in, and function within the Forest of Dean and Wye Valley area.

A range of courses are now available for booking online, further information can be found on the Forest Bushcraft Website www.forest-bushcraft.co.uk

In addition to the Bushcraft courses and experiences, Forest Bushcraft will be selling quality Bushcraft clothing and equipment.