



**CCFG Scotland Meeting based in the Scottish Borders
Thursday 28th September 2017
09.45-16.00**



The visit is being hosted by Buccleuch Estates Ltd on their Eildon Estate. The woodlands that surround Eildon House are a key part of the famous Scott's view, one of the most photographed tourist viewpoints in the Scottish Borders. The visit will concentrate on the practicalities and challenges of operating continuous cover forestry in coniferous/broadleaved mixed woodland on a moist, rich site in the Scottish lowlands.

Please note that the visit to Eildon Estate will involve a walking tour of approximately 2.5 miles on forest tracks as well as going into the woodland. There are no formal toilet facilities on site.

Meeting point

Eildon House, south of Melrose and the Eildon hills Grid Ref NT 562 324 (Please come to the front of the house and park as indicated.) The drive entrance from the minor public road is NT 5713 3271

Time

9.45am for 10.00am start

Please bring suitable outdoor clothing and clean footwear suitable for walking on rough ground as well as your piece which we would advise you to keep about you at all times - the woodland is popular with dog walkers.

Main themes:

- Marketing challenges in mixed crops.
- Harvesting options in mixed crops with poor infrastructure.
- Regenerating mixed stands in moisture and nutrient rich sites.
- Lowland deer control in popular woodlands.
- Economic input/output of various systems.

Booking

People interested in attending this visit are asked to let the CCFG administrator know either by email administrator@ccfg.org.uk or by telephone on 01309 641133. Please note that the number of attendees will be limited to 40 and a first come, first served booking system will be adopted. Once this ceiling has been reached, any additional attendees will be placed on a waiting list. The field trip is free for CCFG members and students and £15 for guests.

