

## Kent Wildlife Trust Wildlife Study Day Information Sheet

No.	<b>39</b>	Title	<b>Small Mammals: identification, trapping and recording.</b>	Date	<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2010</b>
No. of students	5-15	Start time	<b>9.30am</b>	Finish time	<b>4.15pm</b>
Leader	<b>Hazel Ryan, Conservation Officer</b> at the Wildwood Trust and Survey Coordinator for the Kent Mammal Group.				
Who should attend	Suitable for beginners. Anyone wishing to handle animals should be up-to-date with their anti-tetanus vaccination.				
Meeting place	Education Centre, Wildwood Trust, Herne Common, Herne Bay, CT6 7LQ				
Other sites to be visited	All outdoor visits will be in the woodland at Wildwood Trust.				
Programme	<p>We will begin in the classroom with an introduction to setting and checking different trap designs.</p> <p>We will then check traps which were set the previous evening. You will have an opportunity to handle, sex and weigh the animals, release them, then reset the traps.</p> <p>After lunch we will look at the different small mammal species found in Kent in more detail using a slide presentation, captive animals and artefacts such as nests and skulls.</p> <p>We will then check the traps for a second time.</p> <p>We will return to the classroom to discuss legislation, how to record small mammals and how to carry out a survey.</p>				
Subjects to be covered	<p>Setting, baiting and positioning trapping.</p> <p>Identifying, handling, sexing and weighing small mammals.</p> <p>Field signs of small mammals.</p> <p>Completing a recording form and organising a survey.</p>				
What to bring	Outdoor clothing. Pencil and notebook if you wish to take notes. Packed lunch.				
Other information	To handle small mammals participants should be up to date with their anti-tetanus vaccinations.				

