

# WiseWoods Mindful Photography Walks

## Terms and Conditions and FAQs

### Bookings

- Participants must book a place in advance and pay using the WiseHooves online booking portal. (The link will be provided in our advertising materials.)
- Anyone unable to book or pay online can contact WiseHooves by email or WhatsApp to book and arrange alternative payment options.
  - Email: [ingrid@wisehooves.co.uk](mailto:ingrid@wisehooves.co.uk)
  - WhatsApp: 07939 253031

### Cancellations and refunds

- Refunds will only be provided if the participant cancels a booking with at least 48 hours' notice.
- Refunds will not be issued to participants who choose not to attend because they don't like the weather on the day.
- WiseWoods reserves the right to cancel photography walks at short notice if there are significant weather or other safety concerns on site. Refunds will be issued in such situations.

### Participants' responsibilities

- Participants should follow any instructions provided by the walk facilitator. These may relate, for instance, to the areas available for use that day and any health and safety considerations.
- Participants should not enter areas of the woods that have been explained as out of bounds. This is for their own safety and/or for the wellbeing of wildlife and/or for the privacy of other WiseWoods users.
- Participants accept that they are walking through an undeveloped countryside area where typical outdoor risks will be present. These include but are not limited to: mud, puddles, streams, slippery surfaces, rabbit holes, trip hazards, overhanging branches, brambles, and insects. Participants accept responsibility for walking carefully and mindfully to ensure their own safety.
- Participants accept to wear footwear and clothing that are appropriate to walking in an outdoor rural space and suitable for the weather conditions on the day.
- Participants accept responsibility for the safety of their own photography or other equipment. WiseHooves accepts no responsibility for lost, damaged or stolen equipment.
- Participants must take a 'do-no-harm' approach to the woodland trees, plants and wildlife. Littering, deliberate damage to plants, trees and wildlife, smoking and the lighting of fires are all strictly prohibited.

## **Agreement**

By making a booking, participants agree to the above terms and conditions.

## **FAQs**

### **Are there any age restrictions?**

No, but children under 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Both the child and their accompanying adult need to book and pay (i.e., two bookings).

### **Where can I park?**

WiseWoods photography walk participants can park for free in The Strines Nightingale carpark for the duration of the session.

### **How accessible is WiseWoods?**

WiseWoods is a natural environment. While we have cleared various pathways – some flat and some sloped – none of the woodland paths is surfaced. Feel free to contact us to discuss access and mobility queries before booking.

### **Will you teach me how to take photos?**

No, this is not a photography class. It is open to anyone with any level of photography experience who wants the chance to spend time in, and take photos of, the natural environment. Your photography skills will not be assessed and it's up to you whether you show anyone else your photos.

### **Do I need my own camera?**

Yes, but it can be any sort of camera – from a mobile phone to professional equipment. If you do not have access to a camera, please contact us before booking, as we may be able to lend you one.

### **What happens if it rains?**

Our activities at WiseWoods and WiseHooves take place in all weathers! If it rains, the photography walk will still happen. Nature can be as beautiful or fascinating in the wet as in the dry! If it's wet, we may choose a route that offers maximum tree cover and avoids slippery slopes. We do, however, reserve the right to cancel walks if the weather poses a significant risk (e.g., high winds, icy paths).

### **Do you provide refreshments?**

No. Please bring any drinks or snacks you need. Please take all litter home with you.

### **Do you have toilets?**

At the moment we don't have toilets at WiseWoods. However, we can use the outside toilets at The Strines Nightingale during photography walks.