

NEW FOREST ACCESS FORUM

Meeting: Monday 4 December 2017

Agenda Item 11: *Education Initiatives*

Outdoor Education Initiatives in the New Forest National Park

New Forest Educators' Forum

The New Forest Educators' Forum is a group dedicated to achieving the highest quality outdoor learning provision within the unique environment of the national park. The [map of education providers](#) on the New Forest National Park Authority website provides teachers and group leaders with a one-stop directory of the educational opportunities available in and around the Park.

Each organisation has a particular area of expertise and targets slightly different audiences. The age range is from preschool to young adults (3 years to 24 years). Residential stays are between 2 night and 7 nights, and a day visit is generally between 2 and 6 hours. Areas of expertise are shown in italics, but many organisations offer a broad range of activities beyond those shown.

- [Avon Tyrell](#) : UK Youth Charity (own site): Residential/Day Visits: *PHSE/ Fieldwork/Adventurous Activities*
- [Beaulieu and Buckler's Hard](#) : Business/Charity (own sites) Day visits: *History/ Archaeology*
- [Blashford Lakes Centre](#) : Hants and IOW Wildlife Trust Charity (own site) : Day visits, Family Activities: *Wetland Ecology/ fieldwork*
- [Calshot Activities Centre](#) Hampshire County Council (own site) Residential/ Day visits; *Coastal Processes/ Coastal Ecology/ Adventurous Activities*
- [Coastal Detectives](#): Business (no site) Day Visits: *Coastal activities/ preschool specialist*
- [Countryside Education Trust](#) Charity (own site) Residential/ Day visits: *Farming/ Forest ecology*
- [Exbury Gardens](#) : Charity (own site) Day Visits: *History/ Plants*
- [Ferry Crofts Activity Centre](#) : Hampshire County Scout Council: Charity (own site): Residential/Day Visits: *PHSE/ Adventurous Activities*
- [Forestry Commission](#) : (no site) Self led day visits: *Forest ecology*
- [Foxlease Activity Centre](#) : Girl Guiding UK (own site) Residential/ day visits: *Adventurous Activities*
- [Hampshire & Wight Trust for Maritime Archaeology \(HWTMA\)](#) : Charity (no site); Day Visits/Family activities: *Marine Archaeology*
- [Country Trust Hampshire](#) Charity_(no site) Day visits: *Farm visits*
- [Lepe Country Park](#) Hampshire County Council (own site) Day visits, Family activities: *Coastal fieldwork/ History*
- [Minstead Study Centre](#) Charity (own site) Residential: *Sustainability*
- [National Trust](#) Charity (own sites) : Day visits: *Forest and Heathland ecology*
- [New Forest Centre](#) Charity (own site); Day visits/ Family activities: *Forest heritage*

- [New Forest National Park Authority](#) (no site) Day visits/ Family activities: *Understanding/ enjoying the National Park*
- [New Forest Wildlife Park](#) Charity (own site): Day visits/ Family activities: *Animals*
- [Patrick's Patch](#) Charity (own site): Day visits; *gardening/ local produce*
- [Paulton's Park](#) Business (own site): Day visits: *Science and technology*
- [Rockbourne Roman Villa](#) Charity (own site) ; Day visits/ family activities: *History*
- [Sandy Balls Holiday Centre](#) Business (own site) Residential/ Day visits: Family activities: *Adventurous Activities*
- [St. Barbe Museum](#) : Charity (own site) : Day visits: Family activities: *Art/ history*
- [Sunrise Bushcraft](#) : Charity (own site) Day Visits: *Bushcraft*
- [Testwood Lakes Centre](#) Hants and IOW Wildlife Trust Charity (own site): Day visits, Family Activities: *Wetland Ecology/ fieldwork*
- [Tile Barn Outdoor Centre](#) Hampshire County Council (own site) Residential: *PHSE/Adventurous Activities*
- [Woodlander Coppice](#) Business (own site): Day visits: Family activities; *woodcraft skills*
- [Wild Heritage](#) Business (no site) : Day visits: *Forest and heathland ecology*

Other Outdoor Education initiatives

- Duke of Edinburgh Award: 14-24 years: a youth awards programme founded by Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh
- Wild Play: all ages; exploring, playing and being creative in the outdoors for free
- SPUD: All ages: an organisation that brings together people from all walks of life to collaborate on educational, art and architectural projects
- Volunteering : 18-24 years: Opportunities with a number of organisations in the national park
- Forest School: 3 -16 years: a learning approach which takes place outdoors and features woodland skills
- National Citizenship Service: 15-17years: residential course designed to foster the skills needed to encourage social cohesion, social mobility and social engagement
- Princes Trust: 13-30 years: a youth charity that helps young people acquire the skills needed to get jobs, education and training.
- PEDALL: All ages: Inclusive cycling for people with a disability, learning difficulty or who need some support, using adaptive bikes in the New Forest National Park.
- John Muir Award: All ages: a national environmental award scheme which encourages people to connect with, enjoy and care for wild places.

Travel Grant Scheme

The biggest barrier to children and young people being able to take part in Outdoor Learning in the national park is the cost of transport. The National Park Authority has for the last nine years provided a Travel Grant which enables schools to claim up to £150

towards the cost of transport to any of the Educators Forum (one claim per year, on a first come first served basis, while funds last).

The fund is always over subscribed.