



# Derbyshire Environmental Studies Service Summer 2021

It has never been more important to get your pupils out and about learning and having fun in the great outdoors. Have a look at our fantastic Covid-19 secure fieldwork opportunities for the Summer and Autumn terms

# Opportunities for Key Stage 1

Both of these fieldwork days are available from:  
Holmebrook Valley Park, Chesterfield  
Shingley Country Park, Heanor

## What Lives Here?

A fantastic fieldwork opportunity using sampling methods, observation and games we will explore different habitats and discover the plants and animals that live there.

## Young Explorers

An exciting programme giving pupils the opportunity to become an explorer for the day. From basic map reading to investigating habitats and shelter building, pupils will learn many of the skills needed to be a successful explorer.

For more information and to book visit:  
[www.services.derbyshire.gov.uk/Page/7443](http://www.services.derbyshire.gov.uk/Page/7443)



*'I wanted to inspire my learners for the new topic ahead and this was perfect. They were so excited throughout the day, but Ingrid kept referring back to the learning and skills that explorers need, so their enjoyment was linked to their learning. The mud was fantastic! Almost a shame that the rain stopped before the shelter building!'*

**Brockley Primary School teacher after Young Explorers Day at Shingley Country Park**

# Opportunities for Key Stage 2

## Available from Holmebrook Valley Park, Chesterfield:

### Investigating Rivers

Making use of Holmebrook, a shallow, clean stream, pupils will observe erosion, deposition and meanders, looking in depth at many associated features. There will be lots of practical work, including annotating sketches, measuring speed of flow, stream profiles and river dipping.



### Habitats

Using a variety of dry and wetland habitats, including hedgerows, lakes and grassland, pupils will complete fieldwork activities such as grass sweeping, bird watching, tree shaking and pond dipping. They will also practice observation and identification skills and play games to learn about adaptation and interdependence.

### Geography Skills

Using the park as a case study, pupils will begin to understand the changing nature of land use, as the park has been transformed from open cast coal mine to parkland in less than 30 years. Pupils will develop geographical skills such as map use, field sketching, compass use, data gathering, questionnaires and aerial photo interpretation.

## Available from Shipley Country Park, Heanor:

### Awesome Orienteering

Orienteering is a sport that challenges both the mind and the body. During this day we will combine outdoor adventure, map skills, team work and planning. Develop your skills and then take part in an orienteering competition.

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*'Ingrid was brilliant as ever! Her pitch, delivery and subject knowledge are excellent. Our lesson criteria was adapted and fitted in perfectly.'*

**Brockwell Junior School teacher after a day spent Investigating Rivers**



## About our fieldwork programmes

All our visits and trips are Covid-19 secure. We update our Risk Assessments regularly. All the programmes are designed to run from 9.30am to 2.30pm, are fully resourced and led by one of our experienced Education Visits Leaders, all of whom are qualified teachers. We would be happy to discuss and adapt programmes to suit your school's specific needs.

*'Outdoor learning can give children the skills they need in the 21st century to care for themselves, their communities and their planet.'*

<https://www.tes.com/news/coronavirus-has-outdoor-learning-time-come>

## Charges

£60 'Day rate' plus £6 per child per day.

## FREE Pre-Visit

Why not take advantage of a free pre-visit to meet our Education Visits Leader, to ensure you and your pupils get the most out of your visit.

## How to Book

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