

Activity Information

Nature forms the basis for all educational activity at Foxglove Covert Local Nature Reserve. However, we offer varied sessions, covering all aspects of the curriculum. You can choose from our regular activities or book bespoke sessions to meet your specific needs.

Primary Schools

Activities appropriate for Reception – Year 6

Pond dipping – Explore fresh-water critters from purpose-built pond dipping platforms. Introduce your class to fascinating life cycles and food webs, from tadpoles and fish to damselfly and dragonfly nymphs.

Habitat walk – Wandering through the woodlands and meandering through the meadows, children will engage their senses and experience the richness and variety of the natural world around them.

Mini-beast hunt – Using simple equipment, students will collect mini-beasts such as millipedes and beetles. They will observe and share with their group what they find; reinforcing learning about food-webs and lifecycles, adaptation and micro-habitats.

Poetry walk – Children will immerse themselves in nature, exploring through language their observations and experience. They will compose their own poem and will be encouraged to share with the group.

Nature quiz and other games in the Activity Room – Fun activities to reinforce outdoor learning and a useful back up in inclement weather!

Secondary School

Activities appropriate for Year 7 – 13 classes and eco-clubs

Practical habitat conservation tasks – Students can get involved in the maintenance of habitats on the reserve. Tasks include coppicing, dead hedging, raking and bailing, and more. Tasks vary depending on the season and weather.

Practical fieldwork – Foxglove Covert’s diverse flora and fauna offer the ideal environment for students to put into practice scientific techniques such as sampling, data recording and field sketching. This session also gives students the opportunity to discover how environmental professionals monitor wildlife and habitats on a working reserve.

Land management study – A chance for students to improve a range of skills from decision making and negotiating to mapping and prioritisation. Looking at land use and the pressure exerted by vested interests, this exercise gives students a window into what it is like to run a nature reserve.

Pond dipping and **Habitat walks** are also available.

Off the peg/bespoke

For all ages and any organisation

Bring alive chosen parts of the curriculum. Want to study maths, English, or any other subject outdoors in an innovative way? Get in touch to discuss how we can tailor an educational session for you and your group.

Work Experience

Year 10 and 12

Foxglove Covert hosts up to 2 work experience weeks per year, with a maximum of 4 students per week. This opportunity is very popular, so inquire early.

Work experience weeks can include practical habitat and infrastructure work, helping deliver events, engaging with visitors and monitoring wildlife.

Higher Education Research

For A-level and undergraduate students

Foxglove Covert offers opportunities for surveying, specific site studies, a site management talk/walk and data collation, analysis and mapping.

Teacher Training Days

For teachers and youth group leaders

Build your confidence and skills in the outdoor classroom with bespoke training days. Foxglove Covert can offer session on managing risk in the outdoors, delivering outdoor education and improving knowledge and understanding of species ecology.

SEN/SEND Schools and Groups

All ages

Foxglove Covert is a safe place with good access and facilities to deliver sessions involving sensory work, improving spatial awareness and engaging with nature in a unique environment.

Please Note

Delivery of activities may vary depending on environmental factors including weather conditions and access restrictions.

Reserve staff are happy to discuss any curriculum specifics or activities that need to be covered.