

Partnership Services

Cliffe House

School visits




CLIFFE HOUSE
outdoor study and conference centre



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Welcome to Cliffe House

The activities offered at Cliffe House are designed to support the National Curriculum and are delivered in a high quality and unique learning environment.

The nature of the activities will inspire young people to learn and develop a love for learning.

Programmes are led by qualified and experienced staff who can offer advice and guidance about your visit and the potential for further learning once back at school.

All programmes are tailored to suit the needs of the visiting school and individual children.

Day visit groups can be self run or led by Cliffe House staff.

Staff are encouraged to visit or contact the centre before their visit. Speak to our education team for advice and guidance on which programme is the right one for you.

We look forward to welcoming you and your school to Cliffe House.

Groups arrive at Learning blocks

1pm Monday and Wednesday
AM 9.00 - 12.30
PM 1.15 - 4.45
Evening 6pm - 8pm

Key:



Single session

- you should select 2 red activities per learning block



Double session

- you should select 1 blue activity per learning block



Half day adventures



Evening Activities



Self led evening activities



Arts and the environment

- **Twig weaving** - using natural branches as a frame and weaving with a mixture of materials found in the environment and those available in the classroom.
- **Willow sculptures** - using willow to create simple sculptures that can be taken back to school.
- **Small animal sculpture** - using clay and natural materials to create a 3D animal.
- **Clay Work** - create models/tiles from clay then fire them in a sawdust kiln.
- **Natural paintings** - field sketches or still life drawings are colour washed using pigments from the natural environment.
- **Natural sculptures** - sculptures made from natural materials (*taking inspiration from Andy Goldsworthy*). A photographic record can be taken back to school.
- **Tree sculptures** - make drawings of tree silhouettes and then try to capture the shapes observed in sculptural form using wire, clay and mud rock.



- **Bushcraft** - the children are given the chance to experience a number of bushcraft skills; including the use of tools, shelter building, campfire cooking and fire lighting.



Archery

- **Archery** - this activity is suitable for all ages and ability and excellent for developing hand-eye co-ordination.



Farming

- **Farm visits** - available to local beef, dairy and sheep farms. Visits will vary according to the time of year.
- **Milking** - watch the milking at a local dairy farm and sample the ice cream!



Habitats

- **Habitat trail** - a study of a variety of habitats found in the grounds or local area, including plants, animals and environmental factors.



Land Use

- **A study of the changes in land use with altitude** - including slope angle, soil quality and weather conditions.



Micro-climates

- **A detailed study of the climatic differences around the grounds** - including temperature, wind speed, moisture and light levels.



Mapwork / Orienteering

- **Map reading** - a range of maps and trails to suit ability and experience.



Pollution

- **Litter** - litter survey, problems of litter, dumping and clearing, biodegradability.
- **Stream** - a collection of invertebrates from sites along the river, using them as pollution indicators.
- **Water quality** - experiments to determine the quality of various water sources.



Pond studies

- **Plants** - study into the types and positioning of pond plants.
- **Animals** - collection and identification of invertebrates. Use of keys, adaptation to environment, food chains/webs can all be considered if desired.



Quarry

- **Quarry visit** - to a local working quarry. Children normally get to see extraction through to the finished product and usually have the chance to watch a sculptor at work



Reservoirs

- **Features of a reservoir** - what happens at a reservoir and where does the water go next? Links with human influence on the environment.



Rocks

- **Rock study** - study of a variety of rocks, investigating hardness, permeability and appearance.



Soils

- **Investigating the properties of different soils from a range of sites.**
- **Soil - what is soil?** A detailed study of soil contents.



Streams and rivers

- **Animals** - see pond studies
- **Physical features** - including features created by water erosion, cross-sections and long sections of a riverbed, speed of flow, etc.



Team building games

- **Team building games** - a wide variety of team building and co-operation games, ideal for all ages and abilities.



Villages and Settlements

- **Settlement study** - comparison of Shepley to own local area.
- **Village growth** - study of the growth over time.
- **Village facilities** - a look at the shops, public buildings, parks, etc. available in Shepley.
- **Building study** - a historical look at the changes in use, appearance and physical structure of buildings in and around Shepley.



Walks

- **Walks** - they may have a focus such as developing map reading skills, environmental art, literacy or just for the experience itself.



Woodlands

- **Animals** - use of keys for identification. Food chains, small mammal and humane trapping.
- **Plants** - a study of trees, shrubs and ground plants found in the local area or a cross section of a valley. Environmental factors can be included.
- **Trees** - looking at size, positioning, canopy, frequency and identification.
- **Woodland comparison** - broad-leaved and coniferous.
- **Coniferous forestry** - study of a working woodland.



Half day adventures

- A range of additional activities are available to be led by Kirklees Adventurous Activities Team. All instructors are fully qualified and hold National Governing Body Awards and operate under an Adventurous Activity License. (AALS). Groups will be split into smaller numbers and be off site for half day - they will swap over at lunch time. (Transport costs may apply).
- **Climbing:** Participants learn and develop movement skills, climbing techniques and confidence whilst conquering new challenges. Team working is promoted via peer belaying methods which develops communication and trust within the group. (Activity takes place locally approx 20min drive)
- **Canoe & Kayak:** These introductory sessions will give young people the chance to learn new skills, build their confidence and improve teamwork along with having fun.
- **Improvised Rafting:** Work in teams to build rafts from barrels, timber and ropes and once built hopefully sail them on the water!
- **Stand-up-Paddleboarding (SUP):** Develop balance and coordination skills whilst taking part in the world's fastest growing water-sport. (Water activities take place on a local reservoir approx. 20min drive)



Evening Activities

- A range of additional evening activities are available to run on-site led by the Kirklees Adventurous Activities Team. All instructors are fully qualified and hold national governing body awards and operate under an adventurous activity licence (AALS). Prices from £80 per session based on up to 35 children.
- **Mountain biking:** We deliver on-site skills development promoting healthy lifestyle and fitness, safety awareness, balance and co-ordination skills.
- **Archery:** This activity is suitable for all ages and abilities, excellent for developing hand-eye co-ordination.
- **Camp fire and cooking:** Make the most of the woods and the grounds, build a camp fire and cook a tasty treat.



Classroom archaeology

- **Discover information from discarded items** - study modern day rubbish and artefacts from the Victorian times, considering decomposition of materials and recycling.



Cliffe House study

- **Detailed study of the house built in the Victorian age** - explore the house either as a servant or a guest of the family. How are the two parts of the house different?





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