

# Archaeology in Wilding @ Knepp



Metal, water, hammer pond, Knepp 2025 (Image: Miranda Creswell)

## Wednesday 10 September

- 16.00 Arrival and set up  
18.30 **Archaeology in Wilding @ Knepp exhibition opening with Hepple Gin at the Granary**  
19.30 **BBQ with bar at the Wilding Kitchen**

## Thursday 11 September

- 8.00 Breakfast (served at the Wilding Glamping Kitchen)  
9.15 **Introduction to Archaeology in Wilding @ Knepp**, Anwen Cooper (Oxford Archaeology)  
9.40 **Emerging interests at Knepp**, Charlie Burrell  
10.00 **Session 1. FOR WILDLIFE**  
**Talk: If and how archaeology can actively shape more biodiverse future landscapes**  
Nick Overton (Oxford Archaeology)  
10.25 **Discussion led by Rob Yorke: Can archaeology help to deliver better outcomes for wildlife?**  
**Facilitating panel**  
Ralph Fyfe (University of Plymouth)  
Pete Leeson (Woodland Trust)  
Jamie Lorimer (University of Oxford)  
Louise Mapstone (Buckinghamshire Council)  
Danielle Schreve (University of Bristol)

- 11.15 **Coffee/tea with Sussex Kitchen cookies**
- 11.45 **Session 2. FOR PEOPLE**  
**Talk: The Fair Game project: Archaeology and the sustainable use of wild fallow deer venison,**  
 Anooshka Rawden (South Downs National Park) & Naomi Sykes (University of Exeter)
- 12.10 **Discussion led by Rob Yorke: Can archaeology help to deliver better outcomes for people AND for nature?**  
**Facilitating panel**  
 Cat Lodge (National Trust)  
 Matt Trevelyan (Nidderdale National Landscape)  
 Walter Riddell (Hepple Wilds)  
 Elaine Willett (Natural England)  
 Sophie Yeo (Environmental journalist)
- 13.00 **Lunch (Wilding Kitchen No-plough platter)**
- 14.00 **Session 3. Workshops led by the teams from 'Rewilding' project, Knepp, & friends:**  
**ANTLER**, Jacqui Mulville, Helen Smith & Kirsty Harding (Guerilla Archaeology)  
**EARTH**, Dave Kay & Jed Soleiman (Oxford Archaeology)  
**PLANTS**, Tina Roushannafas, Julia Meen (Oxford Archaeology) & Pete Leeson (Woodland Trust)  
**MAKING**, Rose Ferraby (Artist and archaeologist) & Rob St John (Artist)
- 15.30 **Tea with Sussex Kitchen brownies**
- 16.00 **Session 4. FOR IMAGINING CHANGE**  
**Talk 1.** Jack Durant (Youngwilders)  
**Talk 2.** Rob St John (Artist)  
**Talk 3.** Anwen Cooper (Oxford Archaeology)  
**Talk 4.** Nic Renison (Renison's Farm)  
**Talk 5.** Caitlin DeSilvey (University of Exeter)  
**Short discussion** led by Rose Ferraby (ending at 17.15)
- 18.00 **Wilding Kitchen market garden visit (optional)**
- 19.00 **Knepp apple juice & local sparkling wine at the Wilding Kitchen**
- 19.30 **Hunter's Dinner with organic wine at the Wilding Kitchen**

## Friday 12 September

- 7.45 Breakfast (served at the Wilding Glamping Kitchen) and packing up
- 8.30/8.45 **ARCHAEOLOGY IN WILDING @ KNEPP SAFARIS**  
 Led by Knepp safari guides, Sarah George, Rina Quinlan & Tony Whitbread, in conversation with local experts, the 'Rewilding' project team and workshop participants. Sarah's group will start at 8.30 am; Rina and Tony's groups will start at 8.45 am
- Coffee, tea and Sussex Thins**
- 11.45 **WORKSHOP REFLECTIONS, IMAGINING A FUTURE FOR ARCHAEOLOGY IN WILDING**  
 Led by Anwen Cooper
- 12.45 Close

