

We are looking forward to welcoming you here in the Woodland Workshop for our five day MAKE A CHAIR FROM A TREE course. Please arrive before 9.00 for tea /coffee as the course will start at 9.00. The courses are designed to be fun and relaxing as well as informative. By the end of day five you should expect to have made your own post and rung chair to take away with you.

Please wear **sturdy boots** - to avoid injury if a sharp tool is accidentally dropped.

We start with an ash log and cleave it using a froe, before making all of our components with the shaving horse, drawknives, and spokeshaves. These traditional designs use no glue, the structure is assembled whilst some of the components are dry and others unseasoned, the shrinkage during drying locks all of the joints. The curved components are steam bent to shape. The final stage of the course is to weave the seat which we try to complete on day 5, however this stage can be completed at home. These chairs should last for generations with every one being subtly unique.

We will talk through each stage of the process and demonstrate the techniques before everybody gets stuck in. We will be on hand to offer assistance and advice throughout.

We down tools at approximately 5.00 p.m. each day, breaking for tea in the morning and afternoon. Please ensure that you bring a pack lunch with you each day.

On Wednesday we steam bend the components in the afternoon, this can sometimes run on a bit after 5pm & therefore please bear this in mind when planning your evenings for the week.

Being outside in the woods is an integral part of the experience and we get many comments on how pleasant it is to spend a couple of days in such a magical environment. Should it rain or be cold you will stay dry under our parachute “ceilings” and warm in the working areas with log fires. The walk down to the clearing takes about five minutes and so, if the weather is cold or wet, please dress accordingly.

