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## The Woodland Way A Permaculture Approach to Sustainable Woodland

by Ben Law

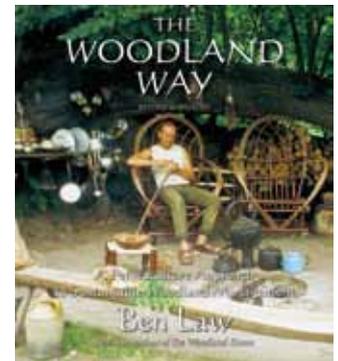
A book for everyone who loves trees and woodlands... This completely revised and updated edition of the 2001 classic is written from the heart by an innovative woodsman who is deeply committed to sustainability, this radical book presents an immensely practical alternative to conventional woodland management.

Through his personal experience, Ben Law clearly demonstrates how you can create biodiverse, healthy environments, yield a great variety of value added products, provide secure livelihoods for woodland workers and farmers, and benefit the local community. He argues the case for a new approach to planning, encouraging the creation of permaculture woodlands for the benefit of people, the local environment and the global climate.

*The Woodland Way* contains:

- Woodlands from wildwood to the 21st century;
- The 21st century & the return of the forest dweller;
- Woodland assessment & management planning;
- Establishing new woodlands;
- Management of woodlands;
- From tree to finished product;
- Food from the woods;
- Woodland management and the law;
- The future of woodlands

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:** Ben Law is the woodsman who captivated the nation by building his woodland house on Channel 4's Grand Designs programme. He also appears regularly on the BBC's Countryfile programme. He has also written three other books: *The Woodland House*, *The Woodland Year* and *Roundwood Timber Framing*.



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## What people are saying about THE WOODLAND WAY

Ben's brilliant book points the way forward for woodland management in the British Isles and beyond. It covers every aspect of what is in reality 'woodland stewardship', from both a practical and philosophical standpoint. This book is set to be a classic and will surely mark a turning point in our relationship with woods and the natural environment.

*Jean-Paul Jeanrenaud, former Head of the Forests for Life Programme WWF International*

The Woodland Way contains a vast body of insight and practical advice, all of it deeply rooted within a permaculture philosophy. The real power of this book, as of all great permaculture texts, is twofold. Firstly, you reach the last page and feel equipped to have a go at it yourself, and secondly you realise how different the world would be if more people were doing this stuff. Ben is a man who has a deep reverence for Nature and for trees and this shines through his writing. For anyone who still thinks that making a living from the woods means flogging the occasional greenwood chair and a few hazelnuts, Ben shows that well designed woodland enterprises can be serious business and that the surface has only just been scratched in terms of potential. The book's concluding chapter, 'The Future', sets out such a clear and common sense vision for the future that it deserves to be published in its own right as a small booklet. Ben and everyone involved in producing this precious addition to the permaculture library deserve our thanks for offering another steady step towards diversity, abundance and a world fit for our children to inherit.

*Rob Hopkins, review in Permaculture magazine*

A down-to-earth yet sometimes spiritual book

*Smallwoods.*

Ideal for anyone thinking of trying to live sustainably in woodland

*Reforestation Scotland.*

An inspirational and enjoyable book

*Building For A Future magazine.*

There are plenty of excellent photographs adding vision to his text. He covers every conceivable issue relating to wood, woodlands and woodland management. Some of his ideas are radical alternatives to conventional woodland management and his aim is to create bio-diversity, a healthy environment, added value products and food, a livelihood for woodland workers and farmers and benefits for the local community. His vision is to encourage such woodlands all over Britain.

*Customer review on Amazon*

Combines the idealism and philosophy of sustainable woodland living, with detailed practical and legal advice on how to do it.

*The Conservation Volunteers (formerly BITC)*

The Woodland Way is one of those rare books that bridges the gap between the theory of conservation and its practice, and does it well. It sets out author Ben Law's thesis and original vision for sustainable woodland management in Britain. It is an inspiring book in its practicality and "do-ability"

*Review by Julienne Dolphin Wil on [www.off-grid.net](http://www.off-grid.net)*