



Otter ecology and survey

This introductory course will provide you with the knowledge and skills to undertake otter 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 watercourse used by otters.

Course content:

- Legislation/protection and conservation priorities
- Otter ecology
- Identifying field signs and potential confusion with other species
- Assessing habitat potential for otters
- Survey methods, including identification of field signs, use of trail-cams, endoscopes, eDNA, infra-red and thermal imaging technologies.
- Biosecurity precautions and procedures
- Reporting survey results
- 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.