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The Nature Discovery Centre

A journey of learning and discovery



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Education programmes

for Primary Schools at the Nature Discovery Centre



Our experiential programmes take children on a journey of learning and discovery. We provide:



A skilled education team to lead your day and engage children's heads, hearts and hands.



Imaginative activities that offer links with Early Learning Goals, Science and Geography and give opportunities for developing literacy and numeracy skills.



A beautiful reserve teeming with wildlife. The lakes, woodlands, grassland and reedbeds are a fascinating place to visit year-round. With high quality indoor and outdoor spaces, sessions are enjoyable, inspiring, exciting and fun.

What you need to know when you visit



- » We offer fully-led days for pre-booked groups year round.
- » Trips usually run from 10am – 2.30pm but timings can be flexible.
- » We request a donation of £7 per child (or £4.50 for Nature Explorers), adults are free.
- » Minimum donation of £120 per class.
- » The Nature Discovery Centre and reserve are open to the public daily, except Mondays.
- » Look out for our family event days at www.bbowt.org.uk/whats-on
- » We are located between Thatcham and Newbury, a short distance off the A4.

Each child's visit is subsidised by the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust, through our members' subscriptions. If you love what we do, please consider becoming a member to support our work at bbowt.org.uk/join

Booking a
trip is easy!
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for details



Our programmes



Teddy Bears' Woodland Adventure

EYFS and Lower KS1

Children are invited by Teddy Edward to bring their teddies to have an adventure in the woods and learn the secrets of how wild animals survive. Put on a teddy disguise and help save the trees from the woodcutter!

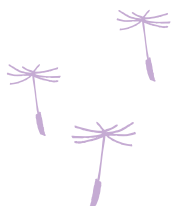
Exciting, hands-on activities build confidence in being outdoors and help children understand the needs of life. Create a rainbow teddy using the colours of the woodland to take home!

Sensational Senses

Reception and KS1

Experience the world through the eyes, noses, ears and paws of different animals.

Discover how moles find their way in the dark and learn about sparrowhawks' keen eyesight. Find out about badgers' brilliant sense of smell and foxes' fantastic sense of hearing. Take part in a sensory scavenger hunt or a production of 'Nature's Theatre' and hold baby insects to see their unusual sense organs close up!





Spectacular Seasons

Reception and KS1

Choose from Spring into Spring, Summer Fun and Getting Ready for Winter. Learn about the cycle of the seasons and the important changes taking place in the natural world.

Explore through fun games, hands-on activities, role play and art, ways in which animals and plants adjust to the ever-changing environment.



Mini-Beast Marvels

Early Years, KS1 and KS2

Meet a medley of mini-beasts and learn what makes them different from the other animals at the Nature Discovery Centre.

Options for Early Years include: bug hunts, stories, learning to care for the little creatures, counting mini-beast body parts and creative fun.

KS1 and KS2 options include: invertebrate identification (keys), lifecycles, pollination, food chains and adaptations.

More
programmes
overleaf



Habitat Safari

Upper KS1 and KS2

Go on a habitat safari walk to discover the many different habitats that animals are suited to live in.

Get first-hand experience of the creatures that live in the Nature Discovery Centre's varied habitats.

Catch mini-beasts in the meadow with sweep nets, use bug-hunting kits in the woodland and go pond-dipping. Learn how to identify and name your catch!



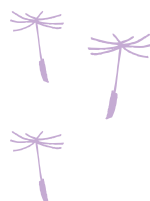
Fantastic Plants

KS1 and KS2

Learn about the life cycle of plants.

Explore the woodland to find seeds and discover how they are dispersed; make a paper plant pot and sow seeds to watch them grow at school; dissect flowers to find eggs and pollen, then dress up as a bee to pollinate a flower.

The session also introduces tree identification using charts and keys.





Water World

Upper KS1 and KS2

Discover a world of wetland creatures and watery features exploring the Nature Discovery Centre's lakes, streams and pond.

Children can enjoy an exciting walk between lake and stream, exploring 'the journey of a river'. Find footprints in Butterfly Lake to identify which animals use and live in the water world. Scientific investigations in Cold Ash stream include velocity, temperature and kick sampling.



Go Wild @ Your School

We'd love to bring our expertise and resources to you

We offer the following outdoor wildlife workshops between September and February:

Nature Discovery

Choose two from pond dipping, bug hunt, sensory earth-walk, or owl pellet dissection.

Outdoor Adventure

Includes animal tracking, nest building and 'fun with sticks'.

How to Help Wildlife

Includes making bird feeders, bug hotels, and log-pile homes.

Please see www.bbwt.org.uk for more details

Booking a trip is easy!



- » Use the contact details below to get in touch.
- » Discuss your topic choices and confirm the date/s with us.
- » We'll send out your booking pack, containing a booking form, risk assessments and location map.
- » Complete the booking form and send it back to us before you visit.

What children and teachers say about us

'11 out of 10!
I had a great
time.'
School pupil

'An amazing trip
which is brill for
KS2 Science.'
Year 4 teacher

'Wonderful session.
The group really
enjoyed it.'
Year 1 teacher

Contact us

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