

Our Oxford Venue

Don't leave home without these instructions

Please use the following details to arrive at the woodland 15 minutes prior to your course start time to enable us to make a prompt start. While the course is held in a rural location the nearby city of Oxford and surrounding motorways can cause significant traffic congestion at times so please allow plenty of time for your journey.

Setting

The course takes place within a beautiful 250 acre ancient woodland nestling on the banks of the river Thames, just 6 miles south west of Oxford near the village of Appleton. The woods cover very diverse habitats for flora and fauna with parts of the site being designated as a SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest).

Running late?

If you are delayed at all please contact us at the earliest possible moment on 07843064114 so we can try and plan logistically to get an instructor back to the meeting point. However, please note due to the rural setting and the safety considerations of the course late arrivals may mean that we cannot wait for you at the meeting point and you may not be able to take part in the course – In these situations late arrivals will be considered a cancellation on your part.

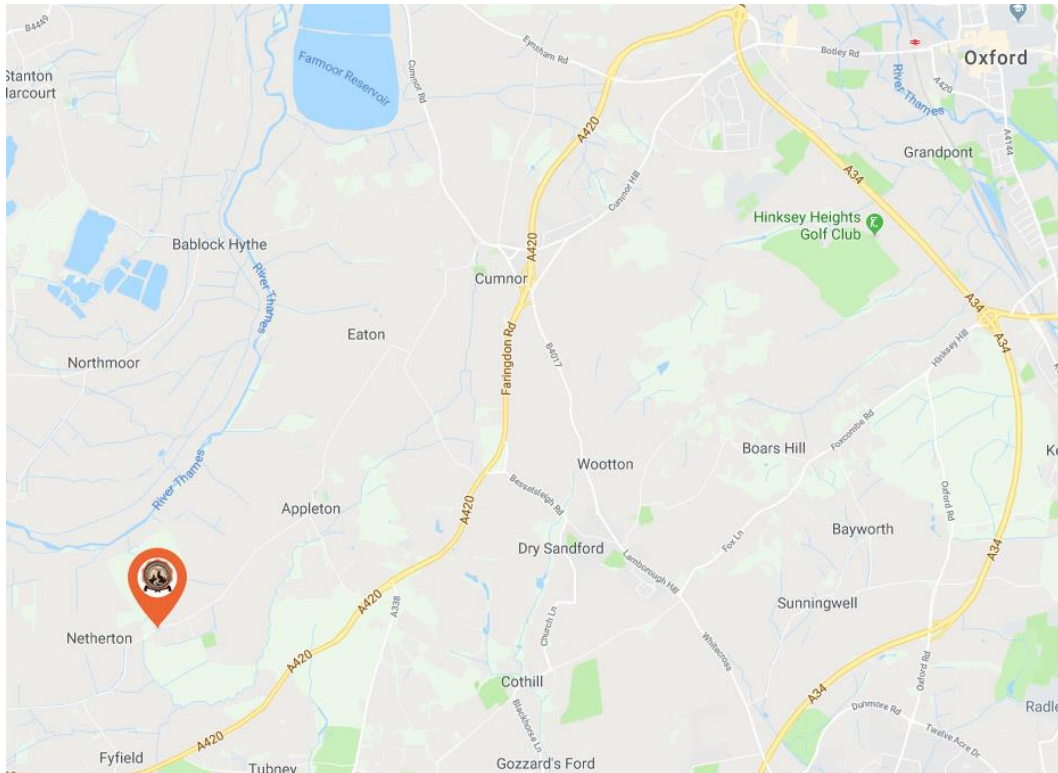
On arrival – stay safe

Access to the wood is via a gate which will be unlocked by an instructor 15 minutes prior to the start of your course. If arriving before the gate has been opened please park sensibly along the road so as not to cause issues to passing traffic. **Please do not wander into the woods before an instructor has arrived as there may be shooting taking place.**

Directions

By Private Transport

If you are using a Sat Nav it will only help you so far as the nature of woodland means it does not have a post code so please bring these directions with you. However, the nearest building which is opposite the woodland entrance has a post code of OX13 5QN.



For those of you wanting to test your map reading skills aim to get on to the A420 running between Oxford and Swindon and then follow the directions as outlined below. The A420 can be accessed by the following major routes and is well signposted:

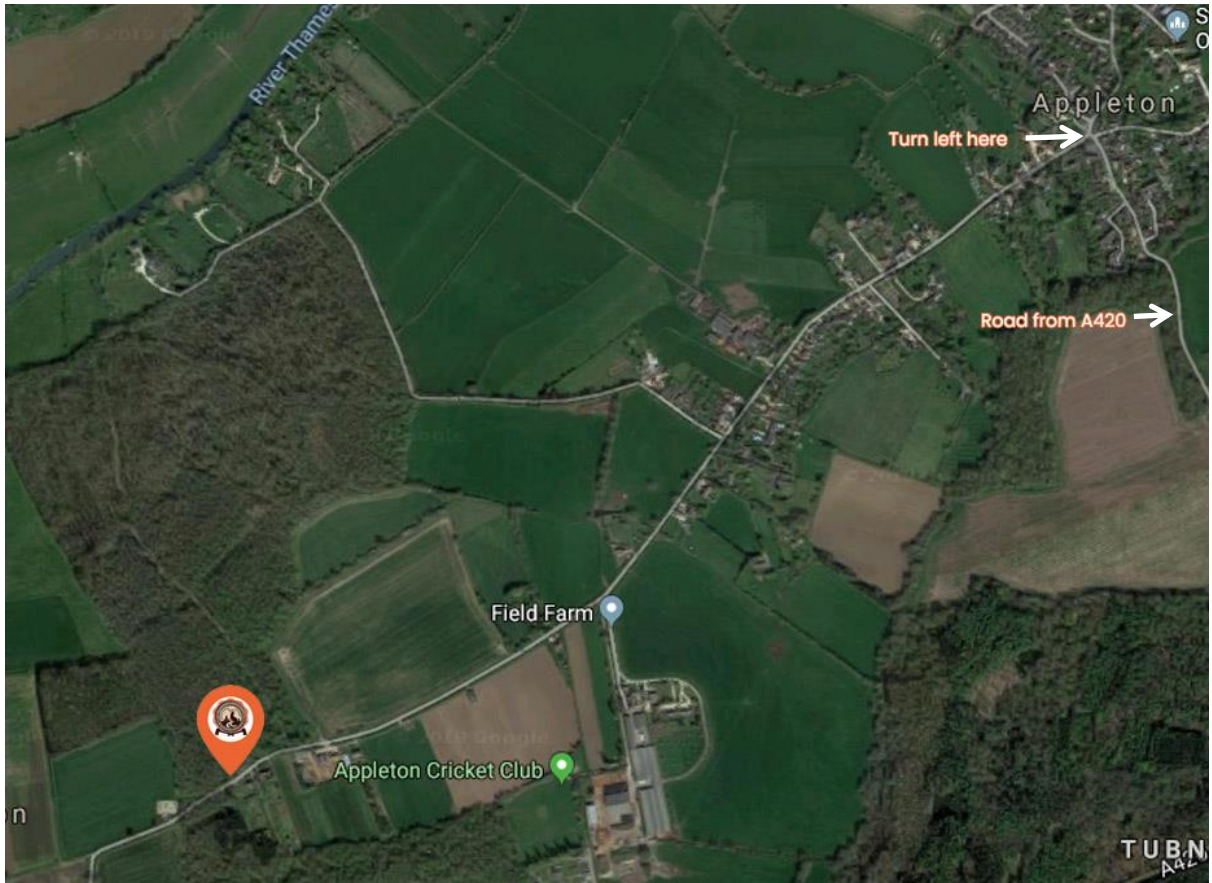
- **North** – via the M40, leaving at junction 9, follow the A34 until you reach the A420.
- **East** – via the M40, leaving at junction 9 (from North East) or (8 from South East), Follow signs for the A34 or ring road until you reach the A420. (Choose this route from London also).
- **South** – via M4, leaving at junction 15 onto the A419 and then onto the A420. (If heading from London then you may wish to choose the route outlined from the East, as this is quicker)
- **West** – via M4, leaving at junction 15 onto the A419 and then onto the A420.

Heading South West on the A420 from Oxford towards Swindon.

1. Upon leaving Oxford you travel along the dual carriageway, passing through Cumnor.
2. When exiting Cumnor the road turns into a single carriageway. 1 Mile down the road Besselsleigh is signposted on the right where you will also see the Grey Hound Pub.
3. Continue past the Grey Hound Pub until you reach a roundabout, cross straight over this roundabout.
4. Approximately 400 metres past the roundabout there is a turning on the right signposted Appleton, take this turning.
5. Drive until you reach a T-Junction (under 1 mile away) and turn left.
6. Continue out of the village for approximately 1.5 miles until you see Hills Nurseries on the left hand side, the entrance to the wood is about 100 metres further along the road on the right via the gate.

Heading North East on the A420 from Swindon towards Oxford.

1. Upon leaving Swindon continue on the A420, passing Kingston Bagpuize after approximately 18 miles.
2. Following Kingston Bagpuize the road turns into a single carriageway. Continue on the A420 past a left turn for Fyfield.
3. The road then turns back to a dual carriageway, and there is a left turning signposted Appleton, take this turning.
4. Drive until you reach a T-Junction (under 1 mile away) and turn left.
5. Continue out of the village for approximately 1.5 miles until you see Hills Nurseries on the left hand side, the entrance to the wood is about 100 metres further along the road on the right via the gate.



Public Transport

Pre-planning your journey to arrive approximately 15 minutes prior to the start time of your course is crucial. The nearest train station is Oxford which has frequent arrivals from London Paddington and Marylebone as well as other areas of the country. This will then need to be followed by a taxi drive to the wood which takes approximately 10-15 minutes. Prices can vary dramatically depending on the service used and the day/time of arrival but you can expect to pay between £20-£30 so please investigate and book in advance if possible to avoid any price surprises. Feel free to ask us about the end time of your specific course as pre-booking a return journey may secure a better price. **Ask the taxi driver to take you to Hills Nurseries, Netherton Road, Appleton, OX13 5QN – the meeting point for our woodland is just opposite.**