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Friday 4. july to sunday 6. july 2025

Scythe course at Ryghsetra

Course in conservation of biological diversity and traditions linked to the cultural landscape

The mowing course is organized for the 32nd time at Ryghsetra by Hagatjern in Drammen municipality, and aims to impart practical skills related to traditional mowing, such as mowing with a scythe, hedging and stiffening trees. The organizers are landowners and permanent residents Aud and Gunnar Bakken.

Ryghsetra is among Norway's most species-rich meadows due to the poor soil and the annual mowing that takes place in the traditional way. Here you can physically contribute to preserving several red-listed species in the meadow, and thus help safeguard biological diversity. The annual mowing also helps to take care of the local cultural landscape.

During the course, traditional local food will be served and pretzels will be baked in the bakery in the meadow. Botanists / entomologists will take you on a tour of the meadow to teach you about local plants and insects. On Saturday evening, you are invited to a hay party at the barn - with local musicians and there will be opportunities for folk dancing. The course is suitable for all ages, and for both beginners

and veterans with scythes. We hope you will set aside the weekend, which will offer lots of practical practice in the meadow, delicious home-cooked food and an opportunity to get to know like-minded people!

Course fee and registration

Adults: NOK 2,900

Youth 15-25 years: NOK 2,000

Under 15 years: NOK 1,000

Covers accommodation, meals and Slåttefest (2-4 bed rooms. Bed linen must be brought)

Participants only Friday or Saturday+Sunday NOK. 1000

Covers courses and meals (without accommodation)

Slåttenga is located approximately 15 km from the center of Drammen. Train and bus to Mjøndalen

The course takes up to 20 participants in addition to helpers

Information and registration

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