

**Educational and Learning Visit Booking Form** This form **must be** returned before your booking can be confirmed.

The Education and Learning Service will use the information to discuss your visit and activities - please complete all applicable sections.

Please confirm visit and return to:

Learning Team  
Delamere Forest Park  
Linmere  
Delamere  
Northwich  
Cheshire  
CW8 2JD

**General Information:**

*Group type:*  
School  College  Community  Other   
Please specify \_\_\_\_\_  
*Type of visit:*  
Self-led  Ranger-led  Combination   
Other  Please specify \_\_\_\_\_  
LEA (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

**School/Group Details:**

Name of Group: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name(s) of Group Leader(s)  
(During visit) \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mobile: (during visit): \_\_\_\_\_

**School/Group Address:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**Postcode:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**School type:** LEA  Independent   
Special  Other   
**NB Non-LEA schools and all other groups - please attach a copy of your PLI Certificate**

**School/Group Contacts:** If the contact details will be different during the visit please let us know. *E.g.* If your group is staying in temporary accommodation.

**Chosen FC setting:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Or Your own setting:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please specify your chosen venue)*

Grid reference of meeting point: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please supply map if not FC site)*

**Date of visit:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please call first to confirm availability)*

Arrival time: \_\_\_\_\_

Departure time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you require a classroom?** \_\_\_\_\_

**No. Participants by learning stage:**

Pre-school \_\_\_ Foundation \_\_\_ Reception \_\_\_  
KS1 \_\_\_ KS 2 \_\_\_ KS3 \_\_\_ KS4 \_\_\_ A Level \_\_\_  
14-19 Dip \_\_\_ FE \_\_\_ HE \_\_\_ Adult \_\_\_

**No. Adult helpers (including parents 1:5 for young children please)** \_\_\_\_\_

**LEA recommended ratio:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(For ranger led activities FC recommends 1:20, if you require different arrangements please ask).*

**Health and Safety:** We have Risk Assessments for activities related to all of our programmes. The Risk Assessment for the activity you have requested to take part in will be sent to you with the booking form. Please can you ensure you read it and agree to it. School or group leaders will retain responsibility for the behaviour of the children at all times. Please ensure that at least one of the adults in your party is First Aid trained.

**Special requirements:** Please list any special medical, behavioural or physical conditions we need to be aware of including gifted & talented children:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Will anyone be using a pushchair or wheelchair?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Photos:** Please tick the box if we may take photographs of your group for our records and publicity.  *(It is the responsibility of the group leader to ensure parental consent)*

**Programme Required (see information provided):**

**Associated Topic:**

**What knowledge do your children have on this topic and how does this fit with the work you are doing in your own setting?**

**What are your learning objectives for the visits?**

Is this your first visit to the forest? Y/N      If 'N' have you had a guided visit before? Y/N

Whether or not this is your first visit it is strongly recommended that you carry out a pre-visit, preferably meeting a Ranger. This will ensure you will know what is there, and what you want to get out of your visit.

**Self-led visits**

Please list what parts of the forest you will be using: \_\_\_\_\_

At what times: \_\_\_\_\_

And the activities taking place:

*(NB the forest is a working environment, please observe warning signs).*

**Led Programmes** please select workshop required below by indicating the number of children you are bringing. Please note that the maximum group size for all led programmes is 30 children. **Costs:** £105 ½ day session, £200 full day session, £15 for self-led packs. Costs do not include VAT.

**Total  
£**

Key Stage	Workshop	Duration	Cost & number of children
All	Forest School Taster Day	2hours	
Early Years	Scavenger Hunt	1 ½ hours	
Early Years	Animal Homes	1 ½ hours	
Early Years	Forest Art	1 ½ hours	
KS1 & 2	Forest Explorers	1 ½ hours	
KS1 & 2	Sensory Seekers	1 ½ hours	
KS1 & 2	Forest Art	1 ½ hours	
KS1 & 2	Habitat Investigators	1 ½ hours	
KS1 & 2	Ponds Dipping	1 ½ hours	
KS1 & 2	Forests for life: Sustainability and shelter building.	1 ½ hours	
KS2	Senses & Literacy in the Forest	1 ½ hours	
KS2	Perfect pollination and dynamic dispersal	1 ½ hours	
KS2	Habitat experts: interdependence and food chains	1 ½ hours	
<b>KS3 &amp; 4 sessions cost £130 ½ day session and £225 full day session</b>			
KS3	Exploring local environments and feeding relationships.	2 hours	
KS3	Ecological relationships.	2 hours	
	Tailor made activities- please discuss with education ranger and insert below.	Tbc.	
All	Forest School (min 6 week programme) Cost dependant on age & no. of children	2 hour sessions	

**Total Payment** (bookings will only be confirmed once payment is received)

**£**

**Payment details** (please indicate the method in which you wish to pay)

\* Please find enclosed a cheque, payable to the Forestry Commission

\* Please invoice the school

**Cancellations after booking confirmation may be subject to 50% cancellation fee**

## **Guidelines for a safe and enjoyable visit**

### **The Group Leader's Responsibilities**

To ensure a safe visit, the group leader will be expected to take an active part in the visit and will be entirely responsible for discipline, safety and overall control of the group. Group leaders should try to arrange a preliminary visit with Forestry Commission staff to discuss the programmes; the group's needs and assess the site conditions.

The group leader must carry out the necessary risk assessments for the visit and the journey to and from the forest or other site. All parental or guardian consents and permissions should be obtained by the group leader before the visit.

For school groups the Local Education Authority should lay down the maximum ratio of students to supervisors. It is the group leader's responsibility to ensure that students are wearing appropriate footwear and clothing for the conditions. Weather conditions can change rapidly and forest sites are often muddy - advice should be sought if in doubt.

The forest is a working environment. The group leader will ensure warning signs and instructions from Forestry Commission staff are heeded, areas where work is in progress are avoided and the group is kept together. In the case of an accident, the group leader and visiting staff will be on hand to give any information about special requirements. The group leader will be responsible for ensuring that at least one supervisor has a basic knowledge of First Aid. Accidents, whether requiring treatment or not must be reported to FC staff.

The school or other group, through the LEA or insurance, as appropriate, will indemnify the Forestry Commission against all claims arising from any loss or damage, or injury or death to participants and any third parties arising from the educational visit, and will during the period of the visit maintain an insurance policy with a reputable insurance company an amount of not less than £5 million in respect of any one claim. The amount of such insurance shall not limit the liability of the school or LEA to the Forestry Commission.

The group leader is responsible for ensuring all litter is taken away with the group and that no damage is caused to the environment or site facilities.

Additional permits may be required for specialist activities or field studies - contact the Ranger staff for advice.

### **Forestry Commission Staff Responsibilities**

During a visit led by Forestry Commission staff, the staff member will co-ordinate the activities of the group and will advise the group of any particular known hazards that may apply on the day of the visit.

Most Forestry Commission staff are First Aid trained and have kits at their disposal, although the prime responsibility for rendering First Aid remains with the group leader.

Forestry Commission staff have the discretion to exclude from the visit anyone who is not properly equipped or fails to comply with other conditions listed above.

### **Pre-visit and site details**

During your pre-visit check or contact with the Ranger, please check the location or availability of the following:

Contact Name		Accident+Emergency reporting Procedures	
Parking		Rendezvous point	
Toilets		Telephone	
First Aid		Refreshments	

## General

- Please have your group ready at the agreed start time. If your group is running late contact the Ranger or the office - we can wait if we know you are running late.
- Payment is to be made in advance by cheque when your booking form is returned. Cheques are to be made payable to the Forestry Commission and returned with this form.
- If you wish to cancel the event please let us know a minimum of 2 weeks before the visit is due. We reserve the right to still charge you for the booking if you cancel after this time.
- Some forest roads have width restrictions - access details should be discussed with the Forestry Commission and / or your coach operator.
- Most guided walks are inappropriate for dogs - please check with the Ranger.

## What to bring

- Suitable outdoor clothing to include warm waterproof coat with hood and footwear with non-slip soles. Everyone is advised to wear trousers, even in hot weather, shorts and sandals are not recommended because of brambles and ticks in the forest. A hat, scarf, gloves, thick socks, wellingtons or sturdy boots in winter are essential.
- Packed lunch and drink (on sites with café franchises please use picnic benches or classroom rather than café seating).
- A list of students for your own use. It is very helpful if working groups can be allocated before arrival.
- We have basic field equipment but please bring your own digital equipment if required.

## All visits

Do you want to book the education room?  time \_\_\_\_\_  
Is your group likely to purchase lunch from the café?  time \_\_\_\_\_  
Would your group like to use the shop? Yes  No

I wish to apply to visit for the above event. I confirm I have read and understood the notes overleaf and will ensure that the group complies with the conditions outlined.  
All leaders, teachers, and parent helpers & group members will be informed of the above.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Position \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please sign and return the whole form to confirm your booking)

Booking confirmation:

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Position \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(On behalf of Forest Management Director)