

## Your day



To help your day go smoothly and to help with your planning stage, example activity risk assessments and suggested learning objectives are available. We also provide other safety information for the site. Whenever possible on all booked visits, a ranger will meet and welcome your group. This is a chance to meet a new face and someone who works for the Forestry Commission.

For all visits a pre-visit is recommended. This is to ensure you know where you can go, what you will be doing and what resources are available.



## Training – for teachers or group leaders

The following courses can be booked through the learning team:

### Making the most of Outdoor Learning

- how to make the most of an educational visit to the forest:

- Learn how to plan and provide a safe and enjoyable outdoor learning experience.
- Ideas to involve your pupils throughout the process from pre-visit planning to follow up work.
- A range of activities for inspirational outdoor learning.
- Learn about health and safety on an educational visit and how to plan for your groups' needs and abilities.

### Forests for the Future

Through indoor and outdoor practical sessions, this course considers the importance of our forests and woodlands. Find out how trees and forests combat climate change and how we manage them as a renewable and sustainable resource.

Gain practical and fun ideas for how to use trees and forests as a fantastic teaching and learning resource.

## Contact Us

For further information, current charges, or to book a visit, please contact:

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# Fineshade Wood

## Learning Opportunities

Step outside to see, hear, touch, smell, discover and learn in your local woodland.



[www.forestry.gov.uk/toplodge](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/toplodge)

## Fineshade Wood – your local woodland

The Forestry Commission looks after your forests and woods - for you, and the things you care about. At Top Lodge, Fineshade Wood we manage habitats for wildlife, facilities for people to enjoy and also manage timber production sustainably.

The wood boasts a wide range of way marked walking, a family friendly trail, cycle hire, outdoor shop, café, play areas and bird hide.



## Learning Opportunities

Forests are wonderful places to learn and there are a number of opportunities available to you and your group when you visit us. Easy to find and follow trails and activity areas are available for booked groups to use.

### Self Led Opportunities: 'Ranger in a Box'

Our new 'Ranger in a Box' scheme provides all you need to run your own day successfully. Boxes can be hired with one or two activities inside. These activities are usually placed in backpacks for easy use in the field. The activities have equipment, games and resources for a class of up to 35 children.

Activities are most suitable for keystages 1 and 2.

Activity titles include:

- Woodland Art
- Shelter Building
- Minibeasting
- Sensory Explorers
- Winter Survival
- Animal Detectives
- Meet the Trees
- Fantastic Forests
- Forest for the Future

### Not find what you're looking for?

Please contact the learning team to discuss your group's needs.

