

OUTDOOR LEARNING

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We provide high-quality outdoor education experiences that encourage curiosity, teamwork and a connection with nature. Our primary school programmes combine hands-on activities with curriculum linked learning, helping students develop confidence and practical skills in a safe, supportive environment.

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SAMPHIRE HOE

With its striking coastal views, geological significance, and rich biodiversity, Samphire Hoe is the perfect site for outdoor learning. Formed from the spoil of the Channel Tunnel, it demonstrates how human engineering and nature can work hand in hand. Today, the site is managed to support wildlife and provide opportunities for exploration and education.

**Samphire Hoe Country Park,
Samphire Hoe Road,
Dover, CT17 9FL**

Facilities-

- Toilets, accessible toilet.
- Education centre for 60 children.
- Parking for minibuses and coaches available.

COASTS, ROCKS & FOSSILS - Half Day - KS1, KS2

Discover the dramatic coastal landscape at Samphire Hoe.

Learn the incredible story of how Samphire Hoe was created, explore cliff erosion and discover how the seawall helps to protect it. Students will also be able to search for fossils and fool's gold and compare igneous and sedimentary rocks.

Available all year round.



STONE AGE ADVENTURE - Full or Half Day - KS2

Travel back in time to the Stone Age

Working as a tribe, students will discover the three essentials for survival: food, shelter, and water. They will practice hunting skills, use Stone Age flints to remove bark from hazel, and get hands-on with the Stone Age toolkit and investigate different methods of fire lighting.

Extend to a full-day activity to include Stone Age art and working with willow.

Available all year round.



SAMPHIRE HOE SAFARI - Half Day - KS1, KS2

Discover the incredible wildlife and diverse habitats of Samphire Hoe.

Using their senses of sight, sound and smell, students will be able to explore the area and uncover the secrets of nature. Join in the sound challenge, smelly pots, and go on a beach strandline scavenger hunt. We will also explore the hidden world of invertebrates with either a bug hunt or pond dipping.

For the best experience, we recommend booking this in terms 1, 5 & 6.



ROCK POOLING - Half Day - KS1, KS2

Uncover the creatures that live in the fascinating, turbulent world of rock pools.

Students will learn to identify common species such as crabs, shrimps, and shells, while exploring the unique adaptations that help these creatures survive in their environment. They will also discover the challenges these animals face within their habitat and gain a deeper understanding of life between the tides.

This activity is dependent on low tide. For the best rock pooling experience, we recommend booking in terms 1, 5 & 6



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FORT BURGoyNE

Fort Burgoyne is an incredible site for outdoor education opportunities, owing to its military history, architecture and impressive biodiversity. Constructed in the 1860s to protect Dover Castle from land attacks, Fort Burgoyne is located at one of the highest points of the town. Since the military's departure, the site has been managed to enhance habitats and improve public access, creating opportunities for wildlife and community engagement.

**Fort Burgoyne,
Fort Burgoyne Road, Guston,
Dover, CT15 5FN**

Facilities

- Toilets, accessible toilets
- Indoor learning space for up to 30 children within the Fort's historic stables.
- Outdoor learning area.
- Parking for minibuses and coaches available.

FORT BUG-OYNE - Half Day - EYFS, KS1, KS2

Discover what it takes to become an insect detective!

Take part in a bug hunt and explore the different habitats at Fort Burgoyne, imagining them from the point of view of our creepy crawlies and how they are adapted to living in different conditions.

For the best experience, we recommend booking this in terms 1, 5 & 6





TEAM TACTICS - Full Day or Half Day- KS2

Explore the foundations of excellent teamwork.

Challenge your class with a range of team building exercises, including the Fort Burgoyne Scavenger Hunt. These exciting activities are designed to develop leadership skills, improve confidence, enhance communication and build strong relationships, all while having fun and learning more about Fort Burgoyne.

For the best experience, we recommend booking in terms 1, 4, 5 & 6

TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC - Half Day - EYFS, KS1

Join Daisy the Fort bear for a fun filled session themed around survival.

Children are welcome to bring their own teddies to join in the fun as they make shelters for their bears and see what natural sources of food and water can be found on site. The session will finish with a story and picnic.

For the best experience, we recommend booking in terms 1, 4, 5 & 6



FORT-IFICATIONS - Full or Half Day - KS1, KS2

Discover the secrets to Fort Burgoyne's construction.



Get ready to explore Fort Burgoyne! Your class will learn how it was built, understand its purpose, and find out more about its structures through observational drawings.

They will also find out why the bridge was so important before designing their own entrance bridge. Will their designs meet the brief and be strong enough?

Activities can be split between structure or bridge focused for half day sessions.

For the best experience, we recommend booking in terms 1, 4, 5 & 6



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ROMNEY WARREN

Located just outside New Romney, this Local Nature Reserve and Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) is home to rare dune grassland, seasonal ponds and species-rich meadows. Shaped by historic grazing and gravel extraction, the site now supports nationally important wildlife and provides excellent opportunities for hands-on environmental education. From exploring pond ecosystems to discovering the fascinating world of insects, Romney Warren enables children to connect with nature while developing their understanding of habitats, biodiversity and conservation.

**Romney Warren Local Nature Reserve,
Dymchurch Rd,
New Romney TN28 8AY**

Facilities-

- Toilets
- Outdoor learning area
- Parking for minibuses and coaches available.

INSECT DETECTIVES – Half Day – KS1, KS2

Transform into insect detectives and explore Romney Warren to discover the minibeasts which call it home.

By searching through the meadows, hunting under log piles and rummaging through trees, students will have the opportunity to encounter a diversity of insects and use classification keys to identify their finds. Our knowledgeable rangers will lead you around the site as well as helping with identification and facilitating discussions around adaptations, habitats and many other linked topics.

Insect Detectives has many national curriculum links and different follow up activities can be chosen to tailor the experience perfectly to learning outcomes.

For the best bug hunt results, we recommend these activities in terms 1,5 & 6.



POND EXPLORERS – Half Day – KS1, KS2

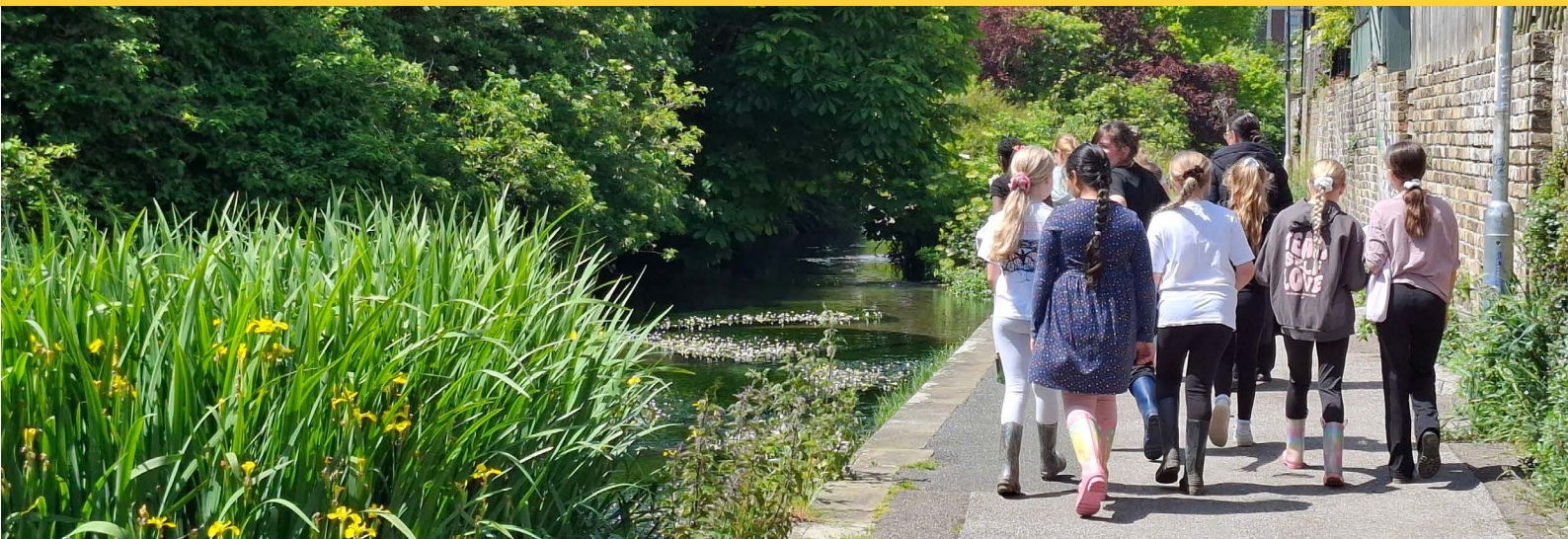
Dive into the secret world beneath a pond's surface!

Guided by our expert rangers, groups will visit several ponds around the site, discovering how each one is managed to support wildlife before getting the opportunity to pond dip. Using guides, students will identify the creatures they collect—uncovering adaptations that help creatures survive, hunt, and hide in and around the water.

Pond Explorers offers a memorable outdoor learning experience, rich in national curriculum links. A choice of follow up activities allows sessions to be tailored to each class's specific learning outcomes.

Available all year round but best results in terms 1, 5 & 6.





RIVER DOUR

The River Dour is one of Kent's most important natural habitats and provides a fantastic setting for outdoor learning and exploration. Flowing from Kearsney to Dover Docks, the river is a rare chalk stream, a globally scarce habitat known for its clear waters and rich biodiversity. The Dour supports a variety of wildlife, including fish, birds and aquatic invertebrates, making it an ideal location for children to discover freshwater ecosystems and the importance of protecting them. Easily accessible from Dover town centre, the river offers unique opportunities for hands-on environmental education, helping young people connect with nature and better understand the role rivers play in supporting both wildlife and local communities.

Locations:

- Pencester Gardens
- Barton Path
- Kearsney Parks

Facilities:

- Public toilets available at select locations.
- Minibus & coach parking available at select locations.
- Opportunities near Dover Priory & Kearsney Station.

RIVER EDUCATION - Half Day - KS1, KS2

These sessions give children a memorable experience of their local river. Games and activities encourage children to hunt for signs of wildlife, discover what lies beneath the surface, investigate the river habitat and find ways that we can prevent low flows to help save our rivers!

Only available during terms 1, 5 & 6.



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OUTREACH

We also offer outreach opportunities! If you'd like us to attend an event you're planning, deliver a talk or assembly about local wildlife, or provide expert advice on a school wildlife project or outdoor area, get in touch!



FEEDBACK FROM SCHOOL EVENTS

"The workshop tied in nicely with what we had been learning at school - plus so much more."

"I could assess the children's knowledge with their recall of vertebrates and invertebrates and the different groups."

"Amazing day. Lots of fascinating local history, a very knowledgeable leader and a really exciting session of bridge building."

"The learning was perfectly pitched, and the children were fully engaged. We will definitely be booking again."

"Super activities - well matched to Year 4 - kept the children engaged and focused."



HOW TO BOOK

For more information or to book, visit our website or scan the QR code.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in contact with us via wccp@dover.gov.uk



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