

## Our Staff

Our staff are all experienced education practitioners, with extensive experience of delivering high-quality outdoor and environmental education activities to schools and other groups. All staff are fully CRB checked and first aid trained. We have staff qualified to deliver specific initiatives such as Forest Schools and the John Muir Award.

All sessions cost £160 for a half day or £290 for a full day. Any activity session can consist of one or more activities and can be tailored to meet each group's individual needs.

Please note, all schools are responsible for arranging their own transport to and from the forest.

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# Hamsterley Forest

## Primary Schools Activity Programme





## Hamsterley Forest

Hamsterley is a beautiful mixed woodland between the Wear and Tees valleys on the edge of the North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. With extensive trails and footpaths and a haven for wildlife, it is a fantastic resource to enthuse and engage pupils and support the 'creative curriculum' approach to teaching and learning .

Our activity programme allows children, school staff and parents to work with each other in this exciting and distinctive place, where children can safely explore and lose themselves in learning.

Groundwork North East is offering a range of fun, outdoor environmental education sessions aimed at schools, including:

- Wild woodland walks, Earth walks, book walks
- Orienteering
- Stream dipping
- Minibeast & scavenger hunts
- Making Indian trails
- Biodiversity surveys
- Nature poetry
- Practical conservation tasks
- Forest Schools activities



All activities are fully risk assessed and led by a fully CRB-checked and first-aid trained member of staff. Equipment and materials are provided. Session plans with National Curriculum links can be provided and all activities can be used as a stimulus for follow-up work back at school. These sessions are suitable to be delivered as part of the alternative curriculum.

These activities may also be suitable for doing on a regular basis as part of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award or to contribute towards achieving the John Muir Award (see info below for more details).

## John Muir Award

The John Muir Award is an environmental award scheme focused on wild places. It encourages people to enjoy the outdoors, learn more about nature and wild places and do something to look after these places. It isn't a competition and anyone can participate.

The school activities programme offers an ideal framework for achieving the award. For more information please visit [www.johnmuiraward.org](http://www.johnmuiraward.org).

