



Down to Earth

"Earth science learning for all"

Fossils for All Part 2 A 10-week Distance learning course for adults

KEY INFORMATION

COURSE TITLE:	Fossils for all - especially for the non-palaeontologist!
LEVEL:	The course is designed for anyone interested in learning more about fossils. Some basic knowledge of geology would be helpful, though not essential.
COURSE FEES:	Part 2 £75.00 by email, £100.00 by post (all learners get access to Moodle) If you missed Part 1, you can have it as a package for just £50.00 (email only) The course runs for 10-weeks from January 8 and ends on March 19 (break 25/2)
DELIVERY:	The course will be delivered via a series of online or mailed tutorials, plus unlimited access to Moodle, our online learning site
COURSE TUTORS:	Chris Darmon (originator) & Colin Schofield
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OUR EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

Our aim is to provide a relaxed learning environment in which we can all learn, both from the tutor and each other. In short, exactly the original learning model for liberal adult education. We hope that everyone will want to complete the tasks we set you, though nobody will be insisting that you do. Feedback and positive encouragement will always be given - we want you to gain knowledge and confidence from everything you do! In order to facilitate this, we encourage you to share ideas and experiences on Moodle via a forum. Once again, this is down to your choice - nobody will be insisting that you do.

To protect our materials, we must ask you to agree not to share them with anyone not enrolled on the course by any means, including email. This is a condition of you enrolling on this course.

THIS COURSE

I don't have particularly happy memories of palaeontology courses at University. It was frankly a real turn off for me! I hadn't done much biology at school and the dry manner in which it was taught was so boring. Since then, I've learned that fossils can be fun, though finding a suitable cover picture for this brochure turned out to be quite difficult because, even now, palaeontologists take it all so seriously. So, if you're like me and want to know more about fossils in a more relaxed way, this course is for you. I want you to contribute to the course and have fun along the way. By the end of it we'll all be wiser and hopefully know more about fossils. I hope that you get the idea!

COURSE AIMS

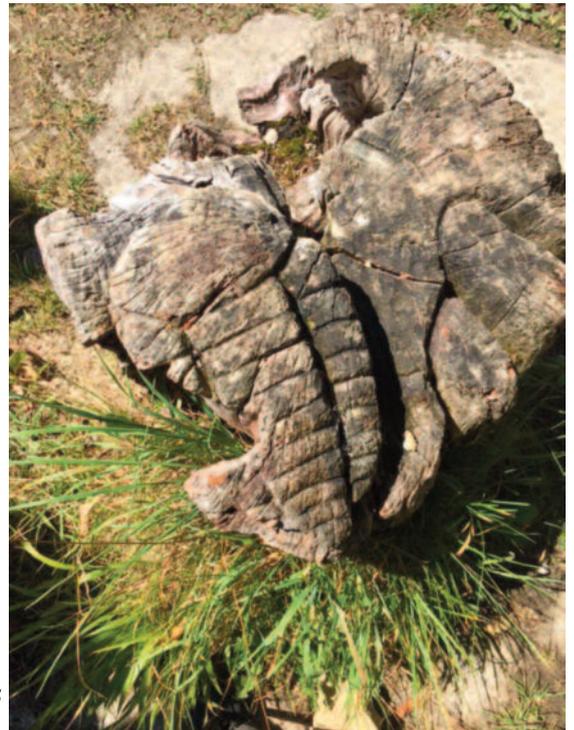
- To show the range and diversity of the fossil record
- To outline the key features of the most important fossil groups
- To appreciate the length and strengths and weaknesses of the fossil record
- To outline the uses of fossils to the Earth scientist
- To examine some of the defining moments of life on Earth

COURSE OUTLINE

Units 1-10 form Part 1 with Units 11-20 forming Part 2 which will commence in January 2018.

Prologue:	I'm a fossil, get me out here!
Unit 11:	Microfossils - tiny but really useful
Unit 12:	Dinosaurs - the real story
Unit 13:	The humble turd - ichnofossils by any other name
Unit 14:	Lagerstatten - exceptional fossil sites in Britain and abroad
Unit 15:	The ups and downs of the fossil record
Unit 16:	The Precambrian/Cambrian boundary
Unit 17:	The Permian/Triassic extinction event
Unit 18:	The Cretaceous/Tertiary boundary and extinction event
Unit 19:	Our human ancestry
Unit 20:	Where do we go from here?

Throughout this course you will be given the opportunity to put forward your own ideas and experiences via MOODLE where you will be able to post your comments and enter into a debate with your fellow students.



PRACTICAL POINTS

- To do this course electronically you'll need a computer with access to the internet. You'll also need a valid email address - please supply it at the time of enrolment. Units will be sent as pdf files. A broadband connection would be very helpful, but is not essential.
- To access Moodle we'll give you the simple instructions and a password

THE COST

The online cost is £75.00 and covers the provision of all the online materials, and tutor support via email or Moodle.. To have the materials posted, the cost is £100.00.

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For an outlay of just £10.00 you can obtain 'Club Class' our own discount scheme. You can get £5.00 off the cost of this course and other distance learning courses, plus a variety of other benefits that include a £3.00 discount on all day trips, £5.00 off day schools, and 10% off the cost of BGS books and maps.

All benefits are available until December 31st 2018.

ENROLLING

To enrol on this course you can do so via our website:-

www.geosupplies.co.uk
or you can ring us on
0114 2455746

You can also send a cheque to the following address
(made payable to "Geo Supplies Ltd"):-

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LOOKING FOR HELP?

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact the tutor, Chris Darmon by email: -

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