

FANTASTIC FUNGI

CPD for Outdoor Educators

ESSENTIAL INFO:

- ↑ **Date:** Friday 4th October 2019
- ↑ **Location:** Park Farm Nature Reserve, Great Witchingham
- ↑ **Time:** 9.30am – 4.30pm
- ↑ **Cost:** £55
- ↑ **Maximum Group Size:** 16
- ↑ **Course Tutor:** Dr Tony Leech

WHO IS THE COURSE FOR:

Anyone wanting to learn more about the unusual and essential world of fungi and share it with the groups you work with. This day has been designed particularly with educators in mind.

Suitable for: Teachers, Teaching Assistants, Early Years Practitioners, Outdoor Educators and Forest School Practitioners, Home School Educators, Scout & Guide leaders.

WHAT WILL THE WORKSHOP COVER:

Come and join us to become marvellous mycologists for the day and get up close and personal with the amazing kingdom of fungi. Did you know that life on this planet would not exist without fungi! Fungi are everywhere, and their quirky lifecycles provide essential tasks such as: cycling soil nutrient, doing symbiotic deals with plants, providing food and medicine and some can even break down plastics!

We will be getting to know our mushroomy friends much more during this workshop through a mix of indoor and outdoor activities.

The workshop will include:

- ↑ Animal, Mineral, Vegetable or None of the above!? - Understanding what fungi are.
- ↑ Ecology – Understanding what fungi do (to and with other organisms).
- ↑ Health and Safety - Eating fungi and other concerns
- ↑ Meet the families - Introduction to identification.
- ↑ Sharing the fungi fun – Activity ideas for young people.
- ↑ We're going on a 'shroom hunt – A fungi foray of the area to see what we may find.



DOMESTICS & CATERING:

We will be spending the day in the grounds and visitor centre of Park Farm Nature reserve. We will have access to a rustic indoor space, toilet and 25 acres of parkland. Please ensure you bring appropriate outdoor clothing to be comfortable for the outdoor components.

Hot drinks, and refreshments will be provided throughout the day but please bring a packed lunch.

VENUE INFORMATION:

Address – Park Farm Nature Reserve, Nowhere Lane, Great Witchingham, NR 9 5pD (what was the old Norfolk Wildlife Park). The site is just off the A1067 (Main Fakenham Road) Please look out for directions and map in pre-course information.



ABOUT THE COURSE LEADER:

Dr Tony Leech is a 'fun-guy' who can be often found rummaging around Norfolk's wild places, basket and hand lens in hand. He is the Norfolk County Fungus Recorder – which he says sounds grander than it really is (we think its quite grand!). He enjoys sharing the excitement and frustration of studying fungi and having taught biology for 27 years is used to being interrupted in class!

ABOUT THE OUTRAGEOUS NATURE COMPANY:

The Outrageous Nature Company is a Community Interest Company that helps get the ball rolling for people to be out together playing in nature. You can follow us on Facebook (search for the Outrageous Nature Company and look for the dung beetle logo!) or check out our partially completed website www.outrageousnature.com

BOOKINGS & PAYMENT:

Please fill in the online booking form found on our website here - www.outrageousnature.com/events-courses Please make sure that you have taken a look at our terms and conditions before booking. Your booking will be confirmed via email and precourse information sent nearer the course start date. An invoice with payment instructions will be sent to you upon booking.

