



Tanning course in Albersdorf, July 2026 (during the 'Stone Age Gathering') Stone Age Tanning Technology with Markus Klek

Tan your own leather using Stone Age methods. In this course you will learn all the steps necessary to transform a fresh animal skin into soft leather. During the International Stone Age Days in Albersdorf, we deal intensively with Stone Age tanning techniques. With the help of your own deer skin, you will learn the old technique of fat tanning. The course is aimed at beginners, as well as people who have already gained experience in tanning.

The special and unique thing about this course format is, that we will work exclusively with tools and aids that were available to people during the Stone Age. At least as far as the local circumstances allow. So, we work exclusively with the gifts of nature, apply old knowledge and delve deep into the topic of leather, skins and furs during prehistoric times. You will also learn a lot about the theory and practice of the different qualities of leather and skins, their processing, use and significance during prehistory.

Tanning is a time-consuming and labour-intensive process and the experimental nature of this course format is expected to require our attention throughout the whole duration of the Stone Age Days. However, we will adapt our workflows to the general daily program and there will of course be enough time for socialising and taking part in other activities.



*Cost: €350/person
Participation from 18 years or by arrangement.
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Markus has been practicing Stone Age crafts for over thirty years. The processing and tanning of leather and skins is one of his specialties. He works as a freelance lecturer at museums, leads courses and is the author of several books on fat- and brain tanning. www.palaeotechnik.eu



Announcement: Markus will also give a talk about his two-week Stone Age retreat "Roots" in Spain at the museum on Friday evening, July 24th. Admission is free for participants of the Stone Age Days. Donations are welcome.