

Wondering what to do between Springwatch & Autumnwatch
Then learn more about the wonders of the natural world on

THORNE & HATFIELD MOORS CONSERVATION FORUM

Wildlife Training Workshop

**MAMMALS OF THE MOORS:
WHAT TO LOOK FOR AND WHERE TO FIND THEM.**

Saturday 24 & Sunday 25 October 2009

This course is an ideal introduction to the mammals of the moors, whilst focusing primarily on the small mammals it will also introduce the larger species. Using a collection of specimens (skulls, droppings and feeding remains), our experienced tutors will reveal how to identify mammals from sightings, tracks and signs. In addition participants have a chance to try live-trapping for small mammals (with the possibility of handling captures under supervision), and analysis of owl pellets for small mammal skulls. The course will also teach you how to get the best results for your survey effort – from designing an appropriate survey method for your site/species to analysing your resulting data. The course has been created to help give people the knowledge to submit mammal records and help contribute to building up an accurate picture of mammal distribution in the area.

The tutors are husband and wife team Ann Hanson and Robert Masheder both active members of the Yorkshire Mammal Group.

The course will involve setting Longworth mammal traps on the Saturday afternoon. Participants will then meet up (again) at 9.30am on the Sunday morning to open the traps and see which small mammals reside on the periphery of Hatfield Moors SSSI. The classroom work is based in Blaxton Village Hall and will include lecture &c.

Refreshments are provided, but participants are asked to bring their own lunch.
Final details will be advised when booking received.
Course fee : £15.

Further details available from Helen Kirk (Executive Secretary)
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