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3 DAY COURSE IN CONTINUOUS COVER FOREST MANAGEMENT

IRREGULAR SILVICULTURE IN IRELAND & BRITAIN: TRANSFORMATION IN PRACTICE

This Course provides an in-depth introduction to the theory and practical application of irregular silviculture in coniferous and broadleaved stands. The Course comprises two parts: a 2-day Course in England culminating in a 1-day Course in Ireland.



The English course allows interaction with more structurally developed stands and allows the silvicultural practice developed in SW England and Wales over the last 25 years to be presented. The Irish course will allow consideration of issues of relevance in Ireland and will also visit some of the best Irish examples of developing irregular stands.

The course in England is based on the Stourhead (Western) Estate, Stourton, near Mere, Wiltshire and the nearby Rushmore & Cranborne Estates on the Wiltshire/Dorset border. It incorporates site visits in irregular coniferous and broadleaved stands, as well as stands in transition, and looks in detail at the silviculture of transformation and the monitoring of stand structure and performance. Associated topics such as economics and biodiversity are also covered.

The course in Ireland will be held on the Cloragh and Knockrath Estates, Co. Wicklow.

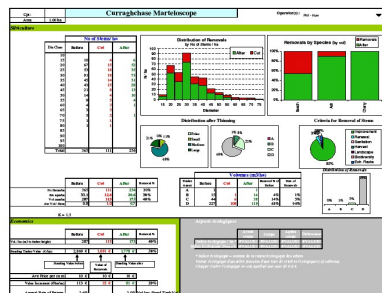
The English Course is designed for 16 participants and will be led by Andy Poore and David Pengelly, both leading exponents of Irregular Forest Management. The Irish Course will be led by Phil Morgan, a leading practitioner in Wales with experience of Irish forests.



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The English Course 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.

The Course Fees are being funded by the R & D and Training Support Project to a Continuous Cover Forestry Fund in Ireland. Participants will be required to fund their travel, accommodation and subsistence. Details of available accommodation will be supplied.



**THE TWO-DAY COURSE IN ENGLAND
WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY 30th April &
WEDNESDAY 1st May 2024.**

**The Follow-up Course in Ireland will be
held on 18th September 2024.**

**Booking for this Course will be direct to
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