

# Habitats

## Key Stage 1

### Teacher's Pack

Available Autumn and Summer terms



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Image: making butterfly feeders. Photographer copyright Tallulah Smith

## About the Workshop

The group will spend the day outdoors in our parkland and Forest School site where the students will learn about animal habitats through a range of outdoor, interactive and hands on activities. Children will have the opportunity to visit 3 habitats: aquatic (lake), grassland (meadow) and woodland site then participate in 3 of the following or similar activities:

1. Find, collect and identify mini-beasts using a bug viewer;
2. Make an insect hotel to take away;
3. Make a micro-habitat for a soft toy creature, considering suitability and protection from weather and predators;
4. Learn about food chains and play a food web game;
5. Learn about nut caching and play the squirrel game to further understanding about competition for resources;
6. Make animal tracks in clay;
7. Create a shelter/den with their team;
8. Learn how to use fire steels to create sparks for fire-making.

Summer term only (meadow habitat):

9. Visit our bee hotels, learn about bee behaviour and practise the bee waggle dance;
10. Learn about the life cycle of a butterfly, go butterfly spotting in the wild flower meadow and make a butterfly feeder;
11. Sketch and identify wild flowers in the meadow.

## Key information

- KS1 workshop
  - Workshop timings 10am – 2.15pm
  - £9 per student
  - Minimum charge £180 per workshop
  - Maximum capacity 35 students per day
- (Ask us about options for accommodating larger groups if required.)

## How to book

Email: [Learning@comptonverney.org.uk](mailto:Learning@comptonverney.org.uk)  
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Image: shelter/den building in the Forest School site. Photographer copyright Tegen Kimberly

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## Learning objectives

- To engage with nature and interact with the outdoor environment.
- To gain an understanding of nature and how we affect it.
- To develop an understanding of how different animals live and behave.
- To gain practical outdoor skills
- To understand basic food chains and webs
- To use scientific language to describe animals and where they live.
- To gain an understanding of how different animals build their shelters and why they live in different places.

## Learning outcomes

- Experience of nature and how to interact with the outdoor environment.
- An understanding of how humans affect the environment.
- Developed outdoor skills
- An ability to identify animals and their homes
- An increased understanding of animal behaviour
- Use correct scientific language to describe animals and their habitats
- An understanding of how animals have adapted to live in certain habitats and how they find/build shelter.

## Itinerary

10am – 10.15am	Welcome and introduction at the Welcome Centre
10.15am – 11.45am	Walk around the grounds to see and learn about a variety of habitats: aquatic (lake), grassland (meadow) and woodland site, followed by activities at the Forest School site.
12 noon – 12.45pm	Lunch On picnic rugs, under the stretch tent or in a classroom depending on the weather. At the beginning of lunch, all students will be taken to use the toilet facilities.
12.45pm – 2.00pm	Forest Club site Students will continue with their activities.
2.00pm – 2.15pm	Plenary at the Forest Club site Students and teachers review their day and reflect upon the day's learning.

## Top Tips

### Planning Your Visit and Making the most of the day...

- Your group will need appropriate clothing such as, waterproofs, wellington boots or walking boots, long sleeved tops and trousers; sun-cream, sun hats and water bottles. Spare clothing, hats, gloves may be useful.
- Prior to your visit, please make us aware of any students with additional requirements or special needs so we can make all necessary arrangements to support your students.
- Outdoor learning workshops take outside in all weather conditions. An indoor alternative will only be sought in the case of extreme weather, this will be discussed with you as weather conditions are monitored closer to your visit.
- Your class should be divided into a maximum of 5 groups prior to arrival, with 5 - 6 students in each group with a responsible adult per group.
- We're a cashless site, please contact us in advance if you would like the children to visit the shop.
- Students will need to bring a packed lunch, and be supervised during lunch break.

### We encourage all adults to lead by example, that includes getting stuck in and having a go at the activities too!

- Teacher Ratio for Primary School 1:6 and Secondary School 1:10
- Children 12 years old and under must be accompanied by an adult at all times. The supervising adult must be over the age of 18.
- We cannot lead workshops or tours without a teacher present.

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