

Kent Country Parks

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Check out our new
Wild Weather package

Outdoor learning

with Kent Country Parks
Early Years and Key Stages 1-2



Inspired learning

Outdoor learning is proven to have a positive effect on children, from wellbeing to social development and achievement. At Kent Country Parks we have the right approach to help bring out the best in your children.



- 🌿 Curriculum based approach
- 🌿 Expert education rangers
- 🌿 Flexible packages

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Our outdoor learning centres

1 Shorne Woods Country Park

Brewers Road, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 3HX

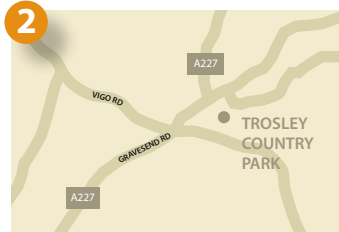
Just five minutes from the A2, in North Kent, is our flagship park: 291 acres of stunning ancient woodland and open grassland. The award-winning visitor centre is an excellent example of sustainable construction.



2 Trosley Country Park

Waterlow Road, Vigo Village, Meopham, Kent, DA13 0SG

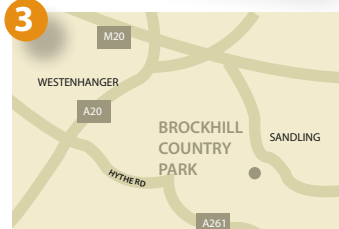
Within easy reach of the M20, Trosley is classified as a Site of Special Scientific Interest. The park is home to a rich variety of wildlife and a mixture of woodland and open grassland slopes.



3 Brockhill Country Park

Sandling Road, Hythe, Kent, CT21 4HL

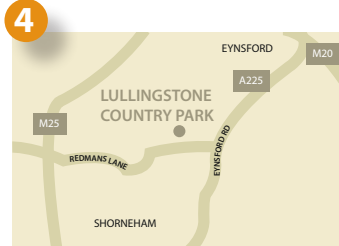
A couple of miles from the M20 and the stunning south-east coastline, Brockhill features a teeming lake and stream, marshland, meandering meadows and open grassland; a great place to explore and learn.



4 Lullingstone Country Park

Castle Road, Eynsford, Kent, DA4 0JF

A short trip from the M25, the park is home to more than 300 veteran trees (some over 800 years-old!), a stunning range of wild flowers, meadows, a river and pond.



All centres include outdoor classroom, cafe and toilet facilities



price guide

Price Guide

Prices include worksheets, clipboards, pencils and equipment.

All your children need to bring is a packed lunch and suitable clothing.

Class Size	Half Day (no room; if required an additional £50)	Winter Full Day (Sept-Mar) (including room)	Wet Weather Offer (Nov 16- Mar 17) (including room)	Summer Full Day (Apr-Aug) (including room)
Up to 35 children (includes one ranger)	£110	£198	£88	£248
Up to 70 children (ranger/teacher split)	N/A	£198	£148.50	£248
Up to 70 children (includes two rangers)	£220	£396	£176 (half day) £297 (full day)	£446
Up to 105 children (includes two rangers plus teacher)	£220	£396	£176 (half day) £297 (full day)	£446
Up to 105 children (includes three rangers)	£396	£594	£297 (half day) £445.50 (full day)	£644

If you are booking between 1st April - 30th September please note that there will be an extra charge of £50 per booking for the use of indoor facilities.

Start and finish times

A full day is normally 10am to 2.30pm. A half-day is two hours within this period. There is some flexibility as some schools need to leave before 2.30pm.

sessions & activities

Add an extra dimension to your classroom, with our wide range of learning sessions and activities.

natural play exploring senses

Natural play

Key skills: communication,

imagination and co-ordination

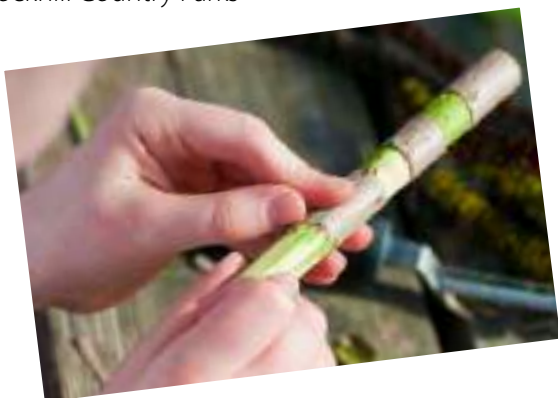
Use nature's playground to help children build relationships, develop independence and increase their understanding of the environment.

The session includes games and songs, sensory activities, bushcraft and play-based activities.

Age range: Early Years and Key Stage 1

Curriculum links: EYFS framework, KS1 mathematics, science, design and technology, physical education

Location: Shorne Woods, Lullingstone, Trosley and Brockhill Country Parks



Exploring senses

Key skills: understanding senses and empathy

Explore the magical world of nature using sight, smell, touch and hearing. This is a great way for children to identify and categorise the world around them.

The session includes sensory games and creative activities.

Age range: Early Years and Key Stage 1

Curriculum links: EYFS framework, KS1 science, art and design

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new!

wild weather package

Come rain or shine there's lots to learn! Our Wild Weather package brings together practical activities, perfect throughout the winter months. All sessions include key skills and return children warm and dry at the end of the day.

Available as half and full day sessions, these packages can be tailored for specific group needs and requirements.



Water Water everywhere!

Making water runs, rain painting, engineering boats from sticks and leaves- racing then in puddles or streams for the fastest time. Learn about the water cycle and get creative with some numeracy!

Age range: Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2

Curriculum links: science, design and technology, numeracy, literacy, geography

Location: Brockhill, Lullingstone, Trosley and Shorne Woods Country Parks



Please note Wild Weather packages are only delivered between 30th September and 1st April, the price is inclusive of indoor facilities.



Mud Island

Heading outside when the weather is wild we explore the park to find natural materials to create soggy worlds with exciting stories. Create wind orchestra's using the trees, create creature sculptures from mud and twigs, learn about cave paintings and discover history and storytelling along the way.

Age range: Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2

Curriculum links: history, art and design, literacy, science, geography

Location: Brockhill, Lullingstone, Trosley and Shorne Woods Country Parks



Intrepid explorers: The Wild Weather expedition

Set out on an adventure into the woods! With a ramble to gather materials for a natural shelter to set up camp, this wild weather expedition includes bush-craft, water collecting and purifying, not to mention a camp fire!

Age range: Key Stage 1 Key Stage 2

Curriculum links: physical education, geography, science, maths, literacy, design and technology

Location: Brockhill, Lullingstone, Trosley and Shorne Woods Country Parks

hidden habitats pond pioneers

Hidden Habitats

Key skills: *identifying and classifying, discussion and problem solving*

Get hands on in woodland and grassland habitats, to find out where different plants and animals live. Your delving detectives will use a range of identification keys to recognise what they've found and think about how their discovery has adapted to live in its current habitat.

The session includes forming simple food chains, to show the relationship between plants and animals.

Age range: Early Years and Key Stages 1 and 2

Curriculum links: science, mathematics

Location: Shorne Woods, Lullingstone, Trosley and Brockhill Country Parks



Pond Pioneers

Key skills: *identifying and classifying*
Calling all intrepid explorers! Our ponds and streams are packed with unknown creatures just waiting to be discovered. Using identification keys children will recognise their aquatic amigos, learning the different ways they live, breathe and move.

Age range: Early Years and Key Stages 1 and 2

Curriculum links: science, mathematics

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art naturally eco challenge



Art Naturally

Key skills: identifying and collecting, art, visual and tactile development

Forage and find natural materials to create simple, amazing art; from masks and hedgehogs to collages and picture frames. Found materials can be transformed into sculptures, collages and artefacts.

Age range: Early Years and Key Stages 1 and 2

Curriculum links: mathematics (EYFS and KS1), science (EYFS and KS1), design and technology, art and design, English

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Eco Challenge

Key skills: environmental awareness and problem solving

Solve a series of challenges using everyday materials and become masters of the green ethos. Themes include water use, recycling and composting, and by the end of the session children will have a good understanding of environmental care.

Age range: Key Stages 1 and 2

Curriculum links: geography

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river rangers

investigate the water cycle

River Rangers

Key skills: collecting evidence, simple experiments and field sketching
Chart new territory as you explore the rivers that run through, or close to, our sites. Carry out experiments and collect evidence about the flow, depth and width of the river.

A great opportunity to explore river processes first hand. The session includes making sketches and learning about the rivers' links to local history.

Age range: Key Stage 2

Curriculum links: science, geography

Location: Lullingstone and Brockhill Country Parks



Investigate the Water Cycle

Key skills: investigation and simple experiments

A series of interactive activities and experiments to bring the water cycle to life in an energetic and fun way.

A great session to combine with River Rangers.

Age range: Key Stage 2

Curriculum links: science, geography

Location: Shorne Woods, Lullingstone, Trosley and Brockhill Country Parks





teddy's Woodland Adventure

early settlers

Teddy's Woodland Adventure

Key skills: basic co-ordination, communication and sensory

Bring your teddy for a picnic and learn the secret of all the things animals need to survive. The full-day programme includes a story, sensory activities, building a teddy-bear shelter and songs and games.

Age range: Early Years and Key Stage 1

Curriculum links: EYFS framework, KS1 science, design and technology

Location: Shorne Woods, Lullingstone, Trosley and Brockhill Country Park



Early Settlers

Key skills: empathy and learning about the past

Step back in time and unearth why early settlers came to the local area. Build a model roundhouse using natural materials and learn about topography.

Age range: Key Stage 2

Curriculum links: geography, history, design and technology

Location: Lullingstone and Trosley Country Parks

maths naturally love literacy outdoors

Maths Naturally

Key skills: *symmetry, problem solving and recognising patterns*

Maths is all around as you explore the park, taking part in mini-beast mathematics and woodland clock time challenges. Follow the trail and look for patterns, investigate shapes and symmetry, take measurements and solve problems.

Age range: Key Stage 2

Curriculum links: mathematics, art and design, design and technology, physical education, science

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Love Literacy Outdoors

Key skills: *language and communication, storytelling and grammar*

Let the imagination roam wild and free in this outdoor literacy session. Activities include playing with poetry, creating scintillating stories and learning about literary skills, from alliteration to punctuation.

Age range: Early Years and Key Stages 1 and 2

Curriculum links: English, mathematics (KS1), science (KS1), design and technology, art and design

Location: Shorne Woods, Lullingstone, Trosley and Brockhill Country Parks

way finding

Wayfinding

Key skills: navigation, orientation and sketching

Navigate your way around the countryside using maps, compasses and handheld GPS devices. Make field sketches and investigate landscape features.

Age range: Key Stage 2

Curriculum links: physical education, geography

Location: Shorne Woods, Lullingstone, Trosley and Brockhill Country Parks



forest School

Kent Country Parks Forest School **fires imaginations and inspires confidence.**

With a focus on building self-esteem, independence and exploration our experienced education rangers combine the individual needs of your group with key areas of development including;

- social
- physical
- language and linguistics
- self-confidence

The Programme

Our tried and tested approach allows children to thrive developing practical skills through play-based activities, whether it's Key Stage 2 or Early Years.

- Developed over 6 sessions
- 15 pupils maximum per session

National Curriculum programmes of study are met and themes can be defined prior to sessions. Forest School activities include:

- bushcraft
- campfires and cooking
- outdoor games
- stories and songs
- natural art



Age range: Early Years and Key Stage 1 and 2

Curriculum links: covers the six areas of the EYFS framework and Key Stage 1 and 2 mathematics, English, science, design and technology, art and design and citizenship.

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"Forest School gave our children the freedom to develop their own interests and imaginations at their own pace, without the pressures of a busy classroom and full timetable... Our children came out of the experience more confident to try out new experiences, keener to investigate independently and showing a greater interest in their surroundings."
Stelling Minnis Primary School

Great value

£110 per two hour session
Six sessions for £600

FAQ's



Is a room included in the price?

A fully equipped classroom available at all our sites. The room is included in bookings between 1st of October and 31st March, an additional charge of £50 applies outside of these dates.

How many children can we bring at one time?

See price guide on page 4 for maximum numbers.

Do I have to pay a deposit?

No, we always invoice after the visit. Please refer to our terms and conditions.

What time can the visit start/finish?

A normal visit day runs from 10am until 2.30pm. We are flexible on these times as some schools will need to leave before 2.30pm and will need to start before 10am.

Can we do a pre-visit?

Yes, a pre-visit with an education ranger is free, if you have booked a trip to the park. Please arrange this when making your booking.

What equipment do we need to bring?

All children need to wear outdoor clothing and footwear, and bring a packed lunch. We will provide all equipment for activities.

Do you have risk assessments?

Yes, all activities are risk assessed. We recommend the visiting teachers also visit the site to carry out their own risk assessment.

Are there charges for adults?

No, we don't charge for adults but need an adequate number of adults to supervise the children. The ratio for primary schools is 1:6. For younger children it is more but should be the same ratio that applies to the setting.

Car parking

Coach parking is included as part of your visit but must be booked in advance.



Just for teachers

We can come to you

Bring our outdoor learning expertise into your setting or environment, where many of our sessions or activities can be delivered.

Make the most of your environment

Transform your outdoor environment into a magical area of discovery and learning. Our outdoor learning team will work with you to make the most of your outdoor space.

Forest School

If you have a suitable setting, we can come to you to run the Forest School sessions on site. The area you use for Forest School doesn't have to be large and our qualified education rangers can give you guidance as to where and how this can be done.

"It was so inspiring: your ideas have really fanned the flames of our enthusiasm and I have a much clearer vision of where we are going with Forest School."

**Selina Farnfield,
Beaver Green CP School**

Qualifications

Become an outdoor learning expert by booking onto our accredited Forest School training programmes for teaching and support staff.

The courses are regularly held at Kent Country Parks sites across the county.

At the end of the course you will have gained the knowledge and skills to have passed a Level 1, 2 or 3 OCNWMR, an accredited nationally recognised qualification.

The units of the course are set out below:

Level 1

Unit 1: Introduction to Forest School Principles

For qualification you must attend and complete 25 hours of learning (10 hours of onsite delivery/ observation + 15 hours portfolio completion).

Level 2

Unit 1: Skills for the Forest School Programme Assistant

Unit 2: Supporting Learning and Development at a Forest School Programme

For qualification you must attend and complete 48 hours of learning (15 hours of onsite delivery/ Observation + 23 hours portfolio completion).



Level 3

Unit 1: Delivery of a Forest School Programme

Unit 2: Learning and Development at a Forest School Programme

Unit 3: Planning a Forest School Programme

Unit 4: Forest School Programmes and the Woodland Environment

Unit 5: Practical Skills for a Forest School Programme

For qualification you must attend and complete 96 hours of learning (25 hours of onsite delivery/ observation + 71 hours portfolio completion). As this course requires you to plan, carry out and evaluate your own Forest School Programme it is anticipated that it will take a minimum of 1 year to complete.

INSET

Choose from an exciting range of outdoor INSET courses. These support teaching and learning in the environment, delivering a greater understanding of sustainability and assisting the promotion of wildlife, Forest Schools and woodland skills. Contact us for more information. INSET courses can be delivered at a park site or in a school setting, contact us for more information.

Team Building

Bond with your team on a Woodland Adventure Day at at Shorne Woods and Lullingstone Country Parks

There is something for all ages and lifestyles and our staff are great at making everyone feel at home in the countryside, fostering creativity and togetherness on a day packed with exploration and adventure.

Setting out from base camp use GPS to find and reach four different locations in the park. At each location you must complete a team task. You will be awarded points for the first three tasks. More points mean a better chance of completing the final task, and feeling like a champion.

basic orienteering | lateral thinking | gentle exercise

Prices

INSET training	£150 per person per day
Forest School Level 1 Qualification	£285 per person
Forest School Level 2 Qualification	£450 per person
Forest School Level 3 Qualification	£925 per person
Teambuilding	£75 per person

Room for ideas





How to book



Contact us

To make a booking or for more information:

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