Living with Pine Marten Symposium
23 April 2020
Alexander Golf Club, Court-Y-Park
Pixley, Ledbury HR8 2RW
9.30am

European Squirrel Initiative



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With plans for a limited release of pine marten underway, their role as a potential solution to dealing with the problem of grey squirrels is being considered by the European Squirrel Initiative.

Whilst there is evidence that pine marten predates on grey squirrels it is also recognised that concerns remain regarding potential negative impacts on other species such as wild birds, poultry or game. One part of the United Kingdom where pine marten are present is Northern Ireland where game keepers are well used to their presence and running effective shoots.

ESI is organising a symposium at which head keepers from two Northern Irish shooting estates, Baronscourt and Shanes Castle will be speaking on "Living with pine marten". The morning session will consist of talks from The Vincent Wildlife Trust, who are releasing pine marten in the Forest of Dean and in Wales, the head keepers and representatives from the NGO and ESI. The afternoon will include a short visit to the Stoke Edith Estate.

– Morning Session- Alexander Park Golf Club –

9.30	Arrival, Registration, Coffee
10am	Chairman's opening remarks – *Graham Taylor ESI*
10.15	Pine marten in England & Wales *- Cat McNicol - Vincent Wildlife Trust*
10.45	Pine marten - A first-hand experience *Bill Storer, Head keeper Shanes Castle Estate,* *Jason Sproule, Head keeper Baronscourt Estate*
11.30	Panel discussion *Charles Dutton – ESI* *Liam Bell – Chairman NGO* *Cat McNicol – Vincent Wildlife Trust* *Bill Storer, Head keeper Shanes Castle Estate,* *Jason Sproule, Head keeper Baronscourt Estate*
12 noon	Introduction to Stoke Edith Estate – *Rupert Foley*
12.15	Lunch

– Afternoon Session – Stoke Edith Estate –

1.15pm	Tour begins
3pm	Concluding discussion & Refreshments

Attendance is free of charge and if you are interested in attending could you please email: info@europeansquirrelinitiative.org to obtain further information and to confirm your place.

A similar event is planned to take place in Exeter the following day, on Friday 24th April 2020, in conjunction with Red Squirrel South West. For further information please email Charlotte Gannon on the following email: rsswproject@gmail.com