



Staffordshire
Wildlife Trust

School Programmes

An exciting range of school programmes,
school grounds improvements, and
Forest School suitable for Foundation
Stage & Key Stages 1-5.



Welcome



Staffordshire Wildlife Trust offers a range of programmes and activities to get schools outside and engaged with the environment.

Explore

With guidance from our skilled Learning Team, children will experience hands-on education in both an exciting and safe environment.

Discover

Whether pond dipping in the spring, hunting for butterflies in the summer, looking for colours in autumn or making campfires in the winter, children will be having fun while learning.

Engage

Make the most of your outdoor areas at school with our range of on-site activities and training.



Locations

Education centre

Our headquarters at The Wolseley Centre, near Rugeley features a purpose built, environmentally friendly Learning Hub which is the perfect base for schools when coming on a trip to explore our grounds. The Learning Hub is highly accessible for all and has many features built with schools' needs in mind including toileting facilities, storage areas and outdoor sinks for handwashing.

At your school

We can come to your school and deliver most of our exciting programmes as outreach.

Forest School

Our Forest School sessions can be delivered at your school or at one of our nature reserves.

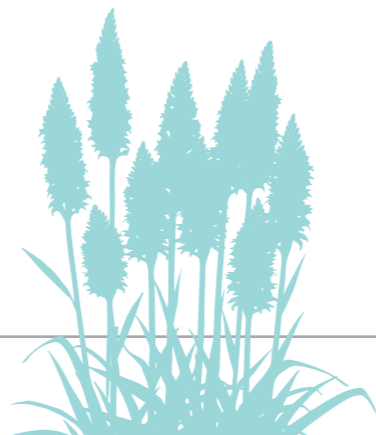
Nature reserves

We can deliver many of our programmes at our nature reserves across the county.

Wild Wellbeing

We can provide a range of wellbeing activities and programmes to help promote positive wellbeing and mental health to school children. Promoting good mental health and wellbeing is becoming absolutely vital for children to progress through school and be able to face challenges in their lives.

By offering targeted wellbeing activities outdoors we are aiming to help children develop a toolkit of ways to improve their wellbeing. Look out for our Wild Wellbeing logo for these programmes.



Environmental Education Programmes



Education centre

Bring your school to Staffordshire Wildlife Trust's outstanding Education centre.

What we provide

- Fully equipped and accessible classrooms
- Toilet and hand washing facilities
- Coach parking
- Safe, secure learning environments
- A range of exciting habitats
- Curriculum linked programmes available all year round
- Wheelchair access to some areas on site
- Experienced and DBS-checked staff
- Risk assessments for all activities

Duration and charges for school visits

Most of our programmes are half a day in length. The programmes are designed to complement each other, making a full day trip a really engaging experience for your students. Please note all of our KS3-KS5 programmes are a full day.

EYFS – KS2, £10.00 per child – full day (min charge £200)

EYFS – KS2, £8.00 per child – half day (min charge £120)

KS3 – KS5, £14.00 per child – full day (min charge £280)

Adults can attend for free within our suggested ratio numbers (please refer to our useful information sheet when booking). Additional adults are charged £3 each.

At your school

Staffordshire Wildlife Trust offers a variety of exciting programmes and assemblies that we can deliver in your school.

Assemblies

We have an exciting package of nature based assemblies to suit all seasons. Assemblies can be delivered to children aged 3-11 and aim to increase their knowledge of common British flora and fauna, give ideas on fun ways to explore nature, and to instil in them an interest and respect for wildlife.

We have a range of assembly topics, from the four seasons and wildlife highlights of the year to mammals, wildflowers and wild wellbeing which consists of how nature can improve mental and physical health. The interactive and engaging assemblies are based around a PowerPoint presentation. We will bring our own laptop and simply need connection to an interactive whiteboard or visualiser.

Charges

£150 – per assembly (face to face)

£75 – per assembly (zoom)

Outreach

We can come to your school to deliver our engaging educational programmes. Dependent on school grounds, we can offer nearly all of our "trips" on your doorstep! We can also adapt our programmes to suit the needs of the group or to fit in with your outdoor space.

All of the programmes we deliver have been developed around the national curriculum and are interactive, engaging and hands-on, giving children fantastic opportunities to learn outside of the classroom and connect with nature. We can deliver these programmes year round and bring all of our equipment with us.

Charges

All of our outreach programmes are half a day in length. We can deliver two programmes in one day, or deliver to two separate classes. Prices are:

£400 – full day

£200 – half day

(additional staff £25 per hour)

Primary Education Programmes



The programmes listed below are grouped into suggested key stages, however programmes can be adjusted to suit your year group.

Early Years programmes

Brilliant birds

Look closely at bird life cycles, explore variations between birds on a bird hike, explore the survival requirements of birds, and discover the difficulties having a beak can bring!

Terrific trees

Explore the world of plants using all of the senses. Learn about different forms of plant life, parts of plants and the life cycle, as well as doing some fun woodland crafts.

Fantastic frogs*

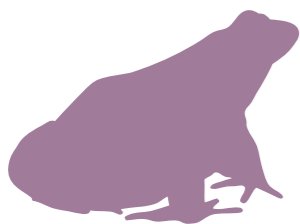
Learn all about the world of water, the frog life cycle, and discover what other creatures live in the pond while going pond dipping.

Beautiful butterflies*

Through stories, games and outdoor exploration discover the life cycle of the butterfly, the importance of caterpillar camouflage and what other minibeasts live in nature.

Rain Garden Ramblers*

Exploration using all the senses in our Rain Garden. Try to fill up the pond with the water pump and channelling systems, enjoy scavenger hunts and investigating a variety of natural materials. This programme is perfect for early year explorers to enjoy time choosing their own way to delve into the natural environment. (This programme would be ideal as an afternoon programme after a morning of formative learning).



Early Years, KS1, & KS2

Earthwalks

Use all of the senses to explore nature through a variety of interactive activities. Gain appreciation for the outdoors, understand more about our senses, and develop descriptive language.

Naturally art

Discover a variety of natural materials and tools to make wonderful natural art. Become more visually aware of the natural environment and discover textures, shapes, colours and patterns.

Seasons

Discover how the environment changes throughout the year and take part in seasonal activities. Explore colour changes, do natural crafts, build homes for animals in autumn/winter and sow seeds in spring.

Wild Yoga**

Yoga benefits children mentally, emotionally and physically, improving children's overall wellbeing and having a profound positive impact on all areas of their lives. Develop yoga poses through the use of stories, games and songs and learn mindfulness, meditation and breathing techniques. Sessions last for one hour and can be delivered to a maximum of 24 children. Reception classes will be delivered in 2 groups 30 minutes each.



Paul Harris, 2020VISION

KS1 & KS2

Everybody needs a rock

Through interactive activities, develop an understanding of mental health and wellbeing, discover mindfulness and the benefits of being outside in nature.

Nature's stories

Explore stories and poems outside in the woodland. We will then generate wonderful ideas, exciting vocabulary, and character and setting details for an original nature story to write back at school.

Discovering minibeasts

Learn about different habitats and discover the diversity of minibeasts that live in them using a variety of capture techniques. Choose a topic to focus on: habitats, classification, food chains, life cycles or adaptation.

Watery wildlife*

Learn about freshwater habitats, pond dip to discover the diversity of creatures living in water, record data and learn how to classify. Choose a topic to focus on: habitats, classification, food chains, life cycles or adaptation.

Plantastic

Learn about the structure and function of plants, what plants require for growth, the importance of seeds and dispersal, and explore different habitats to identify trees, plants and flowers.



Ks2

Stone Age

In this full day programme, experience what it might have been like to live in the Stone Age and master new skills! Activities include making crockery, building shelters, tool making, fire lighting and following tracks and trails.

Nature's table

Learn about the concept of food chains and energy flow, explore the outdoors for signs of food chains in the natural environment and go on a bug hunt to discover who eats who!

River studies*

Take part in an action packed full day to deepen understanding of river processes and terminology. Study the physical geography of the River Trent through hands-on fieldwork and compare it to another freshwater habitat.

** Available at select sites and subject to time of year*

*** We recommend using Pupil Premium and Sport England Funding where available for yoga classes*



Secondary Education Programmes



Our KS3-KS5 programmes have been created purposefully for the new secondary curriculum that is being taught at GCSE and A-level.

These programmes allow students to investigate a scientific enquiry using a comprehensive scientific framework that reflects the new fieldwork assessment component. The students will work together to formulate hypotheses, plan and justify methods, use fieldwork techniques to collect data, analyse data and evaluate their study.

The programmes allow the students to:

- develop their practical skills
- prepare for the fieldwork exam
- complete science practical endorsements
- conduct an independent investigation



Chris Gomersall, 2020VISION



Physical Geography (River studies) Cotton Dell nature reserve, Oakamoor

Investigate the river's changing channel characteristics along its course. Students will devise a question and hypothesis to test Bradshaw's Model. They will then collect quantitative and qualitative data on channel width, depth, cross sectional area, wetted perimeter, and velocity. They will complete their fieldwork at three study sites from upstream to downstream.

Human Geography (Rebranding) The Wolseley Centre, near Rugeley

Investigate the changes in land use of The Wolseley Centre, while considering the economic and environmental impacts associated with land use change. Hands-on activities include categorising land use changes, Venn Diagram investigations, environmental quality survey, and bi-polar analysis.

Biology (Succession) Highgate Common nature reserve, Stourbridge

Investigate the distribution and abundance of vegetation within a named ecosystem and the process of succession. Activities include collecting quantitative and qualitative data on the heights of the vegetation, abundance of species and species richness within each quadrat along a systematic transect.



Extra Curricular



After School and Lunchtime Clubs



Encourage children to discover their wild-side and an enjoyment of being outdoors. Each club will have a theme and an emphasis on free play allowing them to decide what activities they want to do and when!

Choose from:

Wild Child Club - choosing wild art to wild survival activities.

Forest Club - teaching bushcraft skills such as fire lighting and whittling

Wild Yoga Club - learn yoga in the outdoors along with Wildplay.**

All club sessions last an hour and can take place after school or during lunchtime delivered by experienced and qualified staff to a maximum 16 children (all ages) per club. One school staff member must assist with the club and is responsible for behaviour management.

£110 for one session

£640 for six week block

£1100 for twelve week block



Adrian Clarke



Helena Dolby

Extra Curricula Days



Made up of various workshops that schools can choose from. We can work with one class for the whole day or multiple classes throughout the day.

Activities can include:

Forest School Celebrations, Wild Wellbeing Day or Bespoke Celebration Days.



Debs Richardson

Transforming your school grounds

Staffordshire Wildlife Trust can help you to transform your school grounds into an exciting and immersive outdoor learning environment.

Whether you are looking to make your school grounds more wildlife friendly, create an outdoor classroom, build a sensory garden or make a Forest School area, we can provide the help and expertise to make this a reality.

£75 - Remote Consultation: 30mins phone call/ Zoom/email - includes written report

£175 - Onsite Consultation: site visit - includes written report

£75 - Funding Bid Consultation: for us to review a bid you have written and offer advice

Get in touch if you'd like further information.

Forest School

Forest School is a unique educational experience that complements and enhances learning, aiming to raise confidence and self-esteem outside of the classroom.

Our qualified Forest School leaders offer an ongoing, rewarding and safe learning experience, connecting participants with nature through a programme of achievable tasks and free exploration.

Sessions are attended over a minimum of half a term and group sizes are kept to a maximum of 15 participants. This ensures each young person gets the support they need to achieve personalised participant led outcomes.

Staff work with children on an individual, small group or whole group level. This provides a nurturing environment where participants can learn at their own pace and explore their own interests; as a result, their skills and confidence accumulate over time.

During sessions, participants could be building shelters, practising safe fire lighting, using tools to create a wooden name badge, outdoor cooking, or tuning in to the sights and sounds around them. Activities can also be curriculum linked to most subjects.

Participants benefit in many ways from Forest School including improved behaviour, increased communication skills, a positive relationship to learning, increased self-esteem and better motor skills.

Appropriate risk taking with support from the Forest School Leader is part of the Forest School ethos and experience recognising risk benefits. All activities, tools and sites are thoroughly risk assessed, although leaders encourage safe risk taking.

**£1,250 for 6 sessions £2,000 for 12 sessions
£6,000 for a years deliver
(each session up to 2 hours at any location)**

Prices correct at time of printing 2022



Forest School staff training

Train to become a Level 3 Forest School leaders, accredited by AIM Qualifications and Assessment Group, so you can provide this amazing experience in your own setting. You will gain the skills, practical knowledge and confidence it takes to deliver recognised Forest School and you will be supported and mentored throughout the training process and in producing your portfolio.

Course dates: We run Level 3 courses in spring and autumn every year and also run taster days for those wanting to find out more about Forest School. For specific course dates, please search for Forest School on the 'What's on' page of our website.

Cost: £1050 per person which includes face to face training, assessment fees, ongoing tutor support and a specific Forest School First Aid Qualification.

Please contact us for updated prices and more information on Forest School for your students or staff training:
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