



My WILD School

Curriculum linked sessions, training & outdoor learning across Birmingham and the Black Country



Why learn outside?

- School children engaged in learning in natural environments have been found to have higher levels of achievement in reading, maths, science and social studies and a greater motivation for studying
 - School pupils participating in adventure learning have been found to make 3 additional months of progress in terms of learning outcomes in comparison to their peers
 - School based learning in a natural environment was associated with improved attendance rates
 - Greener school environments, such as the presence of natural features in the playground, have been linked with better motor skills, psychological restoration and rates of physical activity
 - The specific use of woods or forests as settings was associated with the acquisition of academic, social & personal skills, increases in confidence & self esteem and improvements in physical skills
- Natural England Note EIN017 July 2016

Why be WILD with us?

The Trust works with over 8,000 school children a year through its work in schools, nature reserves and our two environmental education centres, Centre of the Earth and EcoPark. Both are located a short distance from Birmingham City Centre enabling local children to get hands on with nature and discover the wonders of the natural world for the first time.

Our expert educators are all DBS checked, first aid trained and wild about wildlife! Their passion and knowledge is engaging, building curiosity and wonder in students.

We are a local charity and every single penny of our income goes towards our charitable aims.

Testimonial



Jodi is an outdoor learning mentor at a local school where many students are learning English as a second language. Each week she accompanies a class of 4-7 year olds to EcoPark, our environmental education centre in Small Heath, where our education team introduces them to pond dipping, mini beast hunts, raft making & fruit picking, all designed to support the curriculum and learning through discovering and exploring nature.

Jodi said 'They copy and learn from each other here, I can see their language skills picking up, then that helps them learn when they get back to class. We have to help children understand that we are responsible for the planet and we can't do that if they don't have positive experiences with nature.'



Curriculum-linked outdoor learning sessions - KS1 & KS2



Our expert educators will lead the group on a journey of exploration and discovery, making the natural world accessible and enticing.

Each session is linked to the current national curriculum and can be adapted to suit your class and any topic you're learning about. Follow-up resources will also be made available for you to use back in the classroom. Please see overleaf for session details.



"Children learn best through everyday experiences with the people they love and trust, when learning is fun. The best place for these experiences is outdoors, in the natural world"

Centre for Families, Communities, Schools & Children's Learning

**£120 per class for half day (£4 per child)
£210 per class for full day (£7 per child)**

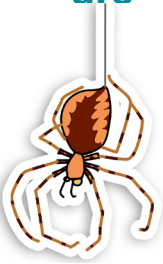
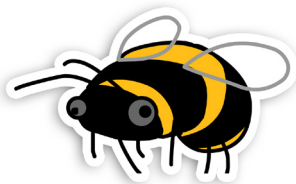


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<div>Why should we help feed winter birds?</div> <div></div>	<p>Is it a plane? Is it a superhero? No, it's a bird!</p> <p>Learn all about the different birds we have in the UK and join together to create your very own bird feeders.</p>	<p>Science: Animals, including humans Living things and their habitats Plants</p> <p>English: Writing Composition</p> <p>Mathematics: Ratio and proportion Number, addition Statistics</p>
<div>Why is mud so special?</div>	<p>Get ready to get WILD! Dive right in to our playful and creative mud adventure.</p> <p>Understand the importance of mud and why it's so special to our lives.</p>	<p>Science: Animals, including humans Living things and their habitats Plants</p> <p>English: Writing Composition Vocabulary, grammar and punctuation</p> <p>Design and Technology: Cooking and nutrition</p> <p>Art and Design: Drawing</p>
<div>How can you make dinner for a butterfly</div> <div></div>	<p>Transform yourself into a butterfly with our drama activities and gain invaluable knowledge about the life cycles of a butterfly.</p> <p>Consider the importance of butterflies and learn about how you can feed them.</p>	<p>Science: Animals, including humans Living things and their habitats Plants</p> <p>Mathematics: Addition, subtraction, multiplication & division Percentages</p> <p>English: Spoken language Comprehension Composition</p>
<div>How can you survive in the wild?</div>	<p>Ever wondered if you could survive out in the wild? Well, after our stimulating and imaginative session, you will be able to!</p> <p>Discover exciting ways to build a den and then compete for the best design.</p>	<p>Science: Animals, including humans Everyday materials Working scientifically</p> <p>Geography: Locational and place knowledge.</p> <p>History: British explorers</p> <p>English: Spoken language Comprehension.</p>



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<p>Where the minibeasts are</p> 	<p>Discover our amazing range of mini-beasts in the UK through a thrilling and adventurous session.</p> <p>Look at where the minibeasts live and learn to identify them.</p>	<p>Science: Animals, including humans Living things and their habitats</p> <p>Mathematics: Fractions</p> <p>Art and Design: Clay sculpting</p>
<p>How can we build a home for insects?</p>	<p>Keep them creepy crawlies out of your home by learning how to create a natural home for them!</p> <p>Learn to identify a range of exciting bugs and their different habitat requirements.</p>	<p>Science: Animals, including humans Living things and their habitats.</p> <p>English: Comprehension</p> <p>Mathematics: Measurement</p>
<p>How is pollen spread?</p> 	<p>Be a flower or be a pollinator and get stuck into our exciting games!</p> <p>Lead your group to victory whilst learning all about the importance of pollinators and their impact on our future.</p>	<p>Science: Animals, including humans Living things and their habitats Plants</p> <p>Geography: Geographical skills</p>
<p>What's lurking in the water?</p>	<p>Discover the hidden depths of our ponds and enjoy a session of pond dipping!</p> <p>Learn all about the species within our waters and their food chains.</p>	<p>Science: Animals, including humans Living things and their habitats Working scientifically Plants.</p> <p>Art and Design: Pencil drawing</p> <p>English: Persuasive writing</p>
<p>Habitats and Homes</p>	<p>What makes a habitat a home? Do hedgehogs like their homes warm or cold?</p> <p>Where would it be? See if you can build your own perfect hedgehog home.</p>	<p>Science: Living things and their habitats Working scientifically</p> <p>Design and Technology: Design</p>



Curriculum-linked River Rangers - KS2



Key Stage 2 students will love River Rangers.

The 5-week program includes:

- Identifying freshwater invertebrates with our local river dipping expeditions
- Investigating how much water is on the planet
- Discovering the impact of pollution
- The hydrological cycle
- Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDS)

Our experienced, passionate educators will guide their curiosity as they discover and explore the habitat over the course of the programme.

Even better - if successive years take part in the same location we can use their sightings as part of our wildlife database to track the state of nature and see long term impacts of their work.



"It had a positive impact on pupil's behaviour; they were all very engaged and motivated. It was lovely to be outdoors with them and they were buzzing with their experiences and understandings afterwards"

Teacher - EcoPark session

**£540 per class for 5 x half day sessions
(£18 per child)**



Forest Schools Programme



We believe Forest School is an invaluable experience for students, equally we understand the pressures schools face which make training teachers and freeing classroom time difficult. Our expert educators can deliver high quality sessions on site or at one of our local reserves.

Learning is child led so all sessions will be different depending on where the students' imaginations and interests take them...



"No one will protect what they don't care about; and no one will care about what they have never experienced."

Sir David Attenborough

£720 for 6 x half day sessions
(can be split into two groups of 1.5hrs each)

£240 for 6 x 1hr sessions
Maximum 12 pupils per group

Outdoor Classroom Training



There is no doubt that outdoor learning is beneficial to students - but it can be daunting if you're a professional used to a classroom setting. Our outdoor classroom training will cover risk assessments, session ideas, delivery methods and more, all counting towards your own CPD

Perfect for an inset day, not only is our training a great development and team building experience but it gives participants the base knowledge and follow up resources they need to make the most of working in nature.

£360 for full day session for up to 12 staff



Wild School Roadshow



Have our Wild School Roadshow visit your school for the day!

Our Roadshow has been designed to provide a unique and inspiring outdoor learning opportunity right in your school grounds. Our inspirational staff will lead fun, wild sessions educating your students on the importance, diversity and amazing wildlife of Birmingham and the Black Country.

How does it work?

Typically we would come to your school for a day, setting up in your school ground and starting off with a morning assembly introducing the wildlife of Birmingham and the Black Country.

We can work with up to 4 classes throughout the day and even a half hour session for a younger audience. You can decide which theme you would like to make up your day. We may be able to adapt our sessions for your specific needs, please discuss this when making your booking.



Please note none of our sessions involve bringing live animals with us.



Wild School Roadshow



When booking your roadshow, you can choose between 4 different themes for the day, all designed around the current national curriculum.

Choose from:

Wildlife of Birmingham & the Black Country

(Food chains, threats, adaptations)

Minibeasts and Pollinators

(Site survey, pollination, adaptations)

Urban Habitats

(Habitats, adaptations, investigation)

Wildlife Gardening

(Food webs, compost, growing)



£360 for full day including assembly



Wildlife Watch Club - training and resource kit

Wildlife Watch is the junior branch of The Wildlife Trusts and the UK's leading environmental action club for kids.

Our resource kit includes training in running Wildlife Watch activities and an induction to all the resources you need to keep growing the curiosity and knowledge of young nature enthusiasts - and they love working towards our Hedgehog and Kestrel awards!

Many schools run Wildlife Watch as a fun lunchtime or afterschool club.

"It felt very satisfying knowing I helped a species survive!"

Hedgehog Award participant



Kit contains:

- 2x2 hour sessions to train staff to be Wildlife Watch Leaders
- Resource box packed with materials and session plans
- Risk assessments
- Hedgehog & Kestrel award participant scheme stamps and certificates
- Badger mascot



£250

John Muir Discovery Award

The John Muir Discovery Award is an environmental award scheme. It is non-competitive, inclusive and accessible based on; **discovering** a wild space, **exploring** it, working to **conserve** it and **sharing** their experience with others.

Whilst it is designed for people of all ages, in our experience we have found it especially benefits disengaged students by building confidence, self esteem and social skills.



£960 for 8 x half day sessions
(£64 per student, maximum 15 per group)

'After meeting you, Jake wants to take part in the next My Choice My Future programme as he really related to you (and keeps talking about your presentation and activity). He is now thinking he would like to work with wildlife.'

DWP School Support Advisor following programme with students at risk of becoming NEET

Wild School site enhancement



From wild gardens to mini meadows, bug hotels to forest school areas and outdoor classrooms, we are experts in enhancing outdoor spaces so wildlife, and children, can thrive.

Imagination, natural materials and a little bit of decorative chainsaw work combine to make shelters, raised beds and seating for everyday use while our pond creation, bird and bat boxes, hedgehog hotels and wild gardens encourage wildlife to visit.

Even small spaces can be filled with wildlife with a little creativity and a lot of enthusiasm!



Please call 0121 523 0094
for an informal discussion
about your site



Growing Curious Minds, Protecting Wildlife for Future Generations



Centre of the Earth, our Environmental Education Centre

Our mission is to work with schools and families to make sure the next generation grows up connected to the natural world. We have 3 FREE school offers to achieve this alongside the paid programmes and support we provide.

A **FREE** assembly on a species or nature topic to complement work you are doing.

A **FREE** school pack for 30DaysWild - a national campaign where thousands of people commit to a Random Act of Nature every day throughout June. With ideas, stickers, seeds and planners this is a great, simple, class activity.

A **FREE** Young People's Community Action Pack to encourage students to be local leaders and wildlife champions. From organising a litter pick to saving bees and reducing plastic, our simple pack encourages young people to be the change they want to see in their community.

Call 0121 523 0094 or email info@bbcwildlife.org.uk to find out more or make a booking



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