

Ten Acres Forest School Conservation & Effects Information

What is Forest School?

Forest School provides a unique learning experience for children in the outdoors. Participants will get to experience learning through play, teamwork, imagination and awe. Using a holistic approach to learning and a child-lead approach, participants are encouraged to build their imagination, self-esteem, skills, vocabulary, social relationships, and world understanding.

Sessions often include curriculum topics to compliment scholastic learning. Biology, physics, english, history, social studies, maths, literacy, theatre, art and more - often discovered through the natural questions and exploration of the participants and facilitated by the Forest School Leader.

Participants are placed into a safe environment to explore and learn about self management and risks in a controlled way. This teaches them cause and effect, responsibility, behaviour management and to acknowledge their own feelings and develop coping tools.

Will there be tools and fire?

Tool use and Fire may be introduced later on in the programmes depending on the capability of the group. We will endeavour to promote safe and proper use of tools and fire where it is safe and appropriate to do so within the group.

Tools may include: peelers, hand drills, fire striker, knife, mallet, bow saw.

How will this effect Ten Acres?

Our Forest School sessions will compliment the existing tree management and woodland conservation work we are currently carrying out. Participants will be taught woodland management skills which may include coppicing, removing dead, path management and litter control.

Participants will also have a variety of positive conservation tasks to improve natural diversity and habitats in the woodland including bug hotels, bat boxes and surveys, wildflower logging squares, insect logging, butterfly surveys, hibernaculums, bird boxes, hedgehog homes and more.

Participants will also be able to help manage non-toxic invasive schedule 9 pest species on site such as Himalayan Balsam and Japanese Knotweed via bashing activities.

If a fire is built it will be properly managed at all times, extinguished safely and removed as per the leave no trace ethos. We will be using a portable fire bowl to facilitate this properly and prevent damage of the soil eco system.

Do you have a management plan?

We have in place a 3 year woodland management plan which assesses activity impact and results, further action required and timescales. We have attached this document for you to browse.

**If you have any more questions or concerns
please contact us at 07813 301 437**