

# Beaudesert

## Outdoor Activity Centre



One amazing  
bushcraft and  
survival event for  
Scouts and  
Guides


**Wilderness 2018**

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Lofty Wiseman—Dr Sarita Robinson—Dave Watson—David Willis—Ben Abbott—Outback2Basics -Wildways—Survival School—Clansman Fire—Dan Hoffman—Nigel Curnow—The Bushscout Team—Colin Manning—The IOL—Rayleigh Int



Full weekend tickets  
Open to all Beavers,  
Cubs, Scouts,  
Explorer, Network,  
Leaders, Brownies,  
Guides, Senior  
Section, other youth  
organisations.  
Suitable for 6 years  
old through to adult.  
Day visits open to  
the public.

5th to 7th October  
2018

Weekend ticket £36  
Weekend Meal Deal £22  
Weekend hammock hire £10  
Day ticket Saturday £26  
Day ticket Sunday £5  
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## A packed weekend programme including a variety of queue and do and a wide range of bookable sessions

Friday Night - Chat around the campfire with Dan Hoffman, The bushmen of the Kalahari with David Willis, leaders lounge, Disco, film.

Saturday - Bushcraft legend Lofty Wiseman on the main Stage, activities including archery, axe throwing, pyrography, clay model making, metal detecting, crazy golf, various scouting skills, s'mores and twists, workshops including bread making, spoon carving, carving, bow drill, natural cord making, fire by friction, woodcraft, water purification, via ferrata, coracling, fencing, traps and snares, stone tool making, circus skills, bow making, who is getting out of here alive?, axe work, knife skills, and more yet to be confirmed. Instructors include: David Willis, Dan Hoffman, Dave Watson, Wildways, Bushscout Team, Yorkshire Survival School, Sarita Robinson, Nigel Curnow, Colin Manning, Outback2basics, Ben Abbott, the IOL, Raleigh International and Clansman Fire.

Saturday evening - How to survive a Zombie Apocalypse on the main stage, circus skills, fire display, campfire, Leaders' lounge.



## Lofty Wiseman

We are delighted to welcome the bushcraft legend that is Lofty Wiseman to Wilderness 2018.

John “Lofty” Wiseman should need no introduction to the world of bushcraft and survival. He served with 22SAS for over 26 years, rising to the rank of Sergeant-Major and ran the SAS selection course and the survival school ensuring that the standards for the SAS remain high. After he retired he wrote the SAS Survival Handbook: How to survive in the wild, in any climate on land or at sea. First published in 1986 selling over 2 million copies, it has been translated into 18 different languages and adapted for the Collins Pocket Guide—the SAS guide which sells hundreds of thousands of copies each year and as an Iphone App.

You will be captivated by Lofty’s survival stories told in his usual humorous style.

Join Lofty at the main stage on Saturday afternoon



## Dr Sarita Robinson

Dr Sarita Robinson is one of the world’s leading academic researchers in the area of survival psychology and so is often referred to as Doctor Survival! Survival psychology focuses on how people respond in disaster situations – everything from a terrorist attack to a ship sinking. Sarita is keen not to rely on dusty books to inform her academic research and so has undertaken some hands-on survival training. This means Sarita has had some hair-raising adventures, including completing training in Helicopter Underwater Escape, Fire-Fighting and Coastal Survival. Sarita will also be running a bush tucker workshop— Could you eat a mealworm? Do you want cricket sandwiches for your lunch? Come and explore what causes us to feel disgust and learn how you can overcome those feelings. Samples will be available for the brave! As well as her workshops Sarita will be on the main stage sharing with us “How to survive a Zombie Apocalypse” an unmissable session at this year’s Wilderness event.

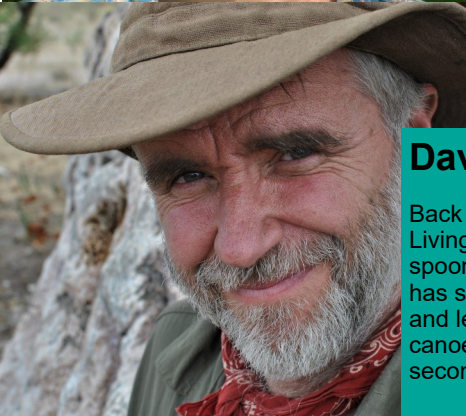
Join Sarita at the Main Stage for “How to survive a Zombie Apocalypse”



## Ben Abbott

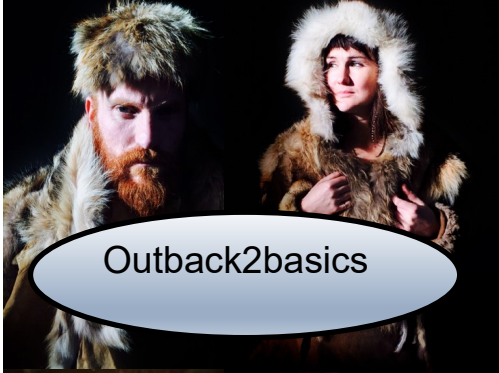
Ben is a 15 year old who loves bushcraft and all things outdoors. Ben’s Bushcraft journey started when he was four and attended a Ray Mears’ family course. Ben is always trying to expand his bushcraft skills and knowledge through books, trial and (much) error and by attending courses. He is a very popular contributor to Bushcraft & Survival Skills Magazine.

Ben says “I haven’t wrestled crocodiles, and I have never swum the Nile! I am a teenager who has been captivated by Bushcraft from a young age. I have experienced some of the benefits which Bushcraft has to offer; there are some things that Bushcraft has done for me that would otherwise have been impossible, such as writing for the Bushcraft and Survival Skills Magazine. I would love to share some of these benefits with you and explore ‘what bushcraft has to offer’. Bushcraft can contribute so much to our lives, from a deep appreciation of one’s surroundings, to being part of a generous community, all the way to the resilience and perseverance we build as we practice our skills. Ben aims to share these experiences with you and answer any questions you might have and especially if you are new to bushcraft or want to find out how you can learn as much as possible without going broke!”



## David Willis

Back again, a favourite from Wilderness 2017, David Willis is a teacher of Bushcraft and Wilderness Living Skills. He can be found baking bread and rustling up tasty meals over a campfire, whittling spoons, foraging for edibles, walking in the woods and soaking up everything nature has to offer. He has served with the Royal Engineers in Belize, spent time living alongside the Maasai in the Rift Valley and learning from the Bushman of the Kalahari, motorcycled around Europe, built and paddled his canoe along British rivers, and loves heading out on adventures. David returns to Wilderness for a second year and will run workshops including campfire bread making, fire lighting and woodland walks.



Outback2basics

**Daniel and Naomi from Outback2basics**— I've always had a great connection to the outdoor world. Always as a kid I would be late home, covered in dirt from building dens, climbing trees and explorations in the woodlands. My biggest adventure happened In 2010 which shaped the way I teach now. After many years teaching bushcraft I came across Lynx Vilden's Stone Age immersion project taking part in America. This course changed my whole life. The 5 month course learning primitive skills culminated in living completely primitively in the wild without any modern equipment. I have some truly special stories and memories of this experience, it's what inspired myself and Naomi to set up Outback2basics. I always say to people it was my "right of passage" turning me from boy to man at the age of 30! I now spend most of my time running Outback2basics as well as working as a medic and Survival consultant on various TV shows, any excuse to have an adventure. Daniel and Naomi will be running workshops including stone tool making, arrow making, fat lamps, cave art and primitive fire lighting.



**Clansman Fire** are a performance group from Scotland who bring alive the night and wow audiences. With artists using a range of props, the crowd can expect big fire, lots of sparks and some very atmospheric music.

There's no secret magic to the art. It's practice and understanding that allows us to move like we do. Let us show you the basics at one of the 6 workshops we are running at Wilderness 2018. Clansman Fire will be running some fantastic workshops including Poi, Juggling and Hula Hoop. Clansman Fire will also be entertaining you on Saturday evening with a spectacular fire show.



John Boe—Wildways Bushcraft

John Boe attended his first survival course whilst in the Scouts at the age of 12 and has not looked back since. John joined the forces at 18 and has been lucky enough to be part of expeditions in the Austrian Alps, the Kuwaiti desert, Norway and the Highlands of Scotland allowing him to test his Bushcraft and Survival skills in a variety of environments. John left the forces in 2008 and settled in Dorset with his young family. He continued his Bushcraft and Survival studies in the civilian world. John holds the **Survival School NCFE Level 4 Bushcraft**, Survival and Wilderness living skills qualification. John's workshops will include iron age fire lighting, natural cord making, how to make a fishing spear and fire steel basics. John and his team from Wildways Bushcraft will close the event on Sunday with a big finale, a hands on session, prepping and cooking a deer.



Dave Corper—Survival School

Dave was born in South East London and his family moved to rural Kent, where he and his friends spent most of their time fishing and building fires and shelters in the woods surrounding his home. His love of the outdoors led him to join the army where he completed the All Arms Commando course, which saw him travelling to Norway numerous times for arctic weather training, the jungles of Borneo, Canada and closer to home Dartmoor and the wilds of Scotland. Survival School Yorkshire will be running workshops covering traps and snares, natural navigation, shelter building and cutting tool safety.



Dan Hoffman  
Survive the wild

Dan has his own Youtube Channel "Survive the wild" where you can catch up with his latest adventures. Back for his second year at Wilderness 2018, Dan will be running workshops on nature walks, fire by friction, natural cord making and water filtering. Dan will be running a wild camping Q and A session round the campfire on Friday evening. Join him for a chat about wild camping, hear his tales of his own adventures and ask questions.



The Scout Bushscout Team will be here again for a second year. Derek Hagan and Valerie Holman are Scouters from Essex with a vast range of experience. Last year, as well as providing drop in sessions on a wide range of skills, Derek spoke on the main stage about his passion for geocaching. As well as Derek and Valarie we are hoping more of the Bushscout Team from around the country will be joining us this year.



Nigel Curnow another favourite from Wilderness 2017 is back. Nigel's fantastic ability to engage the young people in his subject created the great reviews he received last year. Nigel teaches bushcraft locally and will be passing some of this amazing knowledge again on this year with workshops including spoon carving, water hygiene, shelter building and wilderness emergencies.



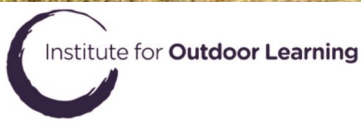
## Dave Watson

Dave's passion for ancient survival skills, or 'bushcraft' as it has become known, stems from his teenage years when he spent much of his time wandering around Britain in semi-wild places trying to live off the land. Dave is renowned in the friction fire lighting world. He is a master of the firebow and hand drill. Dave will be running a number of firelighting workshops and a string making workshop. Dave has devoted his life to using his bushcraft skills to help develop, train or mentor people from all walks of life. He spent ten years working for outdoor activity centres, before deciding to set up in business for himself in 1995.

Dave's ability to light fire with both bow drill and hand drill has become something of his trademark. But perhaps more importantly is how he trains others to confidently do the same.

At Wilderness 2017 a lucky Burntwood group won a Dave Watson Bow drill

Learn fire lighting skills from the master



The IOL bushcraft team will be joining us for the first time this year, providing drop in sessions and giving you lots of information on how to improve your bushcraft skills with them.

Raleigh international will be here on the Saturday to give every participant the opportunity to learn about the amazing adventures and opportunities available from Raleigh.

There will also be stands from organisations such as woodland trusts, wildlife trusts and amateur radio.

## Just some of the workshops you can book at Wilderness 2018

Fire by friction	Mallet making	Campfire bread	Shelter construction
Hammocks	Kazoo making	Arrow making	String making
Water hygiene	Fat lamps	Natural cord making	Cave art
Kelly kettles	Bow drill fire lighting	Natural navigation	Survival kits
Paracord	Wilderness emergencies	Iron age fire lighting	Rafting
Spoon carving	Coracles	Stone tool making	Hand drill fire lighting
Traps and snares	Charcoal making	Fishing spears	Carving
Knife safety	Survival emergencies	Woodland walk	Cutting tool safety
Via ferrata	Campfire cooking	Emergency first aid	Modern fire lighting
Archery	Axe throwing	Bushcraft tucker	Primitive fire lighting



Some highlights from last year



# What's on

Friday Evening

Q and A around the campfire with Dan Hoffman

Cinema

Fat Lamps

Campsite walks

The bushmen of the Kalahari — David Willis

Disco

Leaders lounge

Saturday Morning

Booked workshops

Drop in sessions

Trade stalls

Activities

Saturday Afternoon

Ben Abbott and Lofty Wiseman on the main stage

Booked workshops

Drop in sessions

Trade stalls

Activities

Saturday Evening

How to survive a Zombie apocalypse — Dr Sarita Robinson

Fire display

Fat Lamps

Campfire

Leaders lounge

Sunday Morning

Booked Workshops

Drop in sessions

Activities

Sunday Lunchtime

The big hands on deer prep and cookout finale

## **Bush tucker**

Maximise your weekend by buying meal deals in our cafeteria. Fantastic menu, large portions and great friendly service.

There will also be a number of small outlets selling food on the day including hot dogs and cup cakes.

## **Leaders' lounge**

Free tea and coffee in the evenings.

Come and chat everything bushcraft, swap ideas, share stories and meet new friends.

## **Shop**

Our souvenir shop will be open throughout the weekend and there will also be opportunities to buy a range of bushcraft tools and equipment.

If you want to bring any bushcraft or camping related items to sell let us know when you book and we'll contact you with more details about how you can do this.

## **Souvenir t-shirt**

Every participant booked in by 1st September will receive a free souvenir event t-shirt



## **About Beaudesert**

Beau is perfect for bushcraft, with 120 acres of varied terrain there are lots of pockets of woodland suitable for hammocks, bivouacs and campfires. The grounds are steeped in history with the ruins of the old Beaudesert Hall formerly the home of Lord Anglesey. There is also access to Castle Ring iron age fort. We have our own Hammock Camp and we have an amazing campfire hollow. The views from some parts of the site are spectacular, on a clear day you can see across Lichfield and Rugeley.

## **How to find us**

**Beaudesert Park is situated next to Cannock Chase. With easy access off the M6 it's accessible from every direction.**

**Beaudesert Outdoor  
Activity Centre**

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**Rugeley**

**Staffordshire**

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## Frequently Asked Questions

**What age is the event aimed at?** Any age from 6 years through to adult, it's suitable for Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Network, Leaders, Guides, Boys Brigade, Cadets, ATC, other youth groups and families

**Are there showers and toilets?** Yes, there are a number of toilet blocks on site

**Do you have facilities for the disabled?** Yes, each toilet block has disabled facilities

**What do we do with rubbish?** There are recycling bins and waste bins on site

**Are there recycling facilities?** Yes

**Are there catering facilities onsite?** Yes, the Cal Day Cafeteria sells meal deals and individual meals. These must be pre booked.

There will also be a number of food stalls selling food on the day including hot dogs and cup cakes

**Can we bring alcohol?** We don't promote the drinking of alcohol as young people are attending the event

**Is there any cover for us to sit under and socialise?** Yes, there are marquees and indoor spaces available

**Is camping included in the ticket price?** Yes

**Can I set up a hammock or tarp?** Yes

**Do you have any tents available to hire?** Yes - please contact us for prices

**Is there accommodation available at, or near the show for those who can't or do not wish to camp?** We have a number of lodges that can be booked either exclusively or shared

**Can I bring a caravan, camper van or vehicle with a roof tent?** Yes, there is a small additional cost - please contact us.

**Is there electrical hook-up?** No

**Can we have a fire?** Yes, if you use one of our fire stands. Ground fires may only be lit on a few sites

**Do we need to bring firewood, can we collect it, or can we buy it?** No, we have plenty of woodland and we can sell you logs too

**Will there be First Aid cover at the event?** Yes, the Beaudesert staff are first aid trained

**Is the event suitable for families?** Yes

**Is there a crèche for small children?** No

**Are dogs allowed on the site?** No

**Can we bring musical instruments?** Yes, but no amplified music and be respectful of others at night

**Is there mobile phone reception and Wifi on site?** Depends on network. Wifi available near reception

**Can you book the Specialist Instruction sessions on arrival?** The workshops are first come first serve and will be emailed out to all those who have booked on the 2nd September.

**Can children carry and use knives at the show?** They may use knives under instruction and carry knives if supervised

**Are the activities included in the price?** Yes

**Will traders be taking cards, or do I need to bring cash and where is the nearest cash machine?** Assume not. There are supermarkets and banks in Burntwood

**What security arrangements are there at the event?** There are venue staff walking around at the venue, however it is the individual's responsibility to ensure that their property is secure. The organisers accept no responsibility for theft, damage or personal injury

**What are the opening times of the event?** You can arrive any time from 10am on the Friday. The event closes after the big deer prep and cookout on Sunday. You may stay on site until 4pm

# ACCOMMODATION & CAMPING



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