

# Grizedale

## KS3 LEARNING PROGRAMMES

**Whole or Half-Day Programmes are available on the following themes, or create your own with our help.**

### **Ecological Processes (Full or Half-Day)**

Various activities - studying plants & animals their natural environment (natural woodland, forest plantation, pond, stream, meadow), using keys, identifying differences, food chains & webs, pyramid of numbers, adaptations, interdependence, habitat comparison, species conservation. Activities can include a Tree ID Orienteering course (learning & using two skills at once – using keys and map-reading!)

### **Blindfold Trail with optional 'Sensory' Walk (Half-Day)**

Students follow an exciting rope trail that leads deep into the forest, tackling obstacles along the way, blindfolded!. The trail is a personal challenge as well being as an alternative way to explore the forest! Obstacles include a wobbly bridge, a badger's sett and a swing bridge. This programme can also include making a simple map of the trail, considering and recording feelings along the way.

The optional 'sensory' walk is designed to heighten all the senses and is suitable for all ages. It includes a number of activities from making 'smelly cocktails' and colour palettes to using 'sky eyes' and finding a 'magic' spot!

### **Forest Survival - Shelter Building (can also be linked with Blindfold Trail)**

Working in small teams, students develop and use team-working skills to make a natural shelter from forest materials to protect them from the Lake District weather (a.k.a. rain!). The role of forests in Climate Change a sustainable future are also considered.

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## **Going Global at Grizedale - 'Exploring Values' (Full Day)**

Developed in partnership with Cumbria Development Education Centre (CDEC), this programme supports the delivery of Global Citizenship education in the outdoors. The programme encourages students to experience the forest from a different perspective to their own (in character role) and to begin to consider the values, needs and interests of other groups using it. The students are encouraged to experience the forest through a variety of activities including orienteering and Thai Chi. The different ways that these individuals value the forest are tested at the end of the session through a Critical Skills challenge. The groups, in character role, are asked to consider the scenario of flooding the Grizedale Valley to create a new lake for water sports.

## **Going Global at Grizedale - 'Needs or Wants?' (Yr 7 only - Full Day)**

Developed around the concept of needs and wants, this programme focuses on basic human requirements - the things we need to survive, i.e. food, water and shelter. For our needs to be met now and in the future we also need to focus on Sustainable Development issues, both on a global and a local scale. Students will consider the impact that their choices & actions have on people and the planet through a series of activities related to needs and includes shelter building. Developed in partnership with CDEC.

## **Forests for the Future (Full or Half Day)**

A tour of the forest to examine how the Forestry Commission manages Grizedale Forest & minimises the conflicting interests of a multiple-use forest such as - its timber production, recreation, conservation, historical land-use and landscape design. This programme can include a critical skills challenge, where individuals consider the needs and interests of different user groups.

## **Sculpture in the Forest (Full or Half Day)**

Grizedale Forest was one of the first sites in the country to integrate works of art into the natural environment. Since the 1970's artists have been coming to Grizedale to be inspired by the forest and its setting and there are now over sixty sculptures scattered throughout the forest. This programme offers students the opportunity to explore the natural environment, study some of the works of art and take inspiration from both to make their own pieces out of natural materials.

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## **The World is Hot Enough (Full Day - currently being developed)**

This programme is designed for students to explore the global issues of climate change and sustainable development, with a focus on the role that trees and forests can play.

## **Practical Forest Management Projects (Full or Half-Day)**

This programme engages students in practical conservation work – helping us to manage the forest for the future. Suitable for smaller groups, due to the nature of the activities i.e. using tools!

**We are happy to work with you to create just the right programme to suit you and your group. So, if some of the above sound interesting, but not quite right, please do get in touch.**

### **Quotes from group leaders**

*"Your enthusiasm was infectious"*

*"The children were very inspired"*

*"Delivery well aimed at level of class"*

*"We are always made to feel very special"*

*"Excellent programme, specially tailored to our topic"*

**CHARGES PER CLASS: £200 full day, £105 half-day.**

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