

Self Led Visits

For those looking to run part or all of a visit themselves, our Self Led Visits Pack will support your planning and delivery in our beautiful woodland learning environment. It includes suggestions for hands on activities that can be adapted for different visit lengths, objectives, ages and abilities.

The Pack includes;

- Site map
- Self led activities
- Planning forms
- What to wear
- Lunchtime & composting activities
- Pre-visit activities
- Follow-up activities
- Suggested visit itinerary
- Risk assessments
- Links to further resources

Self Led Visit Packs will be provided at your pre visit planning meeting following confirmation of the date of your group visit.

Comments from teachers:

"Excellent activity. Really caught children's imaginations and drew them into the magical world"

Angali Anderson, Headland Primary School.

"The whole experience was fantastic and extremely well led"

L Atkinson, Poppleton Road Primary.

Everyone had a wonderful time. We couldn't have hoped for more. Helen Spencer. Clifton Pre-prep.

"We had a wonderful day. The children really enjoyed it, as did all of our helpers"

Helen Steel. Park Grove Primary School.

Admission Prices

To secure your booking payment must be made in advance.

Admission: £2.50 per pupil

Teachers and adult supervisors are admitted FREE up to the required supervision ratios.

Education Sessions: £2.00 per pupil*

*For each hour long activity session.

Booking Information

All group visits and Education Sessions must be booked in advance with a member of the Outdoor Education Team. Free pre-visit planning meetings can be arranged in advance of your visit and are strongly recommended for first time visitors, they include risk assessments and scheduling and allow us to adapt our activities for the age and ability of your pupils.

How To Find Us

We are located 30 minutes north-east of York, just off the A64, opposite Castle Howard.

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Outdoor Education

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The Arboretum Trust combines outstanding natural beauty with a large collection of botanically important trees. Nestled in the Howardian Hills, our 150 acres boasts a variety of environments: wide open vistas, wildflower beds, woodlands, two large lakes, ponds, streams and reed swamp.

What do we offer?

A wide range of cross curricular activities for all ages – from nursery school and primary to secondary and adult special interest groups.

- Free planning visits (by arrangement)
- Bespoke days to suit your group
- Hands on activities and trails
- Gifted and talented options
- Experienced activity leaders
- Beautiful and safe environment
- A unique educational resource
- Two covered outdoor classrooms for activities and lunch times

Curriculum Linked Schools Programme

Our Education Sessions last 30 to 60 minutes. Your needs will be discussed in advance and your day will be tailored to your group's age and ability.

Pond Dipping

Explore, identify and record the creatures living beneath the water of our spectacular lake.

Minibeast Hunt & Habitat Creation

Go on a bug hunt, use our bug identification dials and explore the creature's habitats before creating one of your own.

Colour Collection

Explore nature's colour palette while you make one of your own - from spring and summer wildflowers to spectacular autumn hues.

Story Stick

Inspired by the Aborigines, collect and identify fallen items as you go on a journey through the Arboretum. Take your stick home with you at the end of your day.

Seasonal Story Trail

Find the seasonal adjectives hidden amongst the tress and create your own story or poem.

Amazing Art

From collecting materials for simple collages to ephemeral sculpture and bark art, the arboretum provides inspiration aplenty through our wide range of creative activities.

Lumberjack Challenge

If your team had to fell a tree how far back would you stand? How old is that tree and how big is its canopy? Learn how to measure and record the vital statistics of some of our 5000 trees.

Meet a Tree

A blindfold challenge that tests the senses, builds trust and develops team work and communication skills.

Seed Dispersal & Amazing Autumn

Why do leaves change colour? How are seeds dispersed? Find out while collecting autumn colour or hunting for autumn adjectives.

Explorienteering

An introduction to orienteering and map reading in our fully enclosed 150 acre arboretum. Short introductory exercises and a mini course to test out your new skills before you progress to our big course.

Shelter Building

Work together to construct your own woodland shelter - team work and survival skills are essential here!

Decomposer Detectives

A heap of activities linked to Education For Sustainable Development including: What Can I Compost? The Heap As A Habitat, Compost Creature Relay and The Lunch Box Challenge.

Adventure With The Woodland Fairy

Designed for our younger visitors and led by our very own Woodland Fairy. Collect potion ingredients, cast a spell, explore the mystical woodland and fallen down fort - a truly magical adventure!

Comments from teachers:

"Our visit exceeded all expectations - we had a wonderful time" Jane Donaldson. The Minster School.

"Well organised and informative activities"

Susanne White. Longmans Hill CP School.

"A great place to bring the children - staff and volunteers were very helpful" Jackie Love. Bootham Junior School.

"Another wonderful visit full of learning opportunities for the children" Sylvia Klays. Hempland Primary School.

