

## *Pollen Microscopy*

### **Programme**

The outline for the course is as follows:

	<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Day 2</b>
<b>morning</b> 09:30 – 12:30	Understanding pollination Guided bee garden tour Making slides from flowers	Pollen in honey Making slides from honey
<b>afternoon</b> 13:30 – 17:00	Pollen trapping at hives Making slides from pollen loads	Slide making techniques Making reference slides

Tea and coffee will be served on both mornings from 9am. Lunches and refreshments are included in the course fee.

### **Preparation**

You may wish to familiarise yourself or refresh your knowledge of common British wildflowers, their pollen colours, and of the examination of pollen under the microscope, by referring to some of the following titles:

*100 Plants for Beekeepers* or *Plants of Significance to Bees*, S.A. Roberts  
*Pollen Identification for Beekeepers*, R. Sawyer  
*A Colour Guide to the Pollen Loads of the Honeybee*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Kirk  
Any good UK wildflower guide

Copies of the above titles will be available for reference during the course, however you should consider investing in these titles if you wish to build up a good working knowledge of common wildflowers and a collection of reference slides of pollen.

### **What to bring**

Microscopes, field lenses (loupes), and associated tools and consumables will be provided for students to use, however if you have your own microscope and tools please bring them so that you can work with familiar equipment.

Bee suits are not needed for this course.

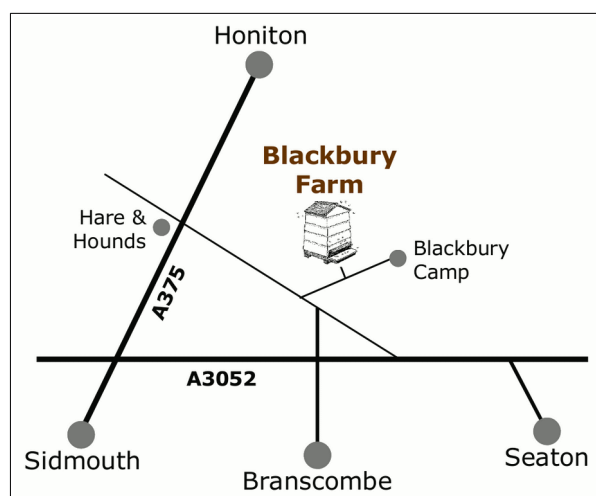
## Directions

Our training centre is located between the towns of Honiton, Sidmouth, and Seaton at

**Blackbury Honey Farm, Southleigh, Colyton, Devon, EX24 6JF**

Blackbury Honey Farm is located about a mile from Southleigh village so please do **not** follow Southleigh signs – instead follow the brown **Blackbury Camp** and **Honey Farm** signs.

**Satnav users** – the postcode is inaccurate - when it tells you that you have arrived, follow the brown signs for Honey Farm and Blackbury Camp.



## By car

1. Honiton is reached by the A30, which connects with the M5 at Exeter and the A303 and A35 to the East.
2. Follow signs out of Honiton for Sidmouth on the A375.
3. At the crossroads with the Hare and Hounds pub, turn left and follow the brown tourist signs for Blackbury Camp.
4. Follow this road for about 2 miles – do **not** go to Southleigh village.
5. Turn left where indicated by the brown Honey Farm sign, and Blackbury Honey Farm is the first gateway on the left. There is ample parking.

## By train

Honiton station is about five miles away and is served by the London Waterloo – Exeter service. Taxis from Honiton station can be booked on 01404 850800 – please ask to be taken to Blackbury Camp, Southleigh and you will pass our gate.

## Accommodation

The following local B&Bs are popular with our students:

- Records Place, Southleigh, EX24 6JA, tel. 01297 680649
- Smallicombe Farm, Northleigh, EX24 6BU, tel. 01404 831310
- The Old Bakehouse, Colyton, EX24 6ND, tel. 01297 552518

Other options available locally include:

- Woodlands Hotel, Sidmouth, EX10 8HG, tel. 01395 513120
- Premier Inn, Honiton, EX14 1BQ, tel. 0871 527 9508
- Travelodge, Seaton, EX12 2NA, tel. 0871 622 0701
- YHA Hostel, Beer, EX12 3LL, tel. 0845 371 9502

Seaton Tourist Information Centre can advise regarding local accommodation options:

- [seaton.gov.uk/tourist-information](http://seaton.gov.uk/tourist-information), 01297 21388, [admin@seaton.gov.uk](mailto:admin@seaton.gov.uk)

## Contact

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