



# **Dormice - Planning, Development, Law, Ecology, Survey and Habitat Management.**

## **Abinger Common, Surrey**

Tutor: Jonathan Bradley

A one day practical course giving participants an introduction to;

- The ecology of dormice
- The legislation protecting them
- Survey techniques and standards
- Handling and identification
- Interpretation and application of survey results
- Mitigation and habitat management

There will be special focus on what makes a survey fit for planning/development purposes (or not).

## Details

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**Home Farm, Broadmoor, Abinger Common, Dorking, Surrey. RH5 6JY.**

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An introduction to the identification and ecology of dormice, protective legislation, survey techniques, survey standards, results and mitigation measures.

The course will be very much practical - top tips on how to set out survey kit, plenty of opportunities for checking survey kit and a focus on what consultant ecologists often get 'wrong' when dormice influence development. Habitat management will also be covered. Thus the course should suit all those listed below.

Field visits: Etherley Wood and Severell's Copse

This course is intended for; Consultant Ecologists, Local Authority Staff, Park Wardens, Reserve Rangers, Land Managers, Trainees and Volunteers.

## Schedule

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| 09.30         | Meet at Home Farm for introductions and background information. |
| 12.30 - 13.00 | Lunch break   |
| 13.00 - 16.00 | Field Visit to Etherley Wood to check dormice survey kit.       |
| 16.00 - 18.00 | Field visit to Severell's Copse to consider habitat management. |

## What to bring

- ▶ Waterproof outdoor clothing, sturdy footwear and thorn-proof gloves. Please make sure all are clean before you arrive (for biosecurity reasons).
- ▶ Pencil and paper
- ▶ Pack lunch (there is a decent bakery a few minutes' drive away).

Please inform us of any medical requirements/conditions we should be aware of prior to the course. Any problems on the day please call Jonathan Bradley (07785 180656).

## Preparation

No preparation for the course is necessary but to get the most out of the course consider reading:

Natural England (2006). Dormouse Conservation Handbook. 2nd edition.

Natural England (2011). Interim Advice Note - Dormouse surveys for mitigation licensing – best practice and common misconceptions.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/hazel-or-common-dormice-surveys-and-mitigation-for-development-projects>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/hazel-dormice-protection-surveys-and-licences>



## Directions

If coming from the A25 by the Wotton Hatch pub, go about 2km and take what is actually the first left (if you ignore tracks and driveways) signposted 'Broadmoor' and 'Henman Bunkhouse'.

If coming from Ockley/Forest Green or Abinger Common/Friday Street, keep going until you encounter a little grass triangle.

If from Abinger Common/Friday Street go left. If from Ockley/Forest Green go right/straight. After a few tens of metres take the right turning signposted 'Broadmoor' and 'Henman Bunkhouse'

Postcode for Satnav: RH5 6JY

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