

# Activities and Key Stages

## Senses

R, KS1, KS2

- ◆ Using our senses to explore the environment.
- ◆ Sight, smell, sound and touch.



## History

KS1, KS2

- ◆ A look back in time through the history of the area, from agriculture through the change to mining and our community woodland today.
- ◆ How coal was formed and what it is used for.

## Orienteering

KS2

- ◆ Develop skills in map reading, grid references, and compass bearings to find your way around the woodland.
- ◆ Take part in competitive map reading games.

## Shelterbuilding

KS1, KS2

- ◆ Using natural materials to construct a shelter to house your group.
- ◆ Learn about how you would keep warm and feed your group (through games).

# Education Service

## Teambuilding

KS1, KS2

- ◆ As a team solve puzzles and scenarios through games and new skills developed in the woodland.



## Environmental Art

R, KS1, KS2

- ◆ Use natural materials to make collages, dream catchers and decorate trees.
- ◆ Make pictures of animals or beasties to hang in the wood.
- ◆ 3D and floor sculptures.

## Treat your Class

R, KS1, KS2

If your class/group has worked extra hard this term why not reward them with a trip to a community woodland. Fun, educational games and activities will round any term off!

# Pre-School

## Colours, Shapes and Sizes

- ◆ Looking at different shapes and colours around us.
- ◆ Creating a natural colour palette
  - collecting natural objects of different sizes, shapes and colours.
  - making pictures.

## Senses

- ◆ Using senses to explore our environment
  - sight, sound, smell and touch.

## Homes

- ◆ Who lives where and what do they eat.
- ◆ Minibeast hunt.

## Seasons

- ◆ Talk about seasons, what we might find and who might need it, with craft and games.

## Arts and Crafts

- ◆ Natural collages.
- ◆ Making pictures of woodland animals.



# Education Service

## Life Cycles / Foodchains

KS1, KS2

- ◆ Look at the life cycles of plants and animals.
- ◆ What happens, why and how.
- ◆ Discuss dispersal and adaptations.
- ◆ Looking at who eats who and how they survive.



## Community Issues

KS1, KS2

- ◆ Look at the woodland and its uses, issues and management.
- ◆ Using mapping techniques to discuss how the site could be developed.
- ◆ How would you manage conflict between different site users?

# Activities and Key Stages

## Habitats

R, KS1, KS2

- ◆ Exploring a variety of habitats, including minibeast hunts.
- ◆ Building habitat homes and shelters for different creatures.
- ◆ Look at potential pollution problems.
- ◆ Looking for homes, tracks and food sources.

## Animal Signs

R, KS1, KS2

- ◆ Searching for animal life, introducing the concept of living and non-living things.



## Seasons

R, KS1, KS2

- ◆ Talk about seasonal changes, what happens and why.
- ◆ Sessions relating to specific seasons.

# Supervision

- ◆ With all activities we require enough adult helpers to conform with LEA guidelines.
- ◆ Teachers will be expected to ensure pupil discipline.
- ◆ The safety of the visiting group is the responsibility of the school/group leader.
- ◆ We recommend that each leader carries a First Aid Kit.

## Clothing

- ◆ All children and adults should come prepared with a waterproof coat and suitable walking shoes.
- ◆ On site we have no storage facilities so bags should be left at school or on the coach.

## Facilities and Requirements

- ◆ Unfortunately no toilet or hand washing facilities can be provided.
- ◆ If your group has any specific requirements please inform us in advance.

## Charge

A small charge of £20 per session is made, to cover our material and equipment costs.

There is a £20 cancellation fee, for all groups.

# The Holt



An all weather activity room on Brodsworth Community Woodland, for use by:

- ◆ School Groups
- ◆ Community Groups
- ◆ Nurseries and Child minders



**To book call (01302) 820278**

# Ranger Service



Your Community Ranger Service offers a wide variety of environmental educational resources and are always open to new ideas, working around school topics and initiatives.

## Activity Options

- ◆ All activities are half-day sessions (1½-2 hours).
- ◆ After a session there is potential to develop topics back in the classroom, through discussion or producing art and craft.
- ◆ The ranger service can provide all information and equipment to cover activities.
- ◆ Sessions can be arranged to cater for specific needs, topics and time allocations.
- ◆ Self led trails and activities can also be organised.

## South Yorkshire Community Woodland

Your Community Woodlands are more than just trees! They boast open spaces with ponds and wetlands, that all add to the biodiversity.

Although our woodlands are young, they are home to a wide variety of birds, mammals and minibeasts. All weather paths criss-cross the sites allowing extensive access, with fabulous views over the surrounding countryside.

A visit to a woodland provides hands-on experience, discovery and a sense of freedom in a safe, local environment.



## Ranger in a box

- ◆ Self led activities with all equipment, material and instructions provided.
- ◆ These boxes cater for groups up to 30, but can also be used for small groups.
- ◆ For use indoors or out in the Community Woodlands.
- ◆ A returnable deposit of £20 will be require per box loaned.
- ◆ Booking is essential, as demand is high.

### Titles include

#### Minibeast Madness

- ◆ How and where to look for bugs, including bug pots, tree shaking and id guides.

#### Nature Detectives

- ◆ A variety of activities to get your group enjoying a walk in the woods.

#### Outdoor Games

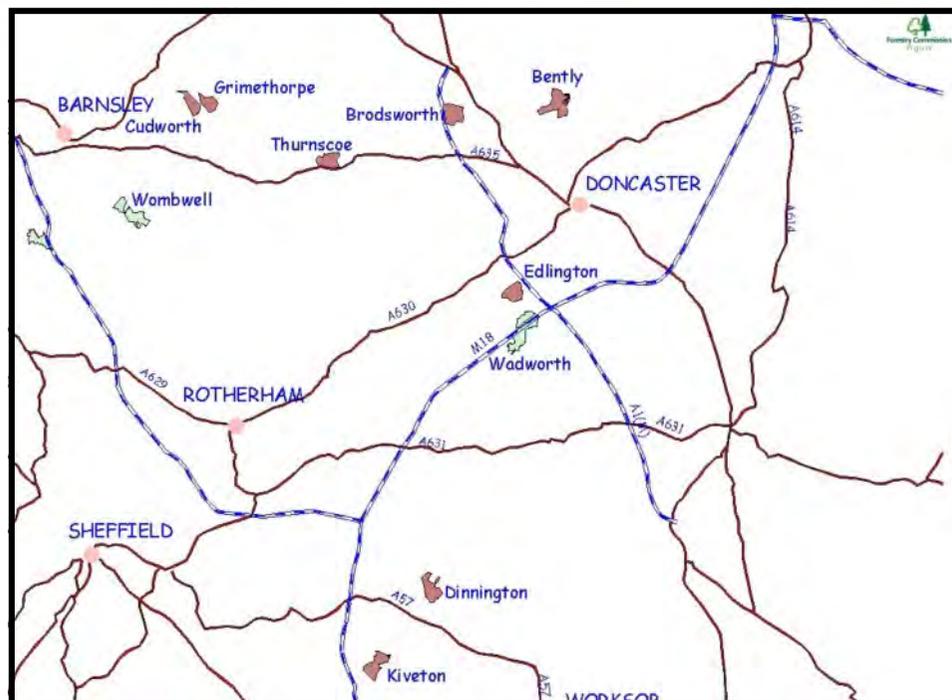
- ◆ A series of physical and mental games to use whilst outdoors.

#### Circus Skills

- ◆ Learn to throw and catch juggling scarves, balance on pedal-go's, diabolo and flowers sticks.

**Various other titles available**

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## Contact Information

If any of the sessions appeal to you, or you know of another group that may be interested, please contact us.

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## South Yorkshire



## Community Woodlands