

Trees, Woods & Archaeology Study Day –

Off Peak Special!

When: 17th April, 2014

Where: Highgate Wood, Muswell Hill Road,
London. N10 3JN

Time: 12.00 to 18.00 – Please note later start time

Cost: £85.00 per person, inc.



Saw pit – Rafters Wood

Due to space restrictions only 10 delegates per day.

Following on from a series of study days held in Sussex last year, here is another chance to catch Clive Mayhew's unique insight into how our knowledge of trees, woodland and archaeology can be combined to decode and decipher landscapes – only this time it's at Highgate Wood in the heart of London.

In the morning you will see a range of archaeological features found in even the most urban of landscapes – initially in the classroom, and then actually in the wood itself. The identified features will include various types of banks and ditches, track ways, saw pits, gravel pits, charcoal platforms, and evidence of military, agricultural and industrial activity.

Question: How old are the features we'll be looking at in Highgate Wood?
a) 100 years? b) 200 years? c) 2,000 years?

In the afternoon Clive will look more closely at how trees can help us to understand the landscapes in which they stand, and how the *historic* body language of trees can help us to recognize them as archaeological artefacts in their own right. Again, you'll take this knowledge into the wood and use it to interpret how a couple of thousand years of human activity has shaped the landscape, leaving its mark both on the ground and on the trees growing within it.

By the end of the day delegates will be able to:

- Identify a range of archaeological features.
- Grasp the extent and fragility of the archaeology found in woods and parkland.
- Appreciate the role trees play in understanding the history of landscapes.



Pond bay dam – Brede High Wood

Much of the day will be spent outside walking in woodland and delegates should dress accordingly.

Lunch is not included – but Highgate Wood cafe will be open throughout the day.

For more information, or to reserve a place contact: Clive Mayhew

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Answer: a, b and c.

**"A truly eye opening day - a real insight into the changing use of woodlands."
"I was shown landmarks in woodland I never knew existed."**