

# **Forest School Camps**

An adventure in education

# All Camps by Number

Camp No. 1 - Mendip Cave Training

Camp Chiefs: Flow Stone & Ian Peachey Organiser: Mandy Kelly Dates: Saturday 4th February 2023 to Sunday 5th February 2023 Ages: 16 plus Fees: £51.00

An opportunity to learn and remember the delights of the subterranean world, with a view to introducing these to younger campers on the Mendip February Caving Camp. This training camp is for experienced Pathfinder cavers, new to caving staff and capable old hands.

Experienced cavers only.

Travel: Campers make their own way to the site. We will try to co-ordinate lifts where possible

# Camp No. 2 - Mendip in February Caving Camp

Camp Chiefs: Flow Stone & Ian Peachey Organiser: Mandy Kelly Dates: Saturday 11th February 2023 to Wednesday 15th February 2023 Ages: 11.0 to 17.11 Fees: £163.00

This February half term we will be heading underground in the marvellous Mendips. We will foray out from our cozy caving hut base near the village of Priddy, seeking adventures above and below the misty hills. There will be caving in small groups, a one day lodge hike, camp fires, singing, delicious food and excellent company. We will aim to create a resilient and caring community of all ages, whilst treading lightly both in the subterranean and above ground worlds.

Experience Required: This camp is for children who have attended one or more standing camps. We welcome new cavers. Caving equipment supplied.

Travel: Travel escort from London & Bristol included in cost

## Camp No. 3 - Danbury Woodchuck

Camp Chiefs: Nicky Birch & Polly Sands Organiser: Sylvie Bornat Dates: Friday 7th April 2023 to Friday 14th April 2023 Ages: 9 to 17.11 Fees: £346.00

Come and spend a week in the wild woods of Essex. Get your penknives out to practice your woodworking skills; every person on the camp will carve or build something out of wood to take home. There will also be time for the usual FSC mayhem of music and adventure, audacious cooking for 80 people, keeping ourselves warm by marauding around the woods and singing and laughing under the moon.

Travel: By coach from London

## Camp No. 10 - Power of the Gurn

Camp Chiefs: Vic Doggart & Jimmy Proudlock Organiser: Rachel Howard
Dates: Friday 28th April 2023 to Monday 1st May 2023
Ages: 6.6 to 17.11
Fees: £129.00

Mayday mayday, lets Gurn again, in the beautiful bluebell woods at Danbury Comrades, sisters, brothers, old friends & new, please join us to make merry, celebrate, learn & play.

This intergenerational camp welcomes one & all.

This camp is open to all children and is suitable for children and young people with disabilities.

**Travel:** By coach from London (departure after 4pm)

# Camp No. 11 - Honoured Hodown

Camp Chief: Lawrence Higgens Organiser: Anne Willcocks Dates: Friday 28th April 2023 to Monday 1st May 2023 Ages: 6.6 to 15.11 Fees: £129.00

Come and enjoy a fast-paced three night camp in the beautiful bluebell woods at Hodore. We will make friends, build fires, eat in circles, have fun, sing songs, sleep well, wake early and pack as much as we can into our 72 hours. Come and see how much fun you can have with people you've only just met. This is a camp for everyone, and is particularly good for FSC first timers and people with limited mobility.

Travel: By coach from London (departure after 4pm)

#### Camp No. 12 - Venice

Camp Chief: Craig Grady Organiser: Vasco Gomes-Haller Dates: Saturday 29th April 2023 to Monday 1st May 2023 Ages: 11.0 to 15.11 Fees: £118.00

Join us as we wander the canal system with Grindie the narrow boat. A mix of walking and riding aboard as we explore. Finishing with a visit to The Black Country Museum this is camp is a great mix of activities

Travel: TBC

## Camp No. 13 - Fenwood

Camp Chiefs: Joel Smith & Sophie Meekings Organiser: Timothy Bennett Dates: Saturday 27th May 2023 to Saturday 3rd June 2023 Ages: 6.6 to 15.11 Fees: £346.00 We did this! We planted a wood. We can use this! We can get everything we need to cook and craft from our Fenwood. We can learn this! Wielding axes, making hurdles to overcome, wooding for cooking We can do this! What will we do next? You decide!

Travel: By coach from London

# Camp No. 14 - Hodore is Happening

Camp Chief: Julian Welsh Organiser: Hana Leithgoe Dates: Saturday 27th May 2023 to Saturday 3rd June 2023 Ages: 6.6 to 15.11 Fees: £346.00

It's early summer and you wake up in your tent. A bird clatters from the wood and glides across your field to a tree which leans from the bank of the River Medway. You smell the wood smoke from the kitchen fire where the porridge is already cooking. What will you do today? Learn a new song? Cook tea for 80 people? Collect wood for the campfire? Come to Hodore and create the adventure!

Travel: By coach from London

# Camp No. 15 - Scottish Adventure

Camp Chiefs: Jenny Dingle & Hanna Wheatley Organiser: Katy Cawkwell Dates: Saturday 27th May 2023 to Saturday 3rd June 2023 Ages: 12.0 to 17.11 Fees: £346.00

Come and join the crew as we explore the beautiful mountains and glens of the Scottish Highlands. Most days we will be carrying our belongings on our backs, travelling light and taking time to enjoy our surroundings, swim in lochs and find the best views. The adventure will be learning new things, looking out for each other and making merry on our journey together. FSC can lend campers lightweight equipment. The expedition is for both experienced and less experienced walkers. All campers will be supported so that the level of challenge is right for them. If parents, carers or mentors wish to find out more about this camp, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Travel: Outward: London Euston to Achnasheen. Return: Lochluichart to London Euston

# Camp No. 20 - A Hodore Honeymoon

Camp Chiefs: Seth Broadribb & Robin McKeown Organiser: Jet Hull Dates: Wednesday 26th July 2023 to Friday 4th August 2023 Ages: 9 to 17.11 Fees: £461.00

Have you missed the sound of birds chirping? The touch of the morning dew on your feet? Come to an all inclusive Hodore for all things fun! We'll play games by the river, enjoy the night with campfires and you can sing to your heart's content. We can't wait to see you all!

This camp is only for children and young people with disabilities.

Travel: By coach from London

## Camp No. 21 - Harlech 1

Camp Chiefs: Andy Doyle & Ellen Rickford Organiser: Hugo Heagren Dates: Wednesday 26th July 2023 to Tuesday 8th August 2023 Ages: 6.6 to 17.11 Fees: £528.00

A full range traditional standing camp set in the beautiful and dramatic hill above Harlech, with views of both Snowdon and the Irish sea. So shake off that city grime and come and live in the hills with 'sprites'. We aim to grow a creative, active and caring community with the skills and spirits everyone has to give. Come ready to enjoy the summer, mud, flood or sunshine and to live in harmony with our neighbours and ourselves.

This camp is suitable for waywardens

# Camp No. 22 - Cefngweiriog 1

Camp Chiefs: Francis Cooper & Olly McGregor Hamann Organiser: Francesca Weekes Dates: Wednesday 26th July 2023 to Tuesday 8th August 2023 Ages: 6.6 to 17.11 Fees: £528.00

Join us under the wild Welsh sky to welcome the sun, rain and drizzle. We'll celebrate the privilege of community with fire, song, hearty food and high quality rain gear in the company of friends old and new. Prepare for extreme dressing up, disorderly dancing with sticks and lots of swimming. Warning: there will be fire, bad guitars and wig action.

Travel: By coach from London

# Camp No. 23 - Full Moon Fever at Farndale 1

Camp Chief: Sue Brearley Organiser: Karen Mautner Dates: Wednesday 26th July 2023 to Tuesday 8th August 2023 Ages: 9 to 17.11 Fees: £528.00

Grab your sunscreen and waterproofs, scramble into your boots, and join us for an active fortnight in the beautiful North Yorkshire moors. We have two thousand minutes to play in the sunshine, dance in the rain, sing round the fire and sleep out under moonlit, meteor-filled skies. Let's not waste a second!

Travel: Train from Kings Cross to York then Coach to site

# Camp No. 24 - Gribin

Camp Chiefs: Jac St John & Alice Freedman Organiser: Maisie Rose Dates: Wednesday 26th July 2023 to Tuesday 8th August 2023

Ages: 6.6 to 17.11 Fees: £528.00

Gribin of gold Many tales of old Seep through these valleys and fields Set in seams Now shimmering in streams Waiting to be revealed So bring your japes, your ideas Your penknife and bowl And we'll have brave new adventures Good for the soul.

This camp is suitable for waywardens

Travel: By Coach from London

#### Camp No. 25 - Abra-Cadair-bra!

Camp Chiefs: Kate Hall & Dinah Bornat Organiser: Jess Harris Dates: Wednesday 26th July 2023 to Tuesday 8th August 2023 Ages: 6.6 to 17.11 Fees: £528.00

We are returning to the beautiful Cadar Idris site, close enough to smell the sea, or take a dip in the lakes nearby. We will roll with the hills, sing with the larks and have fun around the fire. Bring boots and waterproofs, sun cream and hats - as we know how to enjoy ourselves, whatever the Welsh weather can throw at us.

Travel: By coach from London

#### Camp No. 31 - Harlech 2

Camp Chiefs: Joe Hallgarten & Dora Clouttick Organiser: Feimatta Conteh Dates: Thursday 10th August 2023 to Saturday 19th August 2023

Ages: 6.6 to 17.11 Fees: £433.00

Join us in the magic hills of North Wales this summer, where Snowdonia meets the sea. We'll play in streams, whisper to the woods, climb mountains, sing to the fire and marvel at shooting stars. A proper hike will be sandwiched between loads of new and old ways to connect with the magical nature that Harlech offers. Everyone is welcome from pixies to elders, and all different needs. Pack an adventurous heart and a curious soul to create a community of kindness, laughter and discovery.

This camp is suitable for waywardens

Travel: By coach from London

# Camp No. 32 - Cefngweiriog 2

Camp Chiefs: Bessie Bidder & Bryson Gore Organiser: Alice Husband Dates: Thursday 10th August 2023 to Saturday 19th August 2023 Ages: 6.6 to 17.11 Fees: £433.00

Come to the magical Cefnweriog where there are many delights for all. Meet the tree protectors and watch the magic of the Dovey estuary from dawn till dusk. We will dwell, share, make, create, have fun and laugh a lot! Be prepared for new discoveries in the mountains and at sea. Bring yourself a tale, a joke, a song.... and a waterproof. See you there.

Travel: By coach from London

#### Camp No. 33 - Fantastic Farndale 2

Camp Chief: Daniel Simon Organiser: Dan Weisselberg
Dates: Thursday 10th August 2023 to Saturday 19th August 2023
Ages: 6.6 to 17.11
Fees: £433.00

Join us for two weeks of FSC magic packed into 10 days. Adventure filled days will give way to star filled nights around the camp fire. Come build our small community by Crow Wood, paddle in Blakey Gill and make the Yorkshire dales ring to our songs and laughter.

Travel: Train from Kings Cross to York then Coach to site

# Camp No. 40 - South Wales Cave Training Camp

Camp Chief: Sophie Meekings Organiser: Ella Wright Dates: Friday 20th October 2023 to Monday 23rd October 2023 Ages: 16 plus Fees: £51.00

Come and explore the caves of Llangattock, famed for their beauty! A camp for pathfinders who already have some caving experience and would like to learn to lead caves, new to caving staff who'd like to try it out, and those who will be staffing the main caving camp.

Travel: Campers will make their own way to the camp. We will co-ordinate lifts where possible

## Camp No. 41 - Funglee

Camp Conveners: Patrick Gillett and Pam Henderson Organiser: Pablo Dent Dates: Saturday 21st October 2023 to Saturday 28th October 2023 Ages: 9 to 17.11 Fees: £346.00

Hello future friends.
Our autumn village beckons.
As the days shorten we'll forage for tasty treasures.
With new songs for the lengthening nights,
We'll harmonise our voices,
Dance around the Lodge Fires,
And in between it all, we play.

Location: Bannau Brycheiniog (Brecon Beacons)

# Camp No. 42 - Ogof a Mynydd (Cave and Mountain)

Camp Chief: Sophie Meekings Organiser: Ella Wright Dates: Monday 23rd October 2023 to Friday 27th October 2023 Ages: 9 to 17.11 Fees: £163.00

WHY CAVE?

- Mandatory daily chocolate (to keep your energy up in the cave- other sweet treats also available)
- Hot showers on demand
- Best acoustics for singing you'll ever experience on FSC
- Stunning rock formations, sparkly walls and grand caverns most surface-dwellers will never even know exists. Discover the world beneath your feet!

This autumn we'll be exploring beneath Llangattock Mountain in South Wales.

Travel: Escort from London

Extra Info: This camp is for children who have attended at least two standing camps.

## Camp No. 50 - East of Eden

Camp Leader: Liz Grayson Organiser: Miranda Green Dates: Sunday 28th May 2023 to Tuesday 30th May 2023 Ages: Family

We are camping at the site between Penrith and the Pennines near the river Eden. There are beautiful walks for all types of legs and there will also be singing, country dancing and, we hope, swimming at the great swimming place in the Eden - meeting old friends and getting to know new ones.

# Camp No. 51 - Gelt Mill Magic and Moonshine

Camp Leaders: Becky Willis, Lauren & Bruce Hill Organiser: Miranda GreenDates: Friday 25th August 2023 to Monday 28th August 2023Ages: Family

A traditional FSC family camp, on the banks of the river Gelt. Expect friends, fire, feasts, fun and fantastical creatures. We welcome new and experienced campers of all ages.

Travel: Accessible by train (Brampton station).

# Camp No. 52 - Shining Cliff

Camp Leader: Alex Hurt Organiser: Rosemary Whinnett Dates: Saturday 26th August 2023 to Monday 28th August 2023 Ages: Family

Join us in the Peak district for woodcraft activities, country dancing and perhaps another attempt to find the remains of the famous Rock-a-by-baby tree of Shining Cliff over the long weekend. The site is very rewarding but very physically demanding!

## Camp No. 53 - Assington Mill Mayday Mashup

Camp Leaders: Tippy Wood & Ben Shaw Organiser: Piete Brooks Dates: Friday 28th April 2023 to Monday 1st May 2023 Ages: Family

Assington Mill Farm is a beautiful hidden jewel in the middle of the Suffolk countryside. Come and join us for four days of the full FSC camping experience. Don't worry if you are new to FSC or FSC-experienced, you will be welcomed and made to feel at home with great food, good company, fire-building, Spring flowers and nature, singing, underground cake making, building shelters, music and dancing round a Maypole. Bring your instruments, ideas, enthusiasm, and willingness to live and work together in a field for a few days!

# Camp No. 54 - Assington Adventure

Camp Leader: Nick Martin Organiser: Piete BrooksDates: Friday 25th August 2023 to Monday 28th August 2023Ages: Family

Come and join us in the undulating hills of this special part of Suffolk. Meet up with old friends and make new ones. Bring an instrument and learn new songs. With camp fires & music, wood craft and a ceilidh.

Camp runs from Friday morning until Monday afternoon

#### **FSC Programme**

**Programme** 

Apply for a Child to Camp

Apply to Staff on Camp

#### **Camps By Timing**

<u>Winter</u>

Easter and Earlier

Mayday Weekend

<u>Whitsun</u>

Summer - First Fortnight

Summer - Second Fortnight

<u>Autumn</u>

**Camps By Activity** 

## Activity Camps

#### Camps for Disabled Campers

#### Associate Camps

# Skills and Conservation Camps

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