

Forest Centre Courses

Venue, directions, and accommodation suggestions

[The Forest Centre](#), Station Road, Marston Moretaine, Bedford MK43 0PR.
5 miles from Junction 13 of the M1

Venue

The Forest Centre is set in the Millennium Country Park in Marston Moretaine, 8 miles south of Bedford. The conference room has natural daylight with parkland views, free Wi-Fi and air conditioning. There is ample parking (free to our students) and over 500 acres of outdoor space with lakeside walks. The Forest Centre is run by a charitable trust dedicated to planting 5 million new trees and maintaining the woodland and its wildlife.



Signage to the Forest Centre



Directions

Google maps link: <https://goo.gl/maps/Jygp9bEd3z>

Driving:

From J13 of the M1, follow the A421 towards Bedford/Cambridge and exit at Marston Moretaine.

From the A1, follow the A421 towards Milton Keynes and exit at Marston Moretaine.

You'll see brown signage for the Forest Centre (image above). At the roundabout, take the exit into Marston Moretaine (Beancroft Road); at the next junction turn left and then almost immediately right (Station Road). Follow the road and after approx. 500m you'll see the road to the entrance on your left (Gold Furlong) next to the flags for the Marston Vale development. Take a right on this road, and you'll be on the long driveway. The best satnav postcode to use is MK43 0PS, but when you get close to the venue it is safer to follow the brown signs or you may end up in the nearby housing estate.

The Forest Centre opens to the public at 9am; you should be able to access it from 8.30am. Complimentary hot drinks will be available at the back of the café from 8.40am. If lost, please phone the Forest Centre directly on **01234 767037**.

Important: in the car park, DON'T PAY AND DISPLAY! In the conference room you will find a screen on the wall where you need to enter your registration number every day to avoid paying for parking.

By rail:

The Forest Centre is approximately a 15 minute walk from both Millbrook and Stewartby stations, which are both on the Bedford (St John's) to Bletchley line run by London Northwestern Railway. [Click here for more information](#) about train times.

Accommodation options:

[Travelodge, Marston Moretaine](#) (1 mile). Basic accommodation from £35 per night, close to the venue. Restaurants: [Lounge India](#), [Burger King](#) and pub ([The Bell](#)) all within walking distance.

[Premier Inn, Bedford South](#) (5 miles). From £36 per night. There are two restaurants within easy walking distance ([Brewers' Fayre](#) and [Maypole Farm](#)).

[Knife and Cleaver, Houghton Conquest](#) (5 miles). Quote 'NMIC' when booking by phone on 01234 930789 to obtain a discounted rate of £89 per night for Standard King & Twin rooms and £95 for Superior King rooms.

Message from the Forest Centre:

The Forest Centre is a social enterprise, owned and run by the Forest of Marston Vale Trust (registered charity no 1069229), with all profits going into creating new woodlands and green spaces across the Vale. Our building is powered by solar panels and a wind turbine, and heated by a biomass boiler, making us virtually 100% renewable; wherever possible, our woodlands are validated by the Woodland Carbon Code. We strive to use local suppliers where possible, and reduce our own footprint by recycling everything we can and encouraging our visitors to do the same.

We are a small charity, creating and maintaining the Forest and we're very proud of all we've achieved so far. We've planted 1.5 million trees and now have 11 sites which are accessible to the public free of charge, with a new site due to be planted early in 2019. Our woodlands are a fabulous resource for their local communities but like everything, they cost money to grow and look after, and every event held at the Forest Centre, or purchase made here, contributes directly to the delivery of our vision.

By using the Forest Centre our corporate clients and their delegates make a significant contribution to our work each year; we thank them for their continued support.