

KNOYDART FOREST TRUST

SCRIBE LOG BUILDING WORKSHOPS

INVITATION

Knoydart Forest Trust invites you to join us for a 3 day **Scribe Log Building** course on Knoydart led by professional log builder Alan Mackintosh. The 3 day course will be run on 2 dates in July and 2 dates in September.

The objectives of the course are:

- To teach you the skills and knowledge to enable you to create a building using logs
- To encourage networking and knowledge sharing as part of K10 anniversary activities

The course is **hands-on** and will be working on the construction of a 5 x 5m campsite information shelter at Long Beach. Trainees must be able to commit to 3 days work to make sure that the building is finished by the end of the series of training workshops.

The course is aimed at **beginner and intermediate level log builders** (more experienced people also welcome). To get the most out of the course you need to be **competent with a chainsaw** (i.e. regular chainsaw users, preferably having attended an industry approved 'maintenance and cross-cutting course' or higher level). It may still be possible to fit you on the course if you do not have much chainsaw experience so please contact us to discuss.

The 2 July courses are part funded by the Community Woodlands Association and will be held on **18/19/20 July** and **21/22/23 July 2009**. An additional 2 courses will be held in on **5/6/7/ September** and **12/13/14 September 2009** aimed at non CWA groups.

There are **6 places** available for each 3 day course. Places will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis.

The **Cost of each 3 day course is £100 per person payable in advance to confirm booking**. This covers the course fee and lunches.

The course will cover:

- Timber; suitable logs for building, differences between species, sourcing timber
- Preparing logs; Felling, peeling, handling
- Handtools; Use of appropriate tools, chisels, adzes, axes, drawknives, together with correct sharpening techniques. Use of Chalk/ink lines, squares
- Powertools; Chainsaws, safe use and handling, sharpening, introducing techniques such as ripping logs, cutting grooves, brushing, and planing
- Scribing; Using a double bubble scriber to mark logs.
- Cutting Notches and lateral grooves; Using chainsaw and handtools to create a chinkless fit between logs
- Doors and windows; How to deal with cutting openings, and allow for settling
- Roof structure; Usually a simple post and purlin structure, with discussion of other options

The July event is supported by the Scottish Government Skills Development Scheme, Robertson Trust, Hugh Fraser Foundation and the HIE Community Land Unit. The September event is supported by LEADER .

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You should bring:

Wet weather gear, boots, midge protection, notebook, camera, tape measure and torch.
If you are a chainsaw user - chainsaw with safety trousers, chainsaw helmet with ear and eye protection and chainsaw boots (fuel will be provided).

Scribers, peaveys, drawknives, dogs will be provided and some chisels and adzes will be available for group use.

For further information on log build projects please visit:

www.nhft.org.uk

www.woodenways.com/site/html/logcabin.html and

www.communitywoods.org/upd/The%20Woodland%20Workshop.pdf

Accommodation for the July courses is available at the Knoydart Foundation Bunkhouse (£14pppn).

Boats The actual times for charter boats will be confirmed in early July.

18/19/20 July Course

Students are encouraged to arrive by ferry on Friday 17 July so that a full day's work can be carried out on Saturday. The Western Isles ferry departs Mallaig at 2.15pm on Fridays (£10 single). A charter boat (£12 single) will take you off Knoydart in the late afternoon on Monday 20 July.

21/22/23 July Course

Students are encouraged to arrive on Monday 20 July so that a full day's work can be carried out on Tuesday. The Western Isles ferry departs Mallaig at 2.15pm and a charter boat will depart Mallaig late afternoon on Monday. A charter boat will take you off Knoydart in the late afternoon on Thursday.

Travel and accommodation details for the September courses will be circulated in August.

Please return your completed booking form and course fee to:

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as soon as possible.