

Desire for the Wild – Wild Desires?

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*At Wicken Fen and Pembroke College, Cambridge,
18-19 April 2013*

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Thursday 18th April

Gather at the Visitor Centre, Wicken Fen
Art displays with Carry Akroyd

1.30. Introduction and thoughts on wild things

Chris Soans (National Trust, Wicken Fen);
Laura Cameron (Queen's University, Ontario);
Carry Akroyd

2.00-4.00. Time on the Fen

We will have three options for exploring the Fen:

- 1) Tour to view the konik ponies, led by Carol Laidlaw
- 2) Bike tour to further reaches of the Fen site
- 3) Walking tour

4.00. Tea and discussion

Thoughts on the day and for tomorrow from Paul Warde (UEA) and Barbara Bodenhorn (University of Cambridge)

7.00. Drinks reception followed by dinner at Pembroke College, Cambridge in the Old Library.

Friday 19th April

9.00-9.30. Gather and welcome at the Nihon Room, Pembroke College

9.30. Marcus Hall (Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich)

Rewilding or else dedomesticating natural systems?
Perspectives from the history of 'restoration' and 'rewilding'.

10.00-10.45. Breakout into small groups for discussion

'Wild' and 'Nature': what does it mean, and what are its uses from our different perspectives?

10.45-11.15. Re-convene and coffee break

11.15 – 12.15. Plenary – reports from breakout groups.

Panel to reflect (Matthew Oates, National Trust), Libby Robin (Australian National University / Environmental Humanities Lab, Stockholm), Peter Coates (University of Bristol).

12.15-13.30 Lunch in the Old Library

Tours of College sustainability program: looking to the future of a 14th century institution.

13.30-14.30. International perspectives.

Dolly Jørgensen (University of Umeå) – "Back in the Good 'Ol Days: *When* is the Wild?"

Comments from Jamie Lorimer (University of Oxford)

Laura Cameron (Queen's University, Ontario)

14.30-15.15. Conservation, change and sustainability:

Panel of Marianna Dudley (University of Bristol); Stuart Warrington (National Trust); Simon Tonkin (RSPB).

15.15-15.45 Coffee break

15.45-17.00 Final plenary,

Comments from Bill Adams (University of Cambridge).

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<http://www.environmentalhistories.net/>
<http://climatehistories.innerasiaresearch.org/>

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For more information on Wicken Fen see:

<http://www.wicken.org.uk/introduction.htm> and
<http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wicken-fen/>



Cambridge University party at the location of the current Visitor Centre at Wicken Fen
(1920's or 1930's)

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