

Rewilding meets Behaviour, Welfare & Practice Summer Camp

Interdisciplinary and international summer camp focused on the intersection of animal behaviour, welfare and policy in rewilding

Within the framework of the HERDWISE (Herbivore Social Structures Driving Rewilding and Supporting Ecosystem Recovery) research project

Time: 29 June – 03 July

(expected arrivals of students: 28.06 evening; latest departure 04.07 morning)

Place: Molslaboratoriet, Mols Bierge National Park - Denmark

Preliminary program

Day 0 (June 28) – arrival to Mols by the evening

Day 1 (June 29): Introduction day

Time	program	presenter
7:30-8:30	breakfast	–
8:45-9:45	Summer Camp general intro Camp participants introduce themselves	<i>Lilla Lovasz</i> , postdoc AU- ECONOVO Participant students
10:00–11:00	Lecture: Introduction to rewilding	<i>Jens-Christian Svenning</i> professor, macroecologist – ECONOVO, Aarhus University
11:30–13:00	Guided tour at Mols	<i>Peter Lassen</i> , site manager Mols Laboratoriet
13:00–14:30	lunch	
14:45–15:30	Lecture: Research & results conducted at Molslab	<i>Kent Olsen</i> , biologist, senior researcher – Naturhistorisk Museum Aarhus
15:30–17:30	Practicals: coaching –» how to develop a good study question	<i>Jonas Trepel</i> , postdoc AU <i>Lilla Lovasz</i> , postdoc AU
18:00	dinner	

Day 2 (June 30): Behavioural ecology day

7:45–8:45	breakfast	
9:00–9:45	Lecture: <i>Importance of animal behaviour in rewilding</i>	Lilla Lovasz, postdoc, AU - ECONOVO
10:00–10:45	Lecture: <i>Novel methods in behavioural ecology research – stable isotope analysis</i>	Maciej Tomasz Sykut, postdoc – archaeology & ecology, AU - ECONOVO
11:00–11:45	HERDWISE MSc students introduce their projects	Tine Petersen, Mathieu Portmann, Nell Tassous
12:00–13:00	lunch	
13:00–16:00	Practicals: Behavioural data recording and handling crash course (direct observation / drone observation / behavioural annotation / intro to computer vision)	LL, TP, MP, NT
16:00–>	Student group work -> sampling protocol and data collection	
18:00	dinner	

Day 3 (July 1): Welfare day

7:45–8:45	breakfast	
9:00–9:45	Lecture: <i>Animal welfare terminology and concepts</i>	Janne Winther Christensen, professor AU/ANIVET
9:45–10:30	Lecture: <i>Welfare in an ecological context</i>	Lilla Lovasz, postdoc, AU - ECONOVO
10:30–11:00	Q&A with coffee - on welfare	
11:00–12:00	Student group work: data collection	
12:00–13:00	lunch	
13:30–14:15	Lecture: <i>Considerations of welfare in rewilding from the vet's perspective</i>	Henrik Hagbard, veterinarian
14:15–15:00	Q&A	
15:30–16:30	Practicals: Come-along on a real-life veterinary-check in a rewilding area	Therese Hard, veterinarian
16:30–>	Student group work -> data collection	
18:00	dinner	

Day 4 (July 2): Policy & practice day

7:45–8:45	breakfast	
9:00–9:45	Lecture: <i>Public perceptions of rewilding and implications for policy-making and practical implementation</i>	<i>Ole Noe</i> , Regional Director, Danish Nature Agency - Thy
9:45–10:30	Lecture: <i>Rewilding from a non-governmental perspective</i>	<i>Thor Hjarsen</i> , head of Wilderness, Hempel Foundation
10:30–11:00	Q&A with coffee	
11:00–11:45	Lecture: <i>The power of communication of rewilding towards the public</i>	<i>Jens Thorvig Andersen</i> , rewilding naturalist, nature interpreter at Hempel Foundation
12:00–13:00	lunch	
13:30–15:30	Roundtable with practitioners: <i>Navigating practical rewilding between legal and public burdens</i>	<i>Martin Sandager</i> (owner, rewilding practitioner – Kragelund Mose), <i>Heidi Buur</i> (owner, rewilding practitioner – Klostergård), <i>Ole Noe</i> (Regional Director, Danish Nature Agency - Thy), <i>Thor Hjarsen</i> (head of Wilderness, Hempel Foundation)
15:30–>	Student group work -> data collection	
18:00	dinner	
19:00	VILDSKABENS VEJE – film	<i>Martin Sandager</i>

Day 5 (July 3) – Presentation-day

7:45–8:45	breakfast	
9:00–12:00	Student group work – analysis	coaching: Isolde Puts – AU-ECOSCIENCE
12:00–13:00	lunch	
13:00–16:00	Student group work – presentations	
16:30–18:00	Student flashtalks	
18:00	dinner	

Day 6 (July 4) -> students leave in the morning

Student tasks:

Each student group:

1. Formulate a study question within the theme rewilding
2. Design sampling protocol
3. Collect data (e.g. direct observation / drone /smartphone footage on behaviour; questionnaire for tourists; or own choice)
4. Analyse data
5. Prepare a 5-slide presentation
6. Present a flashtalk