

Using The Outdoor Classroom 1

Friday 25th March and Friday 1st July 2011, 9:30am - 3pm
The Arboretum Trust, Kew at Castle Howard, Near York

The Arboretum Trust, Kew at Castle Howard, is just off the A64 in North Yorkshire, 30 mins north-east of York. Our Education Programme caters for visiting student groups from nursery age up to A Level as well as adult courses, teacher training and public events. Our 150 acre, safe and beautiful learning environment includes **woodland, lakes, ponds and meadow with hundreds of species of tree** in our nationally recognised collection.

The education programme uses the natural resources available to provide **curriculum-linked outdoor education** for school and community groups with particular emphasis on science, maths, art, education for sustainable development and conservation.

Join us to find out how the outdoor classroom can be used to enhance the delivery of the National Curriculum and gain hands on experience in a wide variety of curriculum linked activities you could use with school or community groups in your own setting.

COMMENTS FROM PAST PARTICIPANTS

"Inspiring ideas to develop all areas of the curriculum using an outdoor context".

"Super activities relevant to all ages and abilities".

"I am energised to use our outdoor area more effectively".

"New, exciting and interesting ideas to promote learning outdoors".

"Katherine's enthusiasm is infectious!"

THE DAY WILL INCLUDE....

- Three hours of hands on experience of a wide selection of outdoor activities.
- Advice on risk assessing.
- Cross-curricular approaches to outdoor learning.
- Adapting activities to age and ability.
- Development of 'the outdoor curriculum'.
- Links to further resources.
- Time to work with other teachers or group leaders.
- Lunch and refreshments.

COURSE FEE

Course cost of £60 per person. Lunch and light refreshments are included. A 10% discount for individuals who have attended previous courses is available, please ask when booking.

HANDS ON ACTIVITIES IN COURSE 1

Pond Dipping, Minibeast Hunt, Minibeast Habitat Creation, Meet a Tree, Colour Collection, Seasonal Story Trails, Amazing Art, The Lumberjack Challenge, Tree Height Measurement, Leaf Bingo, Sound Maps, Compost Creature Relay, What to Compost, Story Sticks.

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TRAINING DAY PROGRAMME

- 9:30am Arrival. Tea/Coffee
- 9:45am Introduction to The Arboretum Trust, Kew at Castle Howard
Course Objectives
Dr Katherine Forsey, Education & Outreach Programme Manager
- 10:00am Hands on experience of a wide selection of curriculum linked outdoor activities.
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Please note that we will be outside for this part of the day, suitable outdoor clothing and footwear are essential.
- 1pm Lunch. Tea/Coffee. Discussion amongst course participants.
- 1:45pm Risk assessing and bringing the curriculum into outdoor learning
Cross-curricular approaches to outdoor learning
Outdoor learning resources
- 2:45pm Evaluation
- 3:00pm Close

This course is suitable for Key Stage 1 & 2 Teachers and Teaching Assistants in Primary, SEN and Independent Schools, Trainee Teachers, Community Group Leaders, Youth Workers, and organisations working with schools to encourage out of the classroom learning.



APPLICATION FORMS AND FURTHER INFORMATION

To book a place please download an application from our website or contact Dr Katherine Forsey at The Arboretum Trust. Application forms available at www.kewatch.co.uk/education.html

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