



Deer Stalking Certificate Level I Creag Meagaidh (by Laggan, Inverness-shire) 12-15 April 2012

The Cairngorms National Park Authority (CNPA) is working with The British Deer Society (BDS) to run a DSC Level I course for residents and land-based businesses based within/partly within the Cairngorms National Park, at Creag Meagaidh¹, 12 – 15 April 2012.

Course Content

The course will be delivered by BDS trainers and will cover:

- Deer biology and ecology
- Stalking techniques
- Safety
- Shooting
- Relevant law

Each of these areas will be assessed and successful candidates will be deemed competent to carry a rifle and shoot deer safely, accurately, humanely and legally. The four day course will spend three days in the classroom and one day on the range. Find out more at www.bds.org.uk/deer_stalking_certificate_level_1.html

Costs

The normal cost of this course is £275. In order to broaden knowledge and understanding of deer management and to develop skills in the deer sector inside the Cairngorms National Park, the CNPA is able to offer this course to land based businesses and residents of the National Park for **£140**.

The cost includes instruction, assessment, a comprehensive BDS training manual and lunch during the three classroom days of the course. A packed lunch will be provided for the range day. **Please note: the cost does not include overnight accommodation, breakfast or dinner.**

Candidates without firearms are able to borrow them from BDS for this course. To do this they must join BDS at a cost of £55 – this complies with Home Office rules and covers insurance etc related to the loan of firearms. If you borrow a rifle there will also be a cost for the ammunition you use.

Booking

Land based businesses and residents of the Cairngorms National Park may book for this course by completion of an application form, which is available from **email: fionamorris@cairngorms.co.uk or training@cairngorms.co.uk or tel 01479 870535.**

Those based outwith the Cairngorms National Park will find information about other BDS courses on their website: www.bds.org.uk/index.html

¹ Use of the shooting range at Creag Meagaidh is kindly provided by Scottish Natural Heritage.