

Wild Explorers 2020-2021

What to expect: Covid 19 & Staying Safe



Hand Washing – Tippy Taps

We have three new tippy taps on site; two as you enter the woods and another by the toilets. Both have soap, recycled paper paper towels and a bucket for used towels. This is to help with the increase in hand washing that is now essential to help prevent the spread of Covid 19. (You could bring your own hand-towel instead if you want to minimise paper waste).

We will ask you to wash your hands when you arrive, before you have a snack and before you leave. We would also advise you to wash your hands when you get home. We will also have hand sanitizer available at all times, although this isn't so effective on muddy hands!

Main Camp- Campfire and Children's Play Area

We have made the main camp much bigger to help us stick to social distancing rules.

During the summer months we will not light a fire unless it is cold, the main campfire has also been changed to make it safer for toddlers. There will always be a water bucket close to the main fire for small burns. It is your responsibility to watch your child around the campfire.

We have made the children's play area much bigger, along with increased space within the mud kitchen area - there are now multiple play areas! The space has a new 'brash' fence all the way around it, with clear markers for boundaries.

Compost Toilet

Our compost loos are kept clean and well stocked at all times. We will also ensure that the toilets are cleaned at the start and end of every session. We now have biodegradable cleaning products in both toilets; the cleaning products are to be kept well out of reach from small children. We ask you to clean the toilet seat before you use it. We will ensure that there are sufficient cleaning products to allow you to do this.

There are instructions about how a compost loo works on the wall inside. There is a screened off pee-bale area next to the sit-down toilet for boys and men.

Please can parents/careers make sure their children understand how to use the sit-down area. There is also a potty placed in the disabled toilet and a tarp used as a changing mat.

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Clothing

Please wear appropriate clothing for the time of year, wear things that you don't mind getting dirty and muddy. It is always cooler in the woods so do bring more layers and a waterproof coat. Essential are long trousers due to the number of ticks. Socks & sturdy footwear like wellies, walking boots or strong trainers - no open sandals. For young children it can be helpful to bring a change of clothes when the weather is wet or if they like to get muddy. We have various sizes of children's waterproofs to lend out and a few adults coats too should you need them.

Ticks

Woodlands inhabited by roe deer, foxes and squirrels are a good place for ticks. They are very small creatures that are parasitic on deer and other mammals, and given the chance will latch onto people. They occasionally carry diseases that affect people, the most common being Lyme disease.

Prevention is the best route so cover up legs, tuck trousers into socks and tuck in t-shirts. We provide a natural insect repellent called 'Mosi-guard', suitable for children over 6-months. We have tick removal tools and always ask adults and parents to take a leaflet home and carry out a tick-check when you leave the woods.

First Aid

There is always at least one member of the team who is a qualified Outdoor First Aider. If First Aid is needed we will help the adult/child to look after themselves and will get close if needed.

Any questions please ask us before the session or the Leader on the day.

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