



Mammals in a Sustainable Environment

Forest Mammal Survey

The Mammals in a Sustainable Environment (MISE) Project is pleased to invite volunteers to attend a Forest Mammal Survey on Saturday August 18th, where we will survey for signs of pine marten, fox, deer and squirrels. Scats (faeces) will be collected for DNA analysis at Waterford Institute of Technology and other mammal signs, such as squirrel activity, will be recorded with a view to conducting future hair-tube studies in the area. This day long event will start at 8.30 am in the Viking Hotel, Waterford for a short talk and briefing. Volunteers will then be divided into survey teams, led by an experienced member of the MISE team, and allocated one to two woodlands. The event will be finished by 4 pm. Please bring appropriate outdoor clothing and footwear and a packed lunch. The day will require walking in woodlands and uneven terrain with the possibility of adverse weather conditions. The event is free to attend and no previous experience is required, but places are limited to 20 people and booking is required. Please contact Denise O'Meara, MISE Project Officer at Waterford Institute of Technology at domeara@wit.ie or 051-302665. The MISE project is part funded by the European Regional Development Fund under the Ireland-Wales Programme 2007-2013 (INTERREG IVA).



Photo: Squirrel activity can be recognised by spotting stripped pine cones that squirrels have been feeding on © Andrew Harrington