



Fordham is approximately 5 miles north west of Colchester. From the A12, take the A1124 towards Halstead. After about one mile, take right turn towards Fordham.



Forest Research and the Woodland Trust would like to invite you to find out more about methods and techniques of controlling weeds without the use of pesticides at

Non-Pesticide Weed Control for Tree Establishment

17th or 18th March 2005

Fordham
Colchester, Essex

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Non-Pesticide Weed Control for Tree Establishment

The Woodland Trust, Forestry Commission and Forest Research are committed to reducing the amount of pesticide usage in forestry. They have worked in partnership on a series of site based trials to explore the feasibility, practicalities, costing and effect on tree establishment of a range of existing and innovative techniques to minimise the need for pesticide use on lowland woodland creation sites.

These two identical events will provide the opportunity to see and discuss alternative methods of weed control for woodland creation.

Trial Techniques

- Soil inversion
- Thermal weed control
- Plastic sheeting
- Woven plastic matting
- Sheet mulcher
- 3 types of mulch mats
- Wheat straw
- Waipuna (hot foam)

The Programme

The event will start at 09.30. After an introduction there will be presentations from Forest Research, *Reducing Pesticide Usage in Forestry*; Henry Doubleday Research Association; *Organic Tree Establishment* and a Forestry Pesticide Consultant, *The status of pesticides within an environmental audit of tree establishment techniques and the management of pesticide use to avoid or minimise non target effects.*

Before lunch delegates will be shown demonstrations of the methods and techniques used in the trial.

A visit to the research plots will follow lunch.

A discussion session will be held before the close of the day at 16.00.

The cost of the event is £15.00, which includes refreshments and a light lunch. Any special dietary requirements should be notified on booking.

Stout footwear and wet weather clothing is recommended for the outdoor sessions.

All delegates will receive an Information Pack containing method, trial, output and cost data.

Booking Form

Please send to :

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Please reserve.....place(s) at £15.00 each on the *Non-Pesticide Weed Control For Tree Establishment* at Fordham.

Thursday 17th March 2004

Friday 18th March 2004

I enclose a cheque for £.....payable to *Forestry Commission*.

Places will be limited each day. You are advised to book early to avoid disappointment. Confirmation of your place will be sent to you. Final details will be sent to each delegate a few days before the event.

Name:.....

Address:.....

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Occupation:.....

Telephone/Fax:

Email:

Tick the box if you do not want to be contacted about further similar events