



Badger ecology and 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, infra-red 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.