

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 both led and self led options a pre-visit is always 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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Sherwood
Pines Adventure



Learning in your Forest

Sherwood Pines Forest Park

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



Your forest is cared for by the Forestry Commission for people, wildlife and timber.

Sherwood Pines – your local woodland

The Forestry Commission looks after your forests - for you, and the things you care about. At Sherwood Pines Forest Park we look after habitats for wildlife, facilities for people to enjoy and also manage timber production sustainably.

The forest park boasts a wide range of waymarked walking and cycling trails, cycle hire, café, play areas, plus 'Go Ape' high rope adventure and Sherwood Bushcraft (please phone for details).



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. New, easy to find and follow trails and activity areas are available exclusively for booked groups to use.

The forest classroom, a great indoor space, is also available to hire.

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:

- ▶ Pond Dipping
- ▶ Woodland Art
- ▶ Shelter Building
- ▶ Orienteering
- ▶ Minibeasting
- ▶ Sensory Explorers
- ▶ Winter Survival
- ▶ Animal Detectives
- ▶ Fantastic Forests
- ▶ Meet the Trees
- ▶ Forests for the Future

Led Opportunities



Our dedicated learning ranger is available to lead sessions about forests, on everything from the lifecycle of plants and trees and how trees work, to forest habitats, climate change activities and sustainable forest management. These are flexible, fun half day sessions, available all year round and suited to any age group.

Walks and talks on sustainable forest management and recreation and tourism in the park are also available and suited to those studying at a higher level.

Why not... combine a morning led session with a self led afternoon using a 'Ranger in a Box' activity? This offer includes the use of the classroom all day.

Not find what you're looking for?

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

