

**AGED 14-18?**  
**COULD YOU SURVIVE**  
**IN THE WILD?**

# WILD WESTONBIRT

**OUR MONTHLY  
BUSHCRAFT AND  
CONSERVATION  
YOUTH CLUB**

Westonbirt  
The National  
Arboretum



## Wild Westonbirt for Groups

Learn some of the skills needed to become a successful plant hunter, explore the wonders of our working woodlands or take a trip around the world. Pick and choose from a wide range of fun activities to complement your time at Westonbirt.

### Plant Hunter Academy

Westonbirt Arboretum was created by Victorian Robert Holford for pleasure and as testament to his taste and wealth. The Victorian era was a time of great excitement in the plant world, with plant hunters like Ernest 'Chinese' Wilson bringing new and exotic species from the farthest reaches of the British Empire and beyond.

Plant Hunters Past & Present – team building activities  
Foraging for food  
Traditional Tracking  
Navigation skills – modern & traditional  
Pioneering

Den Building  
Stargazing  
Fire lighting challenge  
Campfire cooking  
Natural & modern cordage & survival bracelets

### Working Woodlands

Native tree identification & nature printing  
Green woodworking & willow work  
Fire lighting & management  
Woods for wildlife – signs of wildlife, creating habitats, wild flower identification etc.  
Woodland senses – taste, touch, smell, sight & sounds of the woods

### Where in the World

Silk Wood Search / Westonbirt Hunt – fact finding challenge  
Awe and Gore – non native tree folklore & uses in everyday life  
Edible Soil Hunt – why trees grow where they do  
Around the world in 80 minutes – explore the arboretum through photography

### Scout & Guide Badges

Elements of the following badges can be completed at Westonbirt Arboretum

Traditions of Guiding (guides)  
Forester (Scouts)  
Out of Doors Look Wider (Senior Guides)

Survival (Guides & Scouts)  
Naturalist (Scouts)

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