

Kent Archaeological Field School Courses: 2023

Booking Form

Courses 2023	Date	Fee
Field Walking and Map Analysis	Spring Bank Holiday Sat May 27th to Monday May 29th)	Members £30, Non- members £45
Wye Roman Villa and Water mill Excavations and Training Course	Sat 8th - Friday 14th July	Members £50 for the week or £10 a day. Non-members £15 a day or £75 for the week
Training week for students at the Roman villa and Water Mill at Wye	Sat 8th - Friday 14th July	£100 a week (Monday to Friday) with free membership. Non members £125. Does not include travel or accommodation
Excavation of the World Heritage Site of a Roman Palace at Oplontis near Pomeii in Italy	29th May - 16th June Fully Booked - reserve list only	£50 a week with free membership. Does not include travel or accommodation
Investigation of Roman buildings at Snagbrook Farm, Hollingbourne in Kent	September 2023 - Dates to be confirmed	Members free Non- members £15 a day

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Field Walking and Map Analysis 2023 – Sat May 27th to Monday May 29th

Field work at its most basic involves walking across the landscape recording features seen on the ground. On this weekend course we are concerned with recognising and recording artefacts found within the plough soil. These include flint tools, Roman building material, pottery, glass and metal artefacts. One of the uses of field walking is to build up a database for large-scale regional archaeological surveys. We will consider the importance of regressive map analysis as part of this procedure. The course will cover:

1. Strategies and procedures,
2. Standard and non-standard line walking, grid walking,
3. Pottery distribution, identifying pottery and building ceramics.

We will be in the field in the afternoons so suitable clothing will be necessary.

Cost £20 if membership is taken out at the time of booking. For non-members the cost will be £25.

***Wye Roman Villa and Water mill Excavations and Training Course -Sat 8thFriday 14th
July***

Archaeological excavation on the site of a recently discovered Roman Villa and water mill at Wye in Kent (see main article). On this ten day investigation we shall look at the ways in which archaeological sites are discovered and excavated and how different types of finds are studied to reveal the lives of former peoples. Subjects discussed will include aerial photography, regressive map analysis, HER data, and artefact identification. Within this investigation there is a five day course TBA which will be especially useful for those new to archaeology, as well as those considering studying the subject further. After tea break we will participate in an archaeological investigation on a Roman building under expert tuition. Expert diggers are not required to participate in the tool box talks.

Training Week for Students on a Roman Water Mill at Wye in Kent It is essential that anyone thinking of digging on an archaeological site is trained in the procedures used in professional archaeology. Dr Paul Wilkinson, author of the bestselling "Archaeology" book and Director of the dig, will spend five days explaining to participants the methods used in modern archaeology. A typical training day will be classroom theory in the morning (at the Field School) followed by excavation at the Roman Water Mill at Wye.

Topics taught each day are:

Monday. Why dig?

Tuesday: Excavation Techniques.

Wednesday: Site Survey.

Thursday: Archaeological Recording.

Friday: Small Finds.

Saturday and Sunday (free) digging with the team.

A free PDF copy of "Archaeology" 4th Edition will be given to participants. Cost for the course is £100 if membership is taken out at the time of booking plus a Certificate of Attendance.

***September 2023. Investigation of Roman buildings at Snagbrook Farm,
Hollingbourne in Kent (Dates in September but TBA)***

An opportunity to participate in excavating and recording Roman features in the landscape from this new site first identified by the Lenham Archaeological Society which may include a Roman villa, aisled barn and watermill and recent investigations by the KAFS have identified Roman building remain in the vicinity of the stream.

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