

DIAMOND WILLOW WALKING STICK CARVING CLASS

INFORMATION FOR ATTENDEES

Brief description of the class:

The class will include a basic introduction to diamond willow, where to find it, identifying it in the wild, best times of the year to look for it, different techniques of finishing your walking stick to your personal preference and an introduction to some of the helpful tools you will use for carving.

This will be a “hands-on” class, meaning that while some information will be presented to the group, an hour and a half or more will be spent hiking around outdoors “hunting” for your own stick followed by a few hours of carving time back at Hunt Hill.

We will travel separately about 20 miles to a different location known to have lots of diamond willow shrubs growing, selecting the piece or pieces you decide to harvest, followed up by stripping bark from your selected stick and beginning the carving process.

You will then complete your carving and finish at home.

What to bring:

- your own sack lunch
- personal snacks and beverages
- Hunt Hill will provide hot water and a few optional beverage choices
- waterproof and sturdy hiking boots
- warm clothing
- optional rainwear
- small pruning saw for cutting down your stick
- gloves
- sharp carving knife (or knives) and other personal carving tools of you have any
- patience