



SHERWOOD PINES

In addition to the archery club, there are miles of walking and mountain bike tracks, picnic grounds, childrens play areas, Go Ape, and a 'sky walk' through the tree tops and a Restaurant.



Finally during the summer months there are music weekends where bands play such as Jools Holland, Status Quo, Madness and Beautiful South.

Find us

Between the A614 Nottingham to A1 Road just past Rufford (Follow Center Parcs Signs) and Clipstone Village, set your GPS to:

Junction of B6030 & Forestry Holdings and follow the road or
Grid reference N53°09'29.0" W 1°05'37.46"



CONTACTS and FURTHER INFORMATION



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See our web site
More Information about Field Archery
from the National Field Archery Society

<http://www.geocities.com/pparchers/>

<http://www.nfas.net/index.asp>

ARCHERY

Our History & Heritage



Modern Day Sporting Activity

Ten thousand arrows fill the sky at **Agincourt**, a swift and noble death from a master **Samuari** archer, the bows of the **Native Americans** against John Wayne's wagon train, the unerring accuracy of an **Elfin Warrior** in Lord of the Rings.... Archery is entrenched somewhere in everyone's experience. Even today on the African plain, the bow and arrow feeds the family, in the USA and Europe its more of a sport, the thrill of the chase, man and bow against the animals in the wilderness.... seeking the trophy deer. **In the UK we pursue a gentler sport, as seen in the friendly and non lethal pursuit of Field Archery.....**



Think of a walk through the woods, loosing off five score arrows at targets representing animals both domestic and exotic, matching yourself against your fellows and your own best score, trying for that tricky angle through the trees, at the mercy of the unexpected shaft of sunlight to spoil the aim and on occasions the thrill of hunting through the bracken and ferns for that arrow which somehow unexplainedly missed....all in the company of good men and women and children, a healthy sport for all the family.

And where better but to follow in the footsteps of that most famous archer, The Earl of Loxley,.. Robin the Hooded Man... ..in the great Forest of Sherwood



I WOULD LIKE



WE CAN OFFER

Pines Park Archers

Are located on Sherwood Pines Forest Park, an arrow shot from Edwinstowe where Robin Hood married Maid Marian, how authentic is that !

Our grounds are permanently set up in a section of the forest, we have car parking and access via good roads.

The ground is gently sloping and extremely free draining, there are no ropes anywhere on the course, and it never gets muddy or dangerous. The forest itself is a mixture of pines and other conifers with a generous mix of broadleaf species, very picturesque.

We have a permanent 17-20 target course laid out for club members use. In addition we have a number of practice or warm up targets in front of the clubhouse.

We operate throughout the year, on Saturday's and Sunday's. Tuesday evening in the summer in the woods, from September we decamp to the nearby Village Hall at Clipstone for some indoor practice and conviviality.



Returning Archers, or new to the area, and absolute beginners are all equally welcomed.

Our Experienced and qualified Coach will assess and help you. Club Equipment can be borrowed initially and advice is available on what kit is needed.



Field Archery is a broad sport and people may freely choose to pursue any or several styles

Traditionalist love the Old English Longbow, with wooden arrows and real feathers, there is also the smaller American Flatbow, exotic devices like Mongolian Horse Bows or Scythian bows, or the modern recurve, in one piece or take down variants, or maybe you will be attracted by the sophistication and engineering of a modern compound bow with sights and stabilisers.



Archery like all sports can be as reasonable or as expensive as you want, but entry cost are low and ongoing fees are very reasonable, ask for details.

We are a friendly club and welcome everyone. As well as shooting in our woods, you may also wish to progress to going to other clubs 'open shoots' and try your new skills, and there are always opportunities to help out on the course itself or at exhibitions and 'have a go' days, which we hold from time to time.