



**Gloucestershire**  
Wildlife Trust



**PRIMARY**

# **SCHOOLS PROGRAMME**

**COVID-19 Secure**

**September 2020 - August 2021**



Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust is the largest wildlife conservation charity in the county. Our learning programme aims to inspire people to engage with the natural world, become closer to it and take action for it, in rural and urban settings.

Since the outbreak of COVID-19 we have been working hard to make all our workshops COVID secure.

There has never been a better time to learn outdoors.





# 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

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# WILD DAYS OUT

**COVID-19 Secure**

## **Greystones Farm**

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.

## **Facilities**

Purpose-built classroom; toilets; seasonal cafe; visitor centre; coach parking 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 is a perfect location for a school trip. This stunning nature reserve with outstanding views features ancient woodlands and meadows which provide wonderful habitats for minibeasts, birds and mammals.

Crickley has a rich history spanning 5,000 years and there is visible evidence of the Iron Age hill fort which your pupils can discover during one of our sessions.

## **Facilities**

Purpose-built classroom; toilets; café; visitor centre; coach parking





## **Robinswood Hill**

Gloucester, GL4 6SX

Located within the suburbs of Gloucester Robinswood Hill is a 100 hectare 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**

Purpose-built classroom; toilets; café; visitor centre; coach parking

## **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**

EYFS and KS1

All sites

This workshop will take your pupils on a minibeast hunt of the site. Through tried and tested activities learners will explore the physical characteristics of invertebrates; how they are classified and adapted to suit the environment they are found in.

Depending on which site you are visiting and what time of the year, your session may involve dipping for minibeasts in a river or a pond, or you may concentrate on land-dwelling invertebrates.

## **Seasons and Senses**

EYFS and KS1

All sites

In this fun and hands-on workshop your pupils will be encouraged to use their senses to find out more about the natural world and how seasonal changes affects the wildlife living there. Through age appropriate games and activities, the class will go on a trail around the site to discover more about the roles of the senses in native species of wildlife and how important they are in their survival. They will investigate the structure of a variety of common animals and start to explore how they are suited for the environment that they live in.

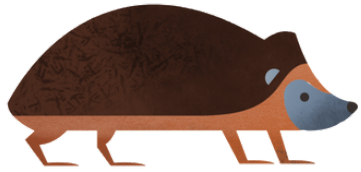


## **Leafy Life**

EYFS and KS1

All sites

Through fun activities children explore how we identify trees, why trees are so important to us and what they need to survive. They will explore the different properties of different trees, what other life they support and how they are affected by seasonal change. This action-packed workshop also allows for time for your class to take part in structured woodland play, through den building and natural crafts.



## Wild Animals and their Habitats

KS1 and KS2  
Greystones

This is a unique opportunity to explore the scientific methodology of small mammal surveying with your class and importance of surveying by trapping in order to understand the health of the nature reserve and the eco-system existing there. A workshop to remember; the class will set traps and see if they are able to catch any small mammals. They will explore the characteristics of anything caught; explore how it is suited to live in its environment and its position within the food chain.

## Iron Age; Survival Now and Then

KS2  
Greystones and Crickley Hill

Your class will explore how Iron Age people relied on natural materials to survive; expand their bushcraft skills and have a go at some Iron Age tasks, including, making grain into flour, lighting a fire and building a wall with wattle and daub. The workshop leader will explore the degree to which we rely on nature to survive today and key differences between the ways societies in the Stone Age to Iron Age and modern societies impact on the eco-system.



## River Rangers

KS2  
Greystones Farm

This full day workshop allows pupils to immerse themselves in a river study of the River Eye. Your class will explore human impact on the river, search for evidence of riverbank dwelling mammals and use scientific field guides to identify the invertebrates they have found. Working scientifically, they will conduct a fly monitoring survey using kick sampling techniques to explore how habitats are being impacted upon by pollution.

## Invertebrates and their Habitats

KS2  
All Sites

Depending on which site you have booked to visit, and what time of year you are coming, your session may involve dipping for minibeasts in a river or a pond, or you may concentrate on land-dwelling invertebrates. You will compare the habitats of the invertebrates you find and explore the way that scientists use surveying techniques to better understand the state of insect numbers in the county. Activities are practical, hands-on and fun,

**All workshops are age-appropriate, risk assessed and relate directly to the National Curriculum.**



# 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 and risk assessed..

Includes:

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

## and other wellbeing workshops

### **Forest School Taster**

Any age group

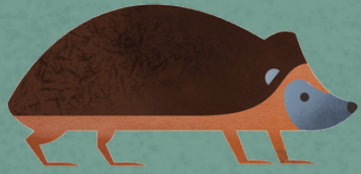
This session gives you and your pupils the chance to spend half a day in a wild space and to try out a Forest School activity. Choose from den making, natural art, whittling, tree climbing and natural scavenger hunts. We aim that you'll see benefits during and beyond the session.

### **Growing Skills**

Any age group

We know that nature helps people feel more relaxed and can have a positive impact on mental wellbeing. Through accessible activities this workshop will use the natural world to give your pupils a chance to reconnect to the natural world, their peer group and create something to be proud of.





# IN YOUR SCHOOL

## WILDLIFE QUIZ

Running for over 40 years, the 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 'Wildlife Quiz School Champion'.

**Last year over 400 students aged between 8 and 11 years old participated in the quiz, from nearly 100 Gloucestershire schools. Whilst matches usually take place in person at competing schools, in the interest of being COVID secure, in 2021 it is likely to take place over a series of video matches. Taking part is completely free of charge, and if you'd like more information please contact us.**

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

## Workshops and talks at your school

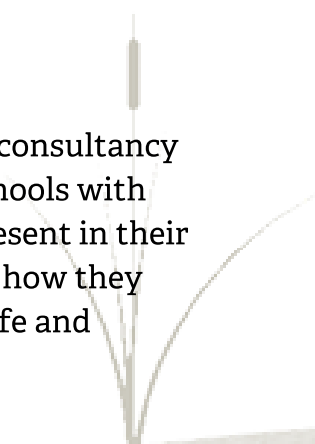
We are passionate about getting children into wild spaces but if you can't visit us we can visit you. Contact us if you would like us to come into your school to talk about wildlife or deliver a workshop in the classroom or grounds.

## Improve your school's grounds

Our professional ecological consultancy Wild Service can provide schools with surveys showing what is present in their school grounds and suggest how they can improve them for wildlife and education.

Prices start at £150 +VAT

More information available at  
[www.wildservice.net](http://www.wildservice.net)





# 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.

## HALF DAY WORKSHOP    FULL DAY WORKSHOP    TASTER WORKSHOP

<b>30 CHILDREN</b>	£180 (£6 per child)	£232 (£7.73 per child)	
<b>60 CHILDREN</b>	£360 (£6 per child)	£464 (£7.73 per child)	£360 (£6 per child)
<b>90 CHILDREN</b>			£540 (£6 per child)

Prices quoted are per class, for up to 30 children, and are subject to VAT in addition. Any additional children will be charged at the per head price, up to 35 children.



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# HOW TO BOOK

## Contact

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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.

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 rain! We are proud to run sessions in all weather and a session will only be postponed if the weather is dangerous.

Please note that sometimes covered areas are accessible to not always. Please note that you will be requested to ask parents to dress their children for hands-on activities in an outdoor environment and ensure clothing is appropriate for the weather and activity.







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