



FREE Practical River Habitat Workshops

Learn how to improve River Habitat for Fish and Wildlife. Our Free hands-on training days run by the Wild Trout Trust give you the skills to carry out river habitat enhancement work.

What are they?

During the day-long workshop, you'll learn the tools and techniques to improve river habitat. We will concentrate on the skills associated with installing woody debris features such as deflectors and brush berms. The workshops are aimed at anyone working on rivers, from fishery managers to conservation volunteers. The aim is to give you the knowledge and techniques to be able to replicate what you have learnt to improve rivers elsewhere.

Equipment, materials and lunch will be provided, you will just need to wear suitable clothes and bring waders if you have them.

“It is the hands-on experience that makes the day”



River Stort class of 2016!

Here's one we made earlier!

Over the last four years we have had over 300 people attend these workshops, with lots of great feedback.



From this: Narrowing an over-wide silted channel using large woody debris and brush.



To this: Same site 18 months later - look at that lovely clean gravel!

“Being able to see the results of relatively simple measures taken in the river was fascinating”



Dates and locations...

There are **five workshops** taking place at three sites during September 2017:

- **Monday 11 September** River Colne at Denham Country Park
- **Tuesday 12 Sept** River Misbourne at Denham Country Park
- **Wednesday 13 Sept** River Misbourne at Denham Country Park
- **Thursday 14 Sept** River Lee at Stanborough Park
- **Friday 15 Sept** River Lee at Stanborough Park

What you need...

- Waders if you have them, thigh or chest. We will have a number of spare pairs but cannot guarantee water tightness!
- Weather suitable clothing - be prepared for sunshine, or wet weather!
- Gloves can be useful, heavy gardeners type gloves are good.
- No need to bring lunch - kindly supplied by Affinity Water.
- A willingness to get hands on and learn!

Please let us know **all the dates you can make and if you have a preference, by Monday the 4th September**. With a possible **100 places available**, we hope to be able to offer a place to everyone who wants to attend.

If you would like to come along to watch, but don't want to participate in the practical aspects, that's fine too! Let us know if you're planning on coming along to watch and we'll send you more details nearer the time.

Please email george.horne@environment-agency.gov.uk **ASAP** to register your place.

Please pass on this flyer to anyone else you feel may be interested!

Finally a big thanks to **Affinity Water** who have once again agreed to fund the workshops for 2017 - keeping them free for you to attend.

And thanks once more to the **Wild Trout Trust** for their continued assistance in running the workshops!

Contact george.horne@environment-agency.gov.uk to book your place!