



Badger ecology & survey

This introductory course will provide you with the knowledge and skills to undertake badger surveys and provide reports in accordance with best practice guidance.

Attendees should be comfortable with walking outdoors on rough terrain, as the course will include a visit to a badger sett.

COURSE CONTENT

- Legislation/protection and conservation priorities
- Badger ecology, including sett types
- Identifying field signs and potential confusion with other species
- Assessing habitat potential for badgers
- Survey methods, including walkover to identify field signs, use of trail-cams, infrared and thermal imaging technologies, sett watching, use of sticks and hair traps to monitor activity, sand/clay traps, and bait-marking
- Practical experience of planning and undertaking a sett survey to current best practice
- Biosecurity precautions and procedures
- Reporting survey results for clients and conservation purposes
- Health and safety considerations

Attendees must be fit and able to walk across rough terrain, and require appropriate outdoor clothing and footwear.

A course certificate will be issued following completion of a test.



ecology courses

Badgers & development licences & mitigation

This course is aimed at people who have attended our 'Badger ecology and surveying' course or are already experienced in undertaking badger surveys and have a good understanding of badger ecology.

Following attendance, you should be able to design appropriate survey and mitigation strategies and successfully apply for badger disturbance/exclusion licences.

COURSE CONTENT

- Legislation, protection and planning considerations
- Guidance on 'current use' and interpretation of 'disturbance'
- Licensing, including types of licence available
- Survey requirements
- Dealing with badgers on a development site
- Dealing with badgers causing damage
- Comparison between rural and urban badgers
- Mitigation techniques, including practical measures and techniques, designing and building artificial badger setts
- Set exclusion and live digs
- Case studies

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