



Pocket Forest site criteria

1. We need a site owned by the school or business or community of approximately 100 square metres (e.g. 10m x 10m) to accommodate 300 densely planted native trees and shrubs. There needs to be some space around the area e.g. 1 metre away from walls. Ideally this is in an area where it can be seen and used by the whole community.
2. No underground infrastructure - pipes etc.
3. No overhead infrastructure - power lines, balconies etc
4. Nearby water access point - tap or rainwater harvesting butt
5. The site should be open ground with at least a spade's depth of soil.
6. We don't want to remove trees to plant trees! An area with self-seeded trees, shrubs, ivy, wild plants, scrub or hedgerow growth should be left to do its own thing. Nature is already at work there.
7. We ask the site is clear of invasive species such as Himalayan Balsam, hogweed and Japanese knotweed.
8. A classroom/gather area can be designed into the forest at the soil preparation stage (this would mean the available area would need to be larger to accommodate the extra area)
9. We ask that schools and/or businesses or local authority sign a memorandum of understanding for project work.
10. We ask that the school and/or business or community group nominates Forest Keepers. These are staff/students/community/members who can do small maintenance (with advice and support from Pocket Forests) and keep interest ongoing in the forest. Ideally the Pocket Forest can be integrated into teaching ideas or the infrastructure of a business campus or urban area as it grows and thrives.