

# Butser Ancient Farm

Adult Education

# Courses and workshops

We hold a number of courses and workshops throughout the summer months. These are run either by our own staff or external experts in the various fields.

These include:

Making Metal using iron age bellows and casting a bronze animal.

A bronze sword workshop where you can cast, shape and clean your own 28 inch replica bronze blade – and take it home

Stone age tool making learning how to knap flint

Practical archaeology – including excavation, and recording of finds

Hedge laying

Weapon making

Roman cookery

The course delegates are required to book their place in advance.

# Open Weekends

We hold Open Weekends once a month during the summer.

These weekends are open to the general public and no pre-booking is required.

Each weekend has a different theme which covers a particular aspect of daily life on an Iron Age or early Roman farm.

These are advertised in our leaflets and on the website so that people can pick and choose which they attend.

# Weekend themes include

All thing Celtic where people will be able to learn how to spin wool using a drop spindle and make candles.

A Roman special – on this weekend, people will taste food in the roman villa and make a bulla to take home.

A weekend of the art of the Ancient Britons and Romans where they will be able to, among other things, make pots, carve a house god and make a wax cast.

FOOD – we will be demonstrating and teaching how to use a quern stone, harvesting the wheat and watching the cooking of and tasting different foods.

Building of the ancients – our visitors will learn how to lay a wattle fence, build using clunch and thatch a roundhouse frame

# Guided tours

We offer pre-booked guided tours of the site to groups from all walks of life.

These last about 2 hours and usually start with a talk in the roundhouse about the Ancient Britons. This is followed by a thorough look around the enclosure with descriptions of all buildings and their uses.

We do a tour of the Roman villa and draw comparisons between the two types of houses. We can fire up the model hypocaust to demonstrate it's effectiveness.

The tours include introducing the party to our animals as well.

This is followed by a question and answer session and coffee.

These tours are usually run by one of our directors or a member of the education team.