

Spider Identification Course with expert Peter Smithers



Date: **Saturday 10th June 2017** at The Bug Farm, St Davids, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6BX.

Time: 10:00am start, 4:30pm finish

Course Leader: Peter Smithers is a renowned entomologist with a particular interest in arachnids. A fellow of The Royal Entomological Society, Member of the British Arachnological Society, author of a fantastic Minibeast Guide and Lecturer of the school of Biomedical and Biological Sciences at the University of Plymouth, Peter has spent the last 20 years investigating the wonders of spiders!



Course Info: This is an exciting course aimed at anyone with an interest in spiders but with no or limited knowledge of them. The course will include an introductory talk to spiders and some of the UK's common spider families. Peter will then lead an outside session on the various methods to successfully hunt for and collect spiders before the group put this into practice on The Bug Farm. The group will then return to the lab and identify (to family) the spiders caught. Peter will provide another talk on how to identify to species and everyone can have a go using previously collected material that Peter will supply. The afternoon closes with a talk on spider biology.

Refreshments: Teas, coffees and biscuits are provided and included in the course price.

Price: **£48 per person.**

Full payment is to be taken in advance by The Bug Farm. Cancellation policy is: full refund with 28 days notice, 50% refund with 28 - 10 days notice and no refund if cancellation is within 10 days of the course start date. There is free parking at The Bug Farm. NB. The course needs a minimum of 8 delegates in order to run. If there are not enough attendees booked within 48 hours of the start date, the course will be cancelled and you will be granted a full refund

Delegates need to bring:

1. Microscope. If you don't have one, please contact The Bug Farm at info@thebugfarm.com as we do have some spares available.
2. Suitable clothes and boots for field sites.
3. Pencils & a notepad (Peter recommends a hard back sketchpad)
4. A hand lens (The Bug Farm does have some spares if required)
5. A camera
6. Any Spider books or ID guides you have
7. Packed lunch or money for lunch on site. Grub Kitchen will be open for light and larger lunches. Please book in advance if you would like to eat in Grub Kitchen.

Grub Kitchen

Grub Kitchen is offering a special discounted evening meal for Spider ID course delegates. The cost will be approx. £16 (TBC) for a bistro style 3 course set menu. There are buggy and non buggy options! Booking is essential.

