



Hampshire
County Council

Outdoor Centres

PROGRAMMES
TO INSPIRE
REAL CHANGE

2026/27

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For over 80 years we've been creating **life-changing** visits that **help children grow**.



Stunning locations

Quality teaching

Exciting activities

= Brilliant programmes with **BIG** impact!

We provide opportunities for all to connect with the natural environment and grow through personal development.

Wellbeing

We inspire everyone to improve their physical and mental health.

Sustainability

We support everyone to understand and live harmoniously with the natural environment.

Resilience

We encourage everyone to try new things, build their confidence and overcome obstacles.

Being Safe

We teach everyone about risk and give them skills to keep safe.

Respect

We create opportunities for everyone to understand their responsibilities within an inclusive and diverse community.



Before your visit

We know that every child has different needs. Our range of programmes and activities, with various catering and accommodation options, can all be **tailored**.

We have an expert team who will contact you to discuss your requirements and desired outcomes and we will produce **a programme which meets your needs**.

Learning outcomes could be:



During your visit

Each of our centres provide **unique** and, for many, **life-changing** experiences.

Our outdoor education and personal development programmes offer a balance of activities which are designed to ensure the best possible learning outcomes for individuals.



**CHECK OUT
OUR RANGE OF
PROGRAMMES
ONLINE**

After your visit

We will always ask you for feedback to improve the service we provide. We use a variety of tools to assess learning and the level of assessment is very much dependent on your requirements and the programme aims. Some programmes (such as the environmental programme) offer **follow up classroom resources**.

PROGRAMMES

We provide a diverse range of programmes for schools and groups, from longer residentials to day visits, all designed to inspire personal growth, foster environmental awareness, and enhance curriculum learning through hands-on outdoor experiences.

We cater to learners of all ages and stages - from primary school pupils to GCSE and A-Level students, and even teacher training programmes too.

Looking for something unique? We're happy to help you design a bespoke experience!

VIEW OUR
FULL LIST OF
RESIDENTIALS
AND DAY VISITS



Examples of our RESIDENTIALS

Environmental Programmes Runway's End, Calshot, Minstead & Stubbington

Hands-on exploration of nature, including data collection and experiments, to foster environmental responsibility.

Outdoor and Explore Tile Barn & Minstead

Combines traditional adventure with exploration of the New Forest, encouraging curiosity and independence.

Outdoor and Adventure Argoed Lwyd, Calshot & Tile Barn

Building teamwork, resilience, confidence, and communication through adventurous activities.



DAY VISITS FROM ONLY £10_{PP}

Spend a day at one of our centres that's tailored to your aims and objectives.

Packages include action-packed activity days, like marine and environmental explorers, eco explorers and team building days where young people can learn more about the natural world. There are also blended days where we deliver part of the programme and you use our location to pursue your own objectives.

Why choose a day visit?

- ✓ Lower cost than a residential experience
- ✓ Improves and develops peer relationships
- ✓ Boosts self-esteem and confidence
- ✓ Enhances health and wellbeing
- ✓ Supports the curriculum to embed learning



PLAN YOUR
NEXT DAY VISIT.
ENQUIRE NOW!



LEARNING OUTDOORS

Into the wild

Hampshire Outdoor Centres are proud to have taken on the delivery of **Duke of Edinburgh's Award expeditions**, a service previously provided by Hampshire Outdoors within Children's Services.

With many of the same team, we're delivering the same comprehensive Bronze, Silver, and Gold expedition packages tailored for schools, colleges, and youth groups - plus open expeditions for individuals looking to complete their award independently.

EXPEDITION PACKAGES

Bronze from £110pp

For young people aged 14+
(from year 9)



Silver from £175pp

For young people aged 15+
(from year 10)



Gold from £310pp

For young people aged 16+



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WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ✓ A range of expedition locations and terrains
- ✓ Tents, stoves, gas, maps and compasses
- ✓ DofE expedition framework training
- ✓ Route planning sessions
- ✓ Expert delivery and support from qualified outdoor leaders

Transport to and from the location(s) is not included.

OTHER OPTIONS

- 🚐 On school ground activity days
- 🏠 DE Specialist DofE instructor training
- 🛡️ Bespoke expeditions for public service courses
- 🏠 Gold residential packages

“ABSOLUTELY FANTASTIC,
very organised, lovely people to work
with, and the training and supervision
of the students is excellent.”

DofE Manager,
Barton Peveril College



ARGOED LWYD

Outdoor Education Centre

Set in the heart of the Bannau Brycheiniog National Park (Brecon Beacons) with a view of Pen y Fan, our centre offers a unique experience for groups wanting a range of challenging adventures that promote personal development and teamwork in a truly stunning location.



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ACCOMMODATION

Our 19th century traditional Welsh farmhouse sleeps 56 people in three separate areas.

Two of these areas, The Farmhouse and The Longbarn, come with relaxing communal lounges, wood burning stoves and a fully equipped kitchen. The third area, The Annex, is linked to these areas and can become an accommodation extension.

There is also outdoor camping space for up to 30 people.

CATERING

Full and self-catering options

ALSO INCLUDED:

- Heated drying room
- Large classroom with smartboard
- Large decked area with spectacular views of Pen y Fan
- Covered outdoor seated space
- Outdoor campfire
- Patio area with seating



ACTIVITIES



Mountain walking



Waterfall walking



Rock climbing



Gorge walking



DofE Expeditions



Canoeing



Caving



Wild swimming

Paddle boarding and archery coming soon in 2026

And SO many more!

See our full list of activities online!



“ THE STUDENTS HAD A FANTASTIC TIME

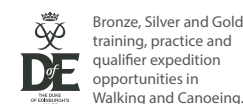
on the activities, the motivation and passion of the staff delivering was clear and this helped to keep the students engaged and challenging themselves in every activity.

Teacher from Mossbourne Community Academy, 2025

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BANNAU BRYCHEINIOG NATIONAL PARK
(BRECON BEACONS)

Argued Lwyd, Libanus, Brecon LD3 8EN



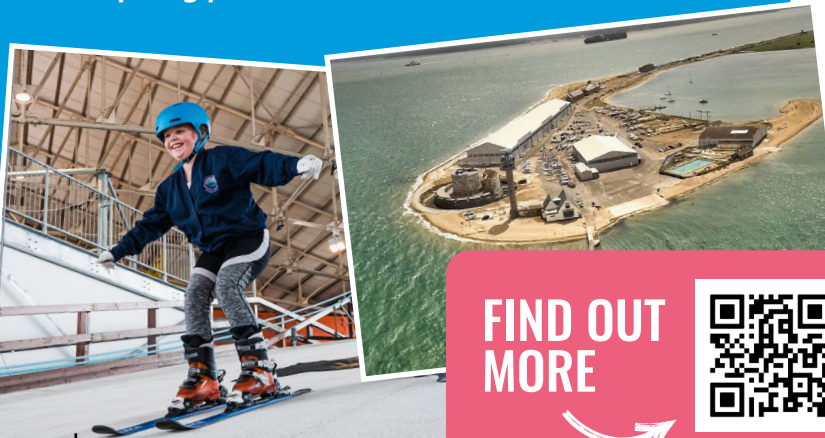
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CALSHOT

Activities Centre

Set at the head of **Calshot Spit**, our most well renowned centre has breathtaking panoramic views of the Solent and its very own 16th century castle.

Calshot has many exhilarating activities to take part in, designed to build upon an individual's self-confidence and independence - a truly inspiring place to visit.



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ACCOMMODATION

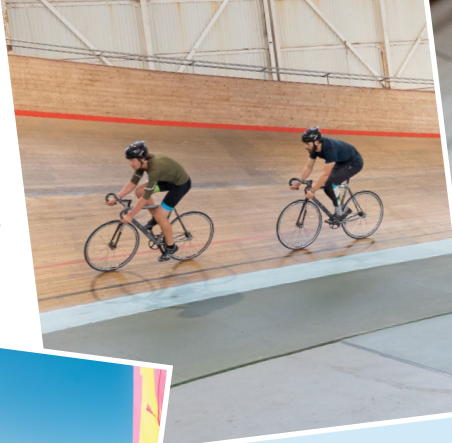
We have four accommodation blocks that sleep 180 people. Rooms can sleep between three or four people while our dormitory style rooms can sleep six, eight or ten people. Each block contains showers and toilets.

CATERING

Full catering options

ALSO INCLUDED:

- Communal spaces
- Heated drying room



ACTIVITIES



Dinghy sailing



Windsurfing



Track cycling



Ringos



Indoor skiing and snowboarding



Environmental and field studies



Climbing and high ropes



Kayaking

And SO many more!

See our full list of activities online!



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EVERY PART WAS BRILLIANT

Our students loved the instructors - really helped them out of their comfort zone, whilst feeling safe at all times.

Teacher from Alderwood
Primary School, 2025

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CALSHOT SPIT

Fawley, Southampton,
SO45 1BR



Awarded for excellence



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MINSTEAD

Study Centre

Minstead Study Centre offers a tranquil retreat in the heart of the **New Forest National Park**.

With expert-led outdoor learning, home-cooked meals, and even friendly sheep, it's a fun and enriching experience in a stunning natural setting.



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ACCOMMODATION

Our two eco-dormitory rooms sleep 36 children in total with two ensuite bedrooms for four adults. The cosy bean-bag room is the perfect communal space to help visitors feel relaxed and at home with its wood burning stove, comfy bean bags and sofa.

CATERING

Fully catered using the produce where possible from our vegetable garden.

ALSO INCLUDED:

- Roundhouse for campfires
- Classroom
- 7 acres of grounds to explore
- Residential groups are allocated exclusive overnight access to the centre



GREAT GROUNDS AND FACILITIES,
friendly and helpful staff who always went above and beyond, great learning for all children no matter their needs.

Teacher from Cranford Park, 2025

ACTIVITIES



Habitat exploration



Fire lighting & cooking



Mapwork & navigation



Willow weaving



Conservation



Animal welfare



Gardening



Energy monitoring

And SO many more!

See our full list of activities online!



MINSTEAD

Lyndhurst, SO43 7GJ



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RUNWAY'S END

Outdoor Centre

Nestled in the North Hampshire woodlands alongside the historic and tranquil Basingstoke Canal waterway, Runway's End is our first centre to achieve carbon neutral status. Boasting a wide range of environmental activities designed to take you on a journey of self-discovery and adventure, both on and off the water!



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ACCOMMODATION

Forge Lodge has accessible accommodation that sleeps 86 people across 12 rooms, with a dining room and communal space.

Our **pod village** is made up of 10 cosy pods that each sleep four people. A communal space is available for cooking and inside dining.

Our **campsite** has space for up to 100 people.

CATERING

There is full catering in Forge Lodge, full and self-catering options for the pods.

ALSO INCLUDED:

- Outdoor campfire area
- Accessible toilets and shower block
- Heated drying room
- Heating and power in pods
- Outdoor classroom



ACTIVITIES



Artificial caving



Bushcraft skills



Climbing



Raft building



Environmental and field studies



Canoeing



Kayaking



Air rifle shooting

And SO many more!

See our full list of activities online!



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THE STAFF ARE AMAZING

and cannot do enough for us. We will definitely be returning the following year. Thank you for making our stay pleasant and memorable.

Teacher from Thorney Island
Primary School, 2025

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FARNBOROUGH

Laffan's Road, Farnborough, GU11 2RE



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STUBBINGTON

Study Centre

Where learning comes to life! Situated on the beautiful Hampshire coast near Fareham, Stubbington Study Centre has a variety of habitats for wildlife, and is only a five minute walk to the beach.

Our primary-specialist education team ensure children progress socially and academically by creating a fun, stimulating and supportive learning environment, with an emphasis on teamwork, respect and responsibility.



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ACCOMMODATION

Our carefully designed dormitories and refurbished facilities can cater for up to 112 children. We provide the perfect venue for an all-inclusive residential experience, within bright and welcoming four or six bed rooms, each with its own toilet and shower facilities.

CATERING

Fully catered

ALSO INCLUDED:

- Classroom space
- Games room including pool, pinball, table football and table tennis
- Outdoor classroom facilities within our Saxon-style Longhouse
- Outdoor recreation areas
- 14 acre site to explore



ACTIVITIES



Seashore sculptures



Seashore walk



Fire lighting



Gnome caching



Anglo-Saxon experience



Mammal hotel



Mapping



Locality study

And SO many more!

See our full list of activities online!



“THE CHILDREN HAD A FANTASTIC,
RICH LEARNING EXPERIENCE.

They have become more independent
and willing to take (safe) risks.
Thank you for a wonderful stay!

Fryern Federation Junior School, 2025

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FAREHAM

Stubbington Lane,
Fareham, PO14 2ND



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TILE BARN

Outdoor Centre

Set in the charming and picturesque village of Brockenhurst in the New Forest National Park, our centre offers a countryside escape to nurture individuals' independence, confidence and resilience. Join us in the forest for an invigorating adventure!



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ACCOMMODATION

Our **Bunkhouse** sleeps 46 people across five bedrooms, and has a comfy communal lounge/ dining room.

Our **Poppy Pod Village** is made up of 20 cosy heated pods that each sleep up to four people alongside a dedicated covered roundhouse seating area.

Three spacious **camping fields** with space for up to 350 people. Pre-erected tents can be supplied for students and staff, along with a fully equipped field kitchen and covered dining marquee.

CATERING

Full catering in the Bunkhouse and Pods, full and self-catering options on the camping fields.

ALSO INCLUDED:

- Outdoor campfire area
- Phone/laptop charging points
- Accessible toilets and shower block
- Heated drying room
- Outdoor classroom



THANK YOU

for your usual effort, enthusiasm and energy. The children are always so well cared for but this year was even better.

Teacher from Calmore Junior School, 2025

ACTIVITIES



Archery



Bushcraft skills



Climbing



High ropes



Mountain biking



Orienteering



Quick flight jump



Woodland walk

And SO many more!

See our full list of activities online!



BROCKENHURST

New Forest National Park, Church Lane,
Brockenhurst, SO42 7UB



SPECIAL OFFERS

TRANSPORT SUPPORT OFFER

Whether you're a new or returning customer, book on selected dates and **receive up to £1,000 towards transport costs**. We appreciate that the cost of travel can be a barrier, so we're offering extra support to help more schools experience the world beyond the classroom!

RECOMMENDATION REWARD

Share £1,000 when you recommend a new school or group. Have an existing booking? Recommend a new school or group to book with Hampshire Outdoor Centres and earn £500 off both the customer's existing booking and the new school/group's booking.

Restrictions apply, see website for Ts and Cs.



Find out more
about our
special offers



YOUNG PERSON SUPPORT FUND

We know that schools, organisations, youth groups and parents are under greater financial constraint than ever before. That's why we're pleased to be able to offer a targeted support fund, which can provide financial assistance to those visiting one of our centres.



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MORE AND
APPLY

THE YOUNG PERSON SUPPORT FUND IN NUMBERS FOR 2024/25



41 applications received



£20,549 funding awarded



881 young people offered support

“The fund has made it possible for all children to attend and gain the life long experiences and memories alongside their peers which are so valuable for our young children today. Thank you!”

Teacher, Lockerley C of E Primary School, 2025

PEACE OF MIND

ACCESSIBILITY

Everyone has different needs; we have a range of equipment and well trained staff who are passionate about inclusion and diversity. They make sure everyone has the very best opportunities to experience outdoor learning.

QUALITY OF INSTRUCTION

Our friendly and professional instructors complete a comprehensive induction programme, and hold the relevant DBS certification. Plus, our team undergo training and are equipped with the skills and qualifications to ensure that our programmes are delivered to a consistently high standard.



INFORMATION
FOR TEACHERS



INFORMATION
TO HELP
PARENTS/
GUARDIANS

CATERING

Our centres offer healthy and nutritious catering packages that accommodate all dietary requirements. We take pride in using suppliers who source locally produced food and daily hand-cooked meals that ensure all meals are fresh and tasty.



ACCREDITATIONS

Our centres use a rigorous safety management framework to ensure the safety of students and staff. We are proud to hold a variety of top accreditations for success and quality across our centres.



CENTRE AVAILABILITY

FIND OUT MORE:

Complete our
enquiry form now



Or contact:

bookings.hoc@hants.gov.uk

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CHECK OUT OUR
AVAILABILITY HERE



Dates refreshed monthly. Half term, weekends and day visits are also available, so if you can't find what you're looking for, please complete our enquiry form, and our team will be in touch.

Pick your next adventure!

Whether you're planning a day trip or a four-night residential, our flexible packages include full catering, accommodation, exciting activities, and one free staff place per ten students.

We cater to all budgets and offer **up to 40% savings** during off-peak months. Booking outside summer not only saves money - it gives your students the whole spring and summer terms to build on what they've learned during their stay.

SIX CENTRES COUNTLESS OPPORTUNITIES

Stunning locations to
inspire real change!

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receive special offers
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