

Malham Tarn Field Centre is one of seventeen Centres in the UK run by the Field Studies Council, an independent educational charity formed in 1943 to help people discover, explore, understand and be inspired by the natural environment.

The Centre stands high up (altitude of 381m) in the heart of the Yorkshire Dales National Park in a peaceful woodland setting beneath dramatic cliffs and overlooking Malham Tarn. The Tarn is the focus of an internationally important National Nature Reserve and the area is known for its magnificent limestone scenery, with the famous features of Malham Cove and Gordale Scar within walking distance. The Malham area attracts a large number of visitors – artists, photographers, natural historians, walkers and research workers alike.

The house was built by Thomas Lister during the eighteenth century and extended by Walter Morrison, an eccentric philanthropist, who inherited the property in 1857. Morrison became one of the best known owners of Tarn House and was well liked and respected by the local people. Many eminent guests stayed at the house including John Ruskin, Charles Kingsley and Judge Hughes. The estate was given to The National Trust in 1946 and the house was subsequently leased to the FSC for educational purposes. Malham Tarn Field Centre was opened early in 1947.

The Centre is an ideal place to study a variety of topics and we offer courses at all levels for schools and colleges, for vocational training and a wide range of special interest courses for adults and families. The Centre Director leads a team of well-qualified and experienced teaching staff, with a full complement on the domestic and administrative side. Courses are also run by carefully chosen guest tutors.

Accommodation Visitors to the Centre can expect to find a relaxed and friendly atmosphere and although not luxurious, the accommodation is warm and comfortable, situated in Tarn House itself and converted stable blocks. There are four well equipped study rooms, drying rooms, libraries, a bar, TV lounge, and facilities for making drinks at all times. In addition to a cooked breakfast and wholesome evening meal, materials are provided for you to make a picnic lunch to enjoy wherever your course may take you.

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Fly Fishing in the Dales



Course led by Stephen Cheetham

Friday 19th August – Friday 26th August 2011

Malham Tarn Field Centre

The Course

Malham Tarn holds an excellent stock of genuinely wild brown trout, and this course gives you the opportunity to enjoy the experience of fly fishing for them and at the same time learn some of the techniques involved and something of the life of the trout in the Tarn and in the surrounding waters and rivers. In general terms, the course is aimed at newcomers to fly fishing and other anglers who wish to extend their skills and knowledge. It will give you a broad view of the whole fishing scene so that you may pursue any facet later – however, there is no guarantee that you will catch any trout.

It is hoped that the course will enable you to fish more successfully, but above all to offer you the chance to pursue a satisfying sport amidst a unique environment and provide you with an enjoyable relaxing yet instructive holiday.

The days will largely be spent fishing with a high degree of individual instruction and help for those new to fly fishing who need to acquire the basic skill and techniques.

Proposed Programme:

	Day	Evening
Friday		Introduction to Fly Fishing
Saturday	Casting from the bank, Boat casting	Leaders & knots
Sunday	Boat Fishing on the Tarn all day,	Entomology
Monday	River Fishing on the Wharfe all day	Habitats
Tuesday	Bank fishing on another local stillwater	Fly Tying
Wednesday	Boat Fishing on the Tarn all day	Fly Tying
Thursday	River Fishing on the Wharfe all day	Fishing the Evening rise
Friday	Depart	

There will be sessions in which we will concentrate on some of the concepts and techniques involved in successfully fishing stillwaters by boat and bank and on rivers from the bank or wading. The programme will depend on the weather.

The Tutor

Stephen Cheetham is a fully qualified Fly Fishing Instructor (GAIC) a member of the Game Anglers Instructors Association and the Angling Development Board. He has fished for trout all his life and runs various fly fishing courses for the Salmon & Trout Association and is also a demonstrator and a course tutor at Otley Prince Henry's Grammar School in Otley in Fly Dressing. Stephen, a published author to various magazines, is heavily involved in a monthly fly fishing column in The Yorkshire Post newspaper. Stephen is a firm believer that *"Fishing should be fun"*.

Excursions

Excursions away from the Centre will use Centre minibuses. On occasion it may be necessary to use private cars, in which case anyone who kindly uses their car will be refunded the petrol costs.

Equipment to Bring:

If you have your own fly fishing tackle, bring it all. A selection of good rods, lines etc. is provided, so don't rush out and buy any. A selection of river and stillwater flies to cover the different waters will be supplied; but if you have some bring them too, the more the merrier. North Country Spiders, Parachute dry flies, Kinkhamers, F Flies, Balloon Caddis and other sedge flies (dry and wet), buzzers, pheasant tails and gold head hares ear nymphs and lures such as cat's whiskers etc. are a suggestion. If you have fly tying equipment, bring it all with you.

- **Hat and sunglasses for safety reasons** - polarised are best
- Environment Agency Rod (Game) licence, available on an annual or weekly basis. Available from any Post office or online via the EA.
- Wellingtons or better still waders. (The Centre has Wellingtons and a limited supply of waders for loan, as well as waterproof clothing and walking boots).
- Suitable waterproof and warm clothing – it gets cold, even in the summer.
- Sun block.
- Landing nets please make sure that they are the knotless type and please bring it with you.
- If you own or have access to an electric outboard motor please bring it, but please note that petrol motors are not allowed. Saves a lot of rowing!

Arrival Times

Please aim to arrive between 4.00pm and 5.30pm on Friday afternoon, allowing time to settle in before the evening meal at 6.00pm. The course will begin formally after dinner with an introduction to the Centre.

The course will end on Thursday evening with departure after breakfast on Friday morning.

Course Fees & Booking process:

Resident – sole occupancy	£670.00
Resident – sharing	£600.00
Non-Resident	£475.00

Resident fees include tuition, fishing tickets, full board accommodation and course transport. Non-Resident fees includes tuition, fishing tickets, evening meals, packed lunches and course transport.

First telephone the Centre to check availability, then return a completed booking form with your deposit of £50 to confirm your place. *Please note the booking conditions on the booking form, on the FSC Website and in the FSC Courses Brochure.*