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The Living Landscape

How To Read And Understand It

Patrick Whitefield

“The knowledge of reading the landscape brings us within it... In his clear and accessible style, Patrick offers the reader not just the breadth of his knowledge but the first steps on a journey to become part of our landscape again.” From the Foreword by Ben Law (as seen on Channel 4’s Grand Design series)

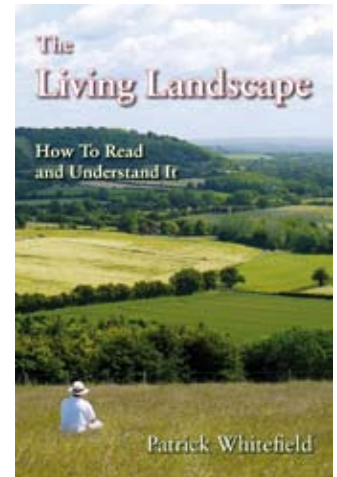
Being able to ‘read’ the landscape whilst on a walk makes a huge difference. It is like suddenly seeing the world in colour after being used to a lifetime of black and white. *The Living Landscape* opens with a chapter on how to go about reading the landscape. The following chapters then go on to look in detail at landscape formation, from rocks, through soil to vegetation and the intricate web of interactions between plants, animals, climate and people that makes the landscape around us. Each chapter is interspersed with diagrams, sketches and notes that Patrick has taken over two decades of living and working in the countryside.

The author, Patrick Whitefield, shares a lifetime’s knowledge about the myriad interactions that go to make up the fascinating and varied landscapes we see all around us. Patrick will inspire you to reconnect with the land as a living entity, not a collection of different scenery, and develop an active relationship with nature and the countryside. This book invites you to actively engage with nature and experience it first hand.

Understanding how landscapes evolves is a useful skill for landscape designers, farmers, gardeners and smallholders but it is also a life-enhancing skill all of us can enjoy. Patrick offers us the enduring pleasure that costs nothing and yet offers everything.

Key Sales Points:

- ▶ Each of Patrick’s previous books have sold in excess of 15,000 copies.
- ▶ Big surge in families holidaying in the UK and enjoying our heritage and landscapes.
- ▶ An increased number of TV programmes (*Coast, Countryfile, etc.*) which promote a greater awareness of the UK’s landscape.
- ▶ Patrick is an excellent speaker and teacher and available for any media opportunities. He has recently appeared on BBC2’s *A Farm For The Future* and *It’s Not Easy Being Green*.



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What the Press said about Patrick's previous book **The Earth Care Manual**

"An awesome book ... it will extend your knowledge and open your eyes." **Organic Gardening**

"Recommended ... a wonderfully practical book offering advice on the skills that will enable you to lead an environmentally sensitive lifestyle." **The Daily Mail** (Kim Wilde, horticulturist and pop star)

"A profound achievement in the ripening of the global permaculture movement ... thorough and beautifully designed ... an essential reference ... highly recommended." **Permaculture Activist** (USA)

"Just occasionally a book is published that fully justifies its title and can even change the reader's perspective on life. This is one of those rare and inspiring landmark events. A visionary, yet practical book offering the skills for a lifestyle that is kind to the environment. This is a big book in every respect, a pleasure to handle and explore, and deserves wide celebration." **The Garden – Journal of the Royal Horticultural Society**

"Well illustrated and user-friendly ... the case studies give the theoretical text a grounding in reality, the manual provides an astounding amount of information." **Grand Designs Magazine**

"Well-presented, well-tested ... a turning point in the story of permaculture." **Country Life**

"This is a truly astonishing book. An important one too... the amount of knowledge shared is staggering and the vision of a sustainable future that it offers is captivating." **Wave**

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About The Author:

Patrick Whitefield one of Europe's foremost authors, teachers and practitioners of temperate permaculture.

Patrick's previous books include: *Permaculture In A Nutshell*, *The Earth Care Manual*, *How To Make A Forest Garden*, *Tipi Living* and he writes for *Permaculture Magazine: Inspiration For Sustainable Living*.