



Gloucestershire

Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust



**PRIMARY**

# SCHOOLS PROGRAMME



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Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust is the **largest wildlife** conservation charity in the county. Its education programme **inspires people** to engage with the natural world and take action for nature in towns and the countryside.



# OUR STAFF

**Our staff are experienced in environmental education and passionate about making the outdoors fun, accessible and relevant at every age. We are supported by a team of enthusiastic and committed volunteers.**



“Lots of hands on practical activities for the children to try. We’ve been able to do lots of follow up work at school because their memories of the day are so strong. So much learning in a short period of time”

- Teacher from Croft School, Painswick

**GET IN  
TOUCH**

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# WILD DAYS OUT

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## Greystones

**Bourton-on-the-Water, GL54 2EN**

Greystones provides a unique experience for school groups. This recently renovated centre features a dedicated education room, an education garden, working dairy farm and replica Iron Age roundhouse. The wildflower meadows, River Eye, woodland and hedgerows are home to a wide range of wildlife including otters, water voles, barn owls, woodpeckers, badgers and crayfish.

The history of Greystones stretches back 6,000 years to the Neolithic period, with strong links to the Iron Age. Greystones has all the elements needed for an unforgettable school trip.

**Facilities:** Purpose-built classroom; toilets; seasonal catering

**Parking:** Long-stay coach parking is available a short walk away

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## Crickley Hill

**Birdlip, GL4 8JY**

Just five miles away from Cheltenham town centre and covering 143 acres, Crickley Hill is an ideal location, where students can experience hands-on wild learning through our range of exciting activities. This stunning nature reserve with outstanding views features ancient woodlands and meadows which provide wonderful habitats for minibeasts, birds and mammals. Crickley Hill has a rich history spanning 5,000 years and there is visible evidence of an Iron Age settlement which your pupils can discover during one of our sessions. Our outdoor education zone and indoor space in case of bad weather all help to make Crickley Hill a perfect place for a school trip.

**Facilities:** Catering; toilets

**Parking:** Coach parking available on site





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## Robinswood Hill

Gloucester, GL4 6SX

Located within the suburbs of Gloucester Robinswood Hill is a 100 hectare Local Nature Reserve right on your doorstep. It is a special place for nature and a fantastic place to experience wild learning with your class. With a large range of natural habitats from flower rich meadows to old orchards, Robinswood Hill is home to a variety of wildlife. It is also an important historical and geological site that is enjoyed by recreational visitors all year round.

Robinswood Hill is owned and managed by Gloucester City Council

Facilities: Toilets, seasonal catering; covered lunch area.

Parking: Coach parking available on site



## Other locations and in your school

Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust has more than 60 nature reserves across the county and may be able to accommodate a workshop on one very close to you. We are also open to enquiries about delivering our workshops at other sites and there may be the potential for us to deliver something in your school or school grounds. Please contact us for more information.

# HANDS -ON WORK- SHOPS



## Minibeast Detectives | Minibeast Scientists

**Full day or Half day**  
**Key Stage 1 & 2**

Bring your class to any of our reserves and get up close and personal with the range of creepy crawlies living there. This session includes surveying methodology and identification using nets, trays and identification charts. Explore life cycles unique to the creatures living at the reserve, and learn more about ingenious adaptations!

- River, meadow & woodland habitats:  
**Greystones**
- Woodland & meadow habitats:  
**Crickley Hill**
- Pond, meadow & woodland habitats:  
**Robinswood Hill**

## Iron Age Experience

**Full day - Greystones**  
**Half day - Crickley Hill**  
**Key Stage 1 & 2**

Provide depth and challenge in your history teaching with this unique hands-on Iron Age Experience. Divided into two parts, the day allows pupils to immerse themselves in Iron Age life and explore the work of archaeologists across our historically important sites.

This session includes fire lighting, cooking, and getting messy with wattle and daub. Students will leave with an enhanced understanding of Iron Age life and historical investigation skills.



## The Seasons and our Senses

**Half day - Available at a number  
of locations**  
**Key Stage 1**

A popular session, The Seasons and our Senses gives your class a unique opportunity to bring together these two science topics.

In this fun and hands-on workshop your pupils will explore seasonal changes in a number of different environments including fields and woodlands.

They will use their senses to find out more about the natural world and how weather affects the plants and animals living there.

They'll have fun and learn through playing games, making 'smelly cocktails' and bravely reaching into the 'Feely Box'!



### **Leafy Life**

**Half day**

**All sites**

**EYFS, Key Stage 1 & 2**

At KS1 this popular session allows your pupils to explore our woodlands with a knowledgeable member of staff, with fun activities that help children to understand different properties of trees and what they need to grow. The KS2 workshop explores plants and trees in more depth, exploring life cycles, their important properties, place within the eco-system and tricks to identify and classify them.

### **River Study**

**Full day or Half day**

**Greystones**

**Key Stage 2**

Provide depth and challenge in your geography and science teaching with this hands-on study day.

This workshop allows pupils to immerse themselves in a river study. They will map the River Eye, label key features and go on to test the river's depth and velocity. Throughout the day they will explore human impact on the river, search for evidence of riverbank dwelling mammals and use scientific field guides to identify the invertebrates and fish they have found. Working scientifically they will conduct a fly monitoring survey to explore how habitats are being impacted by pollution.



### **Where does our food come from?**

**Half day**

**Greystones,**

**Key Stage 1 & 2**

This unique workshop gives your pupils an experience of an organic working dairy farm that they won't forget, they will see how the cows are milked and explore how the farmer manages the herd. Children will visit our community garden, getting involved in planting or harvesting food of their own before get a making their own edible product to take away.

### **Animal Experts**

**Half day - Greystones:**

**One class per day maximum**

**Key Stage 1 & 2**

A unique session, Animal Experts offers pupils the opportunity to get closer to the creatures living on this nature reserve than ever before. The workshop includes searching for water invertebrates and signs of mammals on land. Pupils will learn about food chains by examining a range of animal bones and discover how animals have adapted to their environment and get the unique chance to check our mammal traps with the hope of meeting a small mammal or two (subject to their co-operation!).

By special arrangement.

**All workshops are age appropriate, risk assessed and relate to the National Curriculum. Some elements of the workshops may be self-led.**

# WHERE ARE THE WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE?

## HANDS -ON WORK- SHOPS

	GREYSTONES		CRICKLEY HILL		ROBINSWOOD HILL	
	KS1	KS2	KS1	KS2	KS1	KS2
The Seasons and our Senses	●		●		●	
Animal Experts	●					
Mini-Beast Detectives	●		●		●	
Mini-Beast Scientist		●		●		●
Leafy Life	●	●	●	●	●	●
River Study		●				
Iron Age Experience		●		●		
Bushcraft activities		●		●		●
Where does our food come from?	●					
Woodland Adventurers	●	●	●	●	●	●
Forest School	●	●	●	●	●	●

Contact us to see what we can deliver in your school



# PRICES

Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust is a charity. All income generated by the schools programme pays directly for the programme or goes towards the conservation of local wildlife.

	<b>HALF DAY WORKSHOP</b>	<b>FULL DAY WORKSHOP</b>	<b>FULL DAY TASTER SESSIONS</b>
<b>30 CHILDREN</b>	£174 (£5.80 per child)	£225 (£7.50 per child)	
<b>60 CHILDREN</b>	£348 (£5.80 per child)	£450 (£7.50 per child)	£348 (£5.80 per child)
<b>90 CHILDREN</b>			£522 (£5.80 per child)

Prices quoted are per class, up to 30 children, and are subject to VAT.



**HANDS  
-ON  
WORK-  
SHOPS**

# FOREST SCHOOL



**A Forest School is an innovative educational approach to outdoor play and learning. Forest Schools have demonstrated success with children of all ages who have the opportunity to learn about the natural environment, how to navigate risk and most importantly to use their own initiative to solve problems and co-operate with others. All activities are age appropriate, risk assessed and led by experienced Level 3 Forest School leaders and Wildlife Trust volunteers.**

### **Woodland Adventurers**

**Half Day**

**Key Stage 1 & 2**

**Available at a number of locations**

**Price: £174**

This session gives you and your pupils the chance to spend half a day in a wild space and to try out a Forest School activity.

Choose from den making, natural art, whittling, tree climbing and natural scavenger hunts. We aim that you'll see benefits during and beyond the session.

### **Forest School Course**

**Six Week Course**

**Available at a number of locations**

**Price: £520 for whole course**

Join our Forest School Trained Leader for a course that will offer your pupils the opportunity to develop a huge range of skills in depth, and to gain greater confidence in themselves. You may choose to select children who need a boost in self-esteem, or who would benefit from greater levels of concentration, need more opportunities to speak confidently, or would benefit from regular physical activity.

Our sessions are tailored to the needs of the children selected.

**Includes:**

- Tool work
- Fire lighting
- Specialist observation
- Child led instruction



# WILDLIFE QUIZ

IN  
YOUR  
SCHOOL

**Running for over 40 years, Gloucestershire Wildlife Quiz is well known by primary schools throughout the county as an exciting way of engaging pupils in wildlife.**

Schools enthusiastically compete against each other in various heats for the title of the 'Annual Wildlife Quiz School Champion'. Schools treat the challenge in very different ways, some use it as a way of engaging pupils in wildlife knowledge learning, an exciting topic for after school clubs, or as just a bit of fun for their pupils.

Last year over 400 students aged between 8 and 11 years old participated in the quiz, from nearly 100 Gloucestershire schools.

The Wildlife Quiz is organised and delivered entirely by a group of dedicated volunteers. Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust is indebted to them for their passion and commitment to learning and wildlife.

**Price: Free**

# PRICES

## Workshops and talks at your school

We are passionate about getting children into wild spaces but if you can't visit us we can visit you. Contact us if you would like us to come into your school to talk about wildlife or deliver a workshop in the classroom or grounds.

## Improve your schools grounds

Does your school have an area that you would like your pupils to gain more benefit from and make improvements for nature? Our Ground Advice Service will help you unlock its potential and ensure that you don't waste time and money trying to plant something that might not grow. We can do a short visit to chat through ideas and follow up with a written report. Create ponds, gardens or forest school areas that your pupils can have ownership of.

ACTIVITY	DURATION	PRICE
TALK/ ASSEMBLY	1hr	£75
WORKSHOP	1/2 day	£174 (£5.80 per child)
WORKSHOP	Full day	£225 (£7.50 per child)
GROUNDS ADVICE SERVICE VISIT	1hr	£108
GROUNDS ADVICE SERVICE VISIT AND REPORT	1hr	£216



# HOW TO BOOK

If you would like more information on one of the sessions included in this brochure or there is something else you are interested in please do not hesitate to contact us. We will do what we can to accommodate your ideas.

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**Once you are ready to make a booking you will receive a booking form outlining the terms.**

## Wild Weather

**Our activities are all about British wildlife and that sometimes means poor weather. We will continue to run a session in poor weather if it is safe to do so. If a session is cancelled due to weather conditions it will be rearranged without charge.**

Please note that some of our sites have covered areas but not all.

Please ensure your learners are dressed to get hands-on in an outdoor environment and that their clothing is appropriate for the weather and activity.

All activities are risk assessed and delivered by trained staff and volunteers.



**GET OUT  
OF THE  
CLASSROOM  
ALL YEAR  
ROUND!**





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