COURSES IN CONTINUOUS COVER FOREST MANAGEMENT

IRREGULAR SILVICULTURE IN THE LOWLANDS: TRANSFORMATION IN PRACTICE

Marking is a difficult skill to learn, particularly within an unfamiliar discipline such as Irregular Silviculture.

These Courses provide an in-depth introduction to the theory and practical application of irregular silviculture in coniferous and broadleaved stands with the emphasis on lowland forests.

The Courses incorporate a marking exercise in which the trainees, in groups of two, undertake the marking decision process for themselves within a 1 ha stand under transformation and interact with two experienced practitioners. On the completion of the marking exercise, the trees selected for removal by each group are inputted into a spreadsheet which provides a detailed summary of the silvicultural and economic consequences of each marking exercise. These data can be compared between the groups and with the marking of the local manager.

In 2018 there will be two day courses. The two-day course incorporates site visits in irregular coniferous and broadleaved stands and looks in detail at the silviculture of transformation and the monitoring of stand structure and performance.
THE COST OF THE TWO-DAY COURSE IS £340 excluding VAT (£408 including VAT) PER PERSON.

Woodland Heritage will be offering bursaries on a case by case basis. Please contact Belinda Moore of Woodland Heritage on 01428 652159.

Members of Confor could consider applying for assistance to their Education & Provident Fund (www.confor.org.uk/resources/education-provident-fund).

The Courses are based on the Stourhead (Western) Estate, Stourton, near Mere, and the Rushmore Estate on the Wiltshire/Dorset border. The Courses are designed for 14 trainees and will be led by Andy Poore and David Pengelly, both leading exponents of Continuous Cover Forest Management.

THE NEXT TWO DAY COURSE WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10th & THURSDAY 11th OCTOBER 2018.

For further information visit www.selectfor.com.