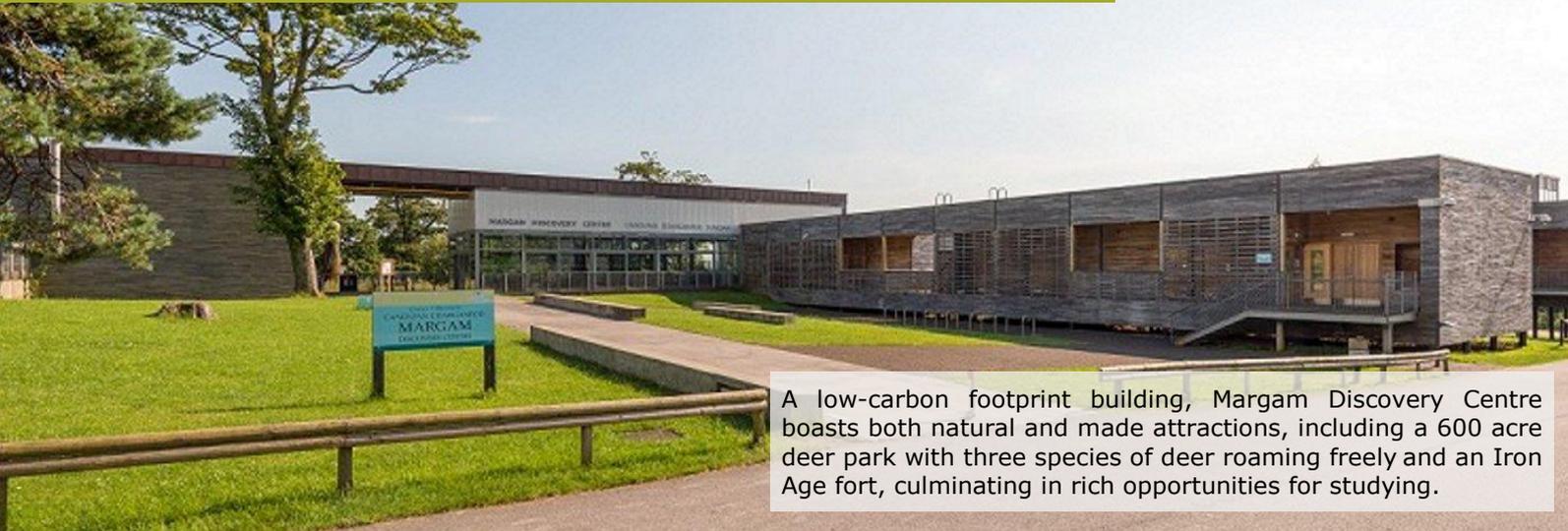


A Weekend with Fungi

FSC Margam



A low-carbon footprint building, Margam Discovery Centre boasts both natural and made attractions, including a 600 acre deer park with three species of deer roaming freely and an Iron Age fort, culminating in rich opportunities for studying.

| Date | Level | Sole occupancy | Shared room | Non-resident |
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| Fri 1 Nov - Sun 3 Nov | Beginners | £289 | £260 | £180 |

Course Overview

This is an introductory course on fungi exploring different places to find them in the grounds of Margam Country Park in south Wales. We will identify them initially to families and take some to species and use the names to find out more about their way of life and natural history. We are not intending to eat them. Come and enjoy a weekend with fungi and the environment of Margam Park.

Course Description

- By the end of the course participants will be able to:
- Know a range of habitats where fungi live and can be found and have experience in finding them
- Appreciate the seasonality of mushrooms and toadstools
- Know some basic features to look for to start identification to main groups and use field guides more effectively
- See and use a range of field guides to identify fungi found
- Make spore prints and appreciate the importance of spores in the study of fungi
- Be introduced to books and websites on fungi and use these to find out about their way of life and natural history
- Be aware of the range of fungi from edible species to highly poisonous ones and the need for caution in eating them

Field work will be within the grounds of Margam Park (on foot).



FSC Laminated foldouts can be purchased during your course or from the website www.field-studies-council.org/publications

About the Tutor

Dr June Chatfield is a Fellow of the South London Botanical Institute. She has worked as a college lecturer and museum curator and knows this area well from her time as Assistant Keeper in Zoology at the National Museum of Wales. She now lives in Hampshire.

What to Bring

- Waterproofs, over trousers or something to kneel on, stout comfortable waterproof footwear
- Field guides if you have them
- Camera if you would like to record your finds
- Field notebook (about 6 x 4 ins) and pencils (write better in damp conditions than biros)
- Lunch box, bag to carry items including lunch in the field.

Arrival/Departure Times

This course officially starts at 6.00pm on the Friday with dinner and registration. Please aim to arrive between 4:00-5:00, there will be coffee and cake available from 4pm onwards. Breakfast will be at 8am; Lunch will be a packed lunch. The course will end on Sunday at 4:00pm.

How to Book

Please book online via www.field-studies-council.org or contact the Centre by phone on 01639 895636 or email enquiries.mp@field-studies-council.org

