



Creation Care with Dave Bookless : "Living hope for a wounded world"

12–18th September 2021 · Domaine des Courmettes · A Rocha
France

We are living through scary and stressful times: the threat of ecological disaster looms, the economy is suffering, socially and politically we are evermore divided. And yet, we can still be hopeful – and this is what the Bible reminds us of in times of trouble and anxiety. This is what Dave Bookless invites us to explore throughout the week, which we hope will be enjoyable and refreshing.

Programme

In the mornings : after some time spent reading the Bible together, the teaching sessions will tackle the following questions:

- What does the Bible teach us and how does this apply to life in 2021?
- What is the link between the Gospel and protecting creation?
- Is it possible to live with hope, wonder, and joy in a broken world?
- If so, how?

In the afternoons : there will be the opportunity to relax and to discover the beautiful site of Les Courmettes, either freely or during our organised outings and explorations. These might include :

- Hiking and discovering the flora and fauna
- Worship walks and walks of praise, meditation, prayer
- Climbing the Pic des Courmettes (1250m!)
- Discovering and learning more about the bees and their hives

In the evenings : we offer a varied programme. This might include :

- Night walks
- Stargazing
- Film screenings
- Learning more about A Rocha's work both in France and globally.

Speaker



Dave Bookless

Ordained minister, author, and lecturer, Dave Bookless is the theological director of A Rocha International and is also a leader on environmental issues within the Lausanne Movement. He speaks regularly in main countries around the world, and his latest book has been translated into French under the title "*Un Dieu zero déchet*".

The sessions will be conducted in English, but there will be a live French translation.

Practical Information

Dates : Sunday 12th September (5pm) until Saturday 18th September (9am)

Location : Domaine des Courmettes, a private property of 600 hectares open to the public, located near Tournettes-sur-Loup in the Alpes-Maritimes region of France. With a peak culminating at 1248m, the site dominates the Côte d'Azur and offers breathtaking views of the Mediterranean and the Mercantour Massif. The estate belongs to the *Amiral de Coligny* association, which has entrusted its management to A Rocha France, a Christian charity working to conserve and protect nature.

How to reach us ? [Here](#) you will find instructions and suggestions on how to reach us. We also offer a shuttle bus service from Vence (this costs 8€ per person).

Pricing :

- **Full board and activities** (per person for the week)
 - 360€ Room with private bathroom – double or shared.
 - It costs an additional 105€ for a private room
 - 310€ Room with shared bathroom – double or shared.
 - 255€ Dormitory with shared bathroom
 - 175€ Camping

- We also offer **apartments** which are available to families – please get in touch to enquire about this option!

Free participation (but we suggest a donation of 75€ per person, if you are able).

If you have a +1 or would like to travel with a friend or partner, it is possible to register for the week without attending the teaching sessions, for the same price.

[Fill in the registration form!](#)

Other practical information :

- All meals are organic. Most of the meals are vegetarian or contain some (mostly locally-sourced) meat or fish. Even when there is some meat, there is always a vegetarian option available.
- We hope that you will help us with the washing up 😊
- Bedding is provided but towels are not.
- The buildings are located at an altitude of 850m, so it can get cold in the mornings and evenings, even in summer! We advise you to pack accordingly.
- **COVID-19:** We will do our utmost to limit the risk of contamination, in accordance with the legislation and guidelines in force at the time of the seminar.

The whole team is really looking forward to welcoming you to the Domaine des Courmettes!

