

## What will I be able to do with my BTEC?

These courses provide a nationally recognised qualification which can act as a stepping stone into employment in the land and environment industries where some previous experience is often necessary to gain initial employment. The courses also provide a suitable qualification for learners to progress on to a range of further study at Levels 1 and 2.

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## BTEC Countryside Management

This programme is offered through the South Cotswold Partnership and will be taught at Cirencester College.

### Why Study Countryside and Environment?

The BTEC Level 2 Certificate and Extended Certificate qualifications in Countryside and Environment are designed to develop a range of real employability skills and techniques, understanding, personal qualities and attitudes essential for success in a working life in the countryside. Specialised units which are directly relevant to land-based and environment sectors, such as estate skills and conservation, are studied in a practical, stimulating and interesting way. If you like the countryside and would like to work in the great outdoors this would be the course for you. During the course you would follow the BTEC Level 2 Certificate, and if capable, the Extended Certificate. The course will be based at Cirencester College within its Heritage Academy.



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The units studied will help you discover a broad experience of different aspects of working in the countryside. You'll focus on elements such as finding out about career opportunities, learn how to work effectively and safely in the workplace, and you'll also build your own portfolio of skills to make you more employable.

Key units will be:

### *Introduction to Animal and Plant Husbandry*

Learn about how to look after plants and animals. Understand how they work and can be managed to perform well. Learn how to identify disease and treat it, discover how and why animals behave in different ways.

### *Participate in Providing Estate Maintenance*

This unit equips you with the skills you need to use hand tools effectively and safely. You'll learn how to build fences and manage an area of landscape. You'll pick up useful tips on how to work with the land and also gain some experience that is directly relevant if you're seeking future employment in this sector.

### *Understanding Ecology of Trees, Woods and Forests*

Have you ever just stood perfectly still in a piece of woodland for ten minutes and then seen it come alive around you? In this unit you'll find out about how woodland is a growing, breathing, living space. You'll learn how to 'read' a piece of woodland, identifying its species, and understanding its function.

### *Introduction to Countryside Access and Recreation*

This unit gives you an insight to the multi-million pound leisure sector. Find out how people use the landscape. How do people who off-road in 4x4's, ride horses, walk dogs, ride mountain bikes, paintball, highwire and ramble all use the land. How is it managed, and how do some people make money from it?

## How Will I Learn?

Students learn a range of skills which relate to practical, personal and vocational needs through a variety of units taught in both the classroom and outdoors. These self contained modules cover different aspects of Land and Environment from working safely and developing skills, to understanding the environment, landscape, plants and animals. As well as the practical side you will also build a catalogue of evidence to back up your practical experience.

## How Will I Be Assessed?

There are no exams. The qualifications are built around the concept of collecting credits. You earn the credits by completing the units that cover different specialist areas of working in the Countryside and Environment sector (outlined opposite). The units all have assignments in them that you have to complete as you progress through the course.

## What will I get at the end of the course?

Providing you complete the required number of credits you will receive a nationally recognised qualification. This will be either the Certificate, or the Extended Certificate depending on your performance. The Certificate is equivalent to 1 GCSE, while the Extended Certificate is equivalent to 2 GCSE's.



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