

Outdoor Education Programme 2022

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At Wildwood Escot, our classroom is the outdoors, our resources include bears, wolves and lynx and our playtime is second to none. Our dedicated team of educators will help you to use the many gifts of the natural world to inspire your students.

Situated just 15 minutes from Exeter on the historic Escot Estate, the education centre at Wildwood Escot will provide you with year-round day programmes and residential trips delivering high-quality educational experiences for all ages.

In our Living History Centre we specialise in delivering an authentic immersive experience of life in ancient times ranging from early man to the medieval. Facilities include a Greenwood Workshop and an authentic Saxon Village complete with dwellings, kitchen and a working village forge.

Our Yurt Village provides extended residential programmes covering a variety of fun, engaging challenges. Well-appointed with showers and toilets, with outdoor kitchen and dining, it's the ideal spot for a short, medium or long-term educational adventure.

Whatever the subject, let our experienced teaching staff guide your pupils through a wide range of unique activities, which will challenge, entertain, educate and engage from arrival to departure.



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British Wildlife

Enjoy a relaxing trek through the stunning natural surroundings of the park to discover our amazing animal collection including bears, wolves, lynx, wildcat and more.

As you watch the wolves stalk through the woodland and the lynx cautiously observe from their vantage point, our team of educators will uncover a host of fascinating facts about the species, their behavioural traits, adaptations and habitats. Along the way, your students will develop a deep appreciation for their place in an environment rich in biodiversity.

In the woodland setting of our fantastic red squirrel walkthrough enclosure, your students will get an up-close experience of this iconic British species. They'll learn all about the threats they face and the work of the Wildwood Trust to support endangered populations around the UK. Touching on themes of evolution and adaptation, social pressures, habitat loss and competition for resources, this amazing story will give your students a fascinating new perspective on the natural world.

Encouraging a life-long love for the outdoors is a vital part of our conservation work and our educators are dedicated to the task of inspiring the next generation of conservationists.



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Living History



Let our qualified teaching staff take your students on an eye-opening journey through time, with an immersive, hands-on experience in the authentic surroundings of our Living History Centre.

Our experienced team will help you to maximise the impact of your classroom work by bringing history to life, engaging your students with a first-hand experience of the crafts and culture of your chosen period.

Whatever your focus, from the earliest man to medieval communities our Living History programme shines a light on the people, their lives and their relationship with the environment, providing vital context to enable your students to understand the period in meaningful ways.

On returning to the classroom, you'll find that the experiences gained on your visit bring textbook material to life for a newly enthused audience eager to learn more.



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Team Building



Through a variety of challenging, fun activities our fantastic Team Building programme provides a platform to safely explore a range of important life skills.

Our team will guide your students through a variety of fun challenges designed to highlight and explore collaborative working, communication, creative problem-solving and strategic thinking.

Working as a team, your students will learn the importance of communication, when to listen and exercise patience and when to give encouragement and take action.

By providing your students with the opportunity to experience the benefits of cooperative problem-solving first hand, our Team Building programme will help you develop resilient individuals, engaged with the world around them, ready to face and overcome problems in creative and decisive ways.



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Bush-Craft & Swamp-Walk

With beautiful woodland, extensive wetland and a team of qualified, experienced staff, we have the ideal environment in which to guide your students, exploring and developing a range of meaningful life skills.

Within the beautiful natural surroundings, we'll explore a variety of risks and hazards and encourage your students to find the personal resources to overcome a range of challenges.

By getting to grips with survival essentials like fire-making, water filtration, animal-tracking, foraging and shelter-building, your students will discover the importance of cooperation, teamwork, self-reliance and resilience.

Once instilled, the infamous Wildwood Swamp Walk will put these valuable concepts to the test.

A 100m trek through the mire of the wetlands, the Swamp Walk is the ultimate in controlled risk exploration. To conquer it, your students will have to identify risks and hazards, draw upon hitherto untested levels of resilience and ultimately exceed their own limitations.

In addition to being enormous fun, completion of the Swamp Walk challenge represents a sense of personal achievement that will resonate throughout all their future challenges.



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Residential Programmes



With four large sleeping units, meeting and activity space, showers, toilets and outdoor catering facilities, our Yurt Village is a fantastic residential facility! Couple that with acres of beautiful woodland and wetland, outdoor adventure play, indoor soft play, a world class maze, 30M zip-line, terrifying drop-slide, a Saxon village and an amazing zoo with bears, wolves, lynx, wildcat and more, and it all adds up to an unbeatable short, medium or long-stay educational adventure.

Once you've landed you can let our amazing team take care of everything while you get straight down to enjoying your stay.

There'll hardly be time to think before the fun begins and the team get to work on your chosen programme.

You can fly back in time with a Living History day in the Saxon Village getting hands-on with a host of authentic activities. Or maybe test your survival skills out in the wild for a day of Bush-Craft rounded off with the Swamp-Walk challenge.

In the evening, after a hearty meal you can finish the day with marshmallows and sing-songs around the fire-pit or maybe take an evening trek through the zoo to explore the adventure play and visit the animals before sun-down.



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