

LISTEN TO THE LANDSCAPE

With Richard Povall



Sat 4 Jun 2016

Immerse yourself in the sounds of nature and the land at dusk, creating a unique soundscape with artist Richard Povall, before heading back for dinner.



There are many ways to explore the world around us. We are used to revelling in the glorious landscape that surrounds us, drinking in colour and terrain. Far less frequently, however, do we listen to the land. The landscape is full of rich sounds that have their own tales to tell. Join sound artist Richard Povall on a walk around the ancient meadows and woodland of Kingcombe, in which we'll look, listen and tell. What can we hear? What do the sounds tell us about the land and the way we use it? What stories do these sounds evoke?

We'll also use sound recorders to listen up close, and make a series of recordings during the walk. Afterwards, Richard will make a radio programme based on the events of the day.

The sound walk is suitable for all ages. We won't be walking strenuously (although of course terrain varies and there may well be hills to climb). We are not in a hurry, and there will be plenty of stops along the way to rest legs and open ears. The only real skill required is the ability to be still and listen.

Richard Povall is a freelance arts consultant, artist and digital systems designer with a particular interest in working with place and the natural world. Richard has created many digital soundscapes, podcasts and radio broadcasts. Currently, he is also part of the team at Schumacher College (schumachercollege.org.uk), a small independent institute of postgraduate education proving that things can be done differently, and that it's still possible to educate with heart. In a previous life, he was Director of Contemporary Music at the renowned Oberlin Conservatory of Music, and helped develop the MFA in interdisciplinary digital media at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in upstate New York. Richard was also Senior Research Fellow at ResCen (part of Middlesex University) and at Dartington College of Arts.

Price: £35 pp includes supper and guided activities.

Times: The event will start at 6.30pm with an introduction. Finish approximately 10.30pm.

What to bring: As you will be outside in the late afternoon, please bring warm clothing, wet weather jackets and good walking shoes. A notepad and pen would also be useful.

If you have your own sound recorder and/or headphones, please bring them along.

If you have a smartphone, we would recommend downloading the following free apps.

For iPhone/iPad: Voice Recorder Pro : <https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/voice-record-pro/id546983235?mt=8>

For Android phones: Easy Voice Recorder <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.coffeebeanventures.easyvoicerecorder>

Why not make a full day or weekend of it and combine this event with our special walks; Folklore, Flowers and Fields of Kingcombe (Sat 4 Jun) or Flowers and Fritillaries (Sun 5 Jun). Coming from further afield or wish to extend your stay, just add a B&B package.



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Why should I choose the Kingcombe Centre?

- Our location allows you to immerse yourself in the tranquillity of 450 acres of stunning nature reserve right outside our door providing an inspirational backdrop.
- Our size allows us to create an enriched personal experience by offering small groups, comfortable accommodation and home-made food. A real home from home.
- Our people include leading national experts, inspirational teachers and a small professional customer service team focussed on you.
- We are proud to say that all our heating and hot water is generated onsite using the latest environmentally sensitive wood pellet boiler system and photovoltaic solar panels.
- Our food is either grown in our gardens or sourced locally as much as possible.

Here are some of your Frequently Asked Questions

What type of accommodation is included?

We offer comfortable accommodation in our beautiful lodge right next to the centre with all en-suite rooms except one with private bathroom (all linen is included). Guests have the use of a communal kitchenette with tea and coffee making facilities and lounge area. There is free WIFI throughout the centre. We have one disabled access room on the ground floor.

Can you tell me more about the food?

Home-made honest food is at the heart of our menu. Home grown produce from our veggie garden, foraged fruits from the orchard and hedgerows, fresh beef and lamb from our own cattle and sheep grazed on the Kingcombe Meadows, all feature seasonally. We have an honesty bar and can cater for all dietary requirements.

I live locally or wish to stay with friends, can I still book as non-residential?

Yes of course, we offer a non-residential price which includes everything except for Bed and Breakfast. This includes dinner and evening lectures / activities on specific courses.

Are Partners able to join me at Kingcombe while I am on a course?

If your partner would like to join you at Kingcombe while you are on your course, we offer excellent Partner Package rates. They can join you for meals and then explore our beautiful reserves or further afield around Dorset. Just ask the Booking Team for more details.

Can I extend my stay?

If you are coming from further afield or wish to make a longer break to explore the stunning countryside of Dorset, we offer additional Bed and Breakfast, subject to availability. Prices start from £45 per night (single).

What is the nearest train station?

From London direction – Dorchester South is a short 20 min taxi ride away.
From Bristol direction – Maiden Newton is only 3 miles away but taxis require pre-ordering.

What if I am ill and can't attend the course?

We regret that we cannot refund your money if you are unable to attend. We advise that you take out a course cancellation insurance.



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