The Campout 2026

£68 per person
(children and staff)

Day One

3.00pm **Arrive** on site from 3.00pm onwards.
Please report to reception on arrival to check in.
Unpack, explore the bell tents and our lovely site!

5.00pm **A BBQ** evening meal will be served from 5.00-6.00pm,
the menu will be selected by your group in advance.

6.30pm **Campfire.** Our tutor will lead an evening session of s'mores and stories around the fire.(the tutor will light and oversee the campfire until 8.30pm)

Day Two

Wake up **Breakfast** – 'help yourself' at a time that suits your group,
this is provided for you in the camping shack.

8.30am Please ensure you have packed.
Cleaning up time! We ask all groups to sweep the tents out, check the site for litter and ensure the toilets/showers are clean on the morning of your departure.
You will need to 'check out' of the tents by 9.30am, and leave your luggage under a gazebo (our staff will advise which one)

9.30am **Team Survival -** meet your tutor on the main field for a session in the woods, exploring, building dens and fire lighting.

12.00pm **Packed Lunch** – please collect from our reception

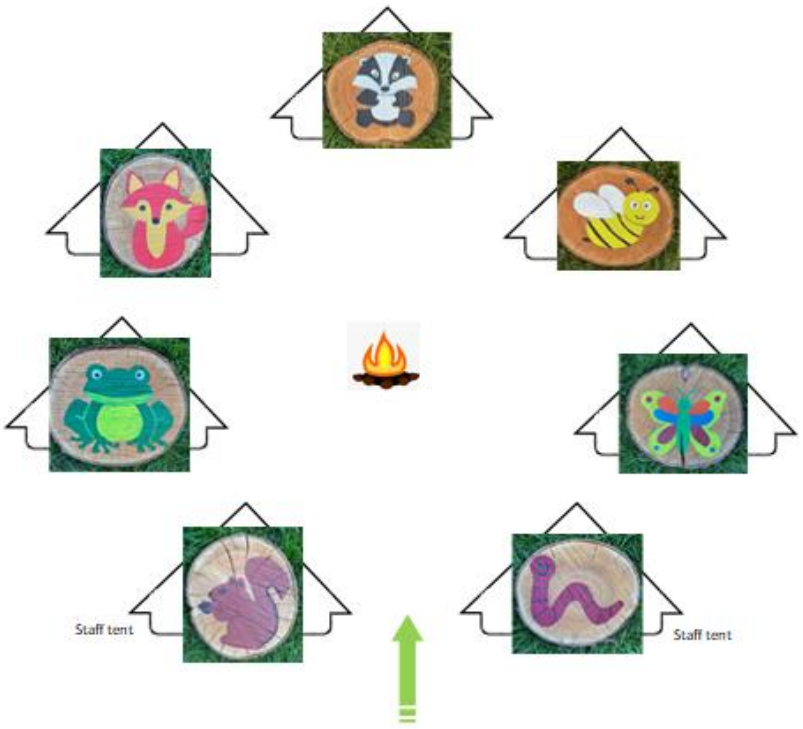
1.00pm **Team games** – enjoy as a final self-led activity after lunch to run off some energy!
You are very welcome to stay and explore the Hill End site until your transport arrives.

** The evening meal and tutor session timings may change (within half an hour) depending on busyness site.*

Bell Tents

Our lovely bell tents are situated in the lower field on our site. Each tent is erected on a sturdy wooden decking, and has separate coloured bunting to help with planning who is in each tent!

- 5 x tents, each sleeping 6-8 primary age children
- 2 x staff tents sleeping up to 4, with camp beds provided
- next to the toilet block with 6 toilet and wash rooms
- camp shack – with electricity, fridge, kettle and toaster
- picnic benches under gazebos for covered eating
- outdoor washing up facilities



Extra adult leaders or helpers?

We can also offer additional camping and twin staff room accommodation in our staff block for extra adults – please ask us if you would like to book this in addition to the bell tents.

Important information

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is our primary aim. Please remember you are responsible for the children in your care. Please ensure they are supervised at all times including break times. We ask that adults are identifiable to their specific group. If any additional adults join your group, they need to be met at the entrance by the group leader.

First Aid

First aid is the responsibility of the group leader. You will need to ensure that you bring a first aid kit with you and arrange for a qualified first aider during your visit.

Medicines

The group leader has the responsibility for the visitors in their care. Hill End staff will not assist with the administering of any medication. There is a fridge available in the dormitory to store medication if required.

Fire Register

A fire register template will be sent to you via email. The group leader must enter all visitors onto the fire register, please mark adults, 16+, with an 'A', if the occupancy changes, you must amend your register. The group leader must sign their names to say the fire drill has been carried out at the beginning of each visit, including operating your PEEP's (personal emergency evacuation plan). All individuals with a PEEP must have a '*' next to their name.

Please keep one copy with you and another copy in the red fire register box outside the staff block located next to reception – this is a legal requirement. A member of staff will explain where the box is. If in doubt, please ask.

Please make a note of where the fire extinguishers and assembly points are located within your hired facility.

Electrical safety

All of the Portable Electrical Equipment at the centre is PAT tested annually. If you wish to bring electrical equipment onto the site this must have a current PAT test certificate. This will normally be supplied if you hire in equipment, but it is the group leader's responsibility to ensure that personal electrical equipment, such as mobile phone chargers, are compliant.

Risk Assessments

Hill End has in place all risk assessments for the site and activities it leads. In accordance with advice from the Outdoor Education Advisers Panels' National Guidance for Educational Visits, we do not send out our risk assessments but assure users that they are in place. Please see this link:

https://oeapng.info/downloads/download-info/6a-faqs-asking-for-providers-risk-assessments/

We also hold the Learning Outside the Classroom Quality Badge which is a nationally recognized safety and quality assurance mark (See www.lotcqualitybadge.org.uk) as well as the Tidy Britain Group Green Flag Award for the quality of its grounds. Groups are responsible for their own risk assessments to suit their particular needs, please do contact us to arrange a site visit if required – we will help as much as we can!

Traffic Control

Vehicles must be left in the car park, unless an arrangement has been agreed with us in writing prior to your visit. Any vehicle allowed by us onto the site must drive at 5mph and with hazards on and return to the car-park immediately after access. Children must not play in the car par or driveway. Groups are advised not to walk along the Eynsham Road, this is forbidden to Oxfordshire County Council groups by order of the authority.

WiFi

Much of the Hill End site is covered by our guest wifi which is available for use by group leaders.
Login password: HillEndGuest!

Security

Please ensure any buildings hired are locked when not in use and any valuables are carried with you.

Alcohol and Smoking

Hill End has a strict no smoking or vaping and no alcohol policy.

Waste and Recycling

Please ensure that you use the waste and recycling bins in your building with bin liners, and dispose of these afterwards into the main Grundon bins in the inner carpark. A list of what can and can be recycled or disposed of on site is displayed in the buildings.

We do not currently collect food waste for health and safety reasons, so please dispose of all food waste with your general rubbish.

Boundaries

Groups are asked not to enter buildings not assigned to them. The surrounding agricultural and wooded land is private. If you require access to Wytham Woods you will need to apply for a (free) permit online at: https://www.wythamwoods.ox.ac.uk/permit

Infection control and notification

If any of your party suffer from any of following symptoms during their stay you must notify a member of staff immediately: Diarrhoea; Vomiting; Stomach cramps or pain; Nausea; Fever.

Those responsible for such an individual must ensure that they seek medical treatment from a doctor or GP as soon as possible. Anyone suffering from such symptoms must leave the site as soon as reasonably practicable. Ideally they should have as little contact with others as possible and have their movement restricted while on site.

Unfortunately, if any of your party are suffering from those symptoms before arrival on site we will not be able to accept them.

Frequently Asked Questions

- **Will we be able to use the whole Hill End site?**
  For this package we are offering exclusive use of the High Dormitory area. Your tutor-led sessions will take place in specific areas but you are free to explore much of the grounds at other times. Please be aware there may sometimes be other groups onsite who may have booked exclusive access to some areas. We can advise further on this at the time of your arrival.

- **How will the catering work?**
  We will be working with a caterer to provide a BBQ for you on the evening of your stay. A simple help yourself breakfast and a packed lunch on the next day will also be provided. Menus are sent out and booked in advance. We provide self-serve water, squash and hot drinks for adults. Please read our catering leaflet for full details.

- **What happens on the led sessions?**
  Our tutor will lead the activities but your staff will be responsible for the group.

- **Is there vehicle access?**
  Hill End has strict restrictions on vehicle access and they are not generally allowed on site. Visitors are expected to walk up to the High Dormitory (approx. 5 minutes uphill from the car park) but we can usually help with luggage and taking up any other supplies, please do just let us know.

- **Where do we park?**
  Parking is available for coaches, minibuses and cars on site. We ask that coaches do not stay on site all day as we need to provide parking for a variety of users

- **Do we have to clean?**
  Our approach at Hill End is for groups to leave their accommodation as they found it – or cleaner! For this package we ask groups to help with this after breakfast - to bag up any rubbish and check for litter, and sweep the tents.

- **Are cleaning materials provided?**
  We provide limited amounts of cleaning equipment and washing-up liquid but we encourage schools to also bring their own.

- **Is the accommodation suitable for those with additional needs?**
  It is your responsibility to ensure that the accommodation meets the needs of your group and we recommend a site visit (see below). The outdoor location means that we do have uneven ground and the historic nature of the building means that we have stairs up to the dormitory. Disabled toilets and showers are available elsewhere on the site. Please do speak to us if you have any queries.

- **Can we come and visit the site before we stay?**
  Yes! We strongly recommend that groups come and view the site and our facilities before their stay. Please let us know in advance so we can make sure staff are available and that you can access all the areas you would like to see.

- **Can we arrive earlier in the day, or depart later?**
  This sleepover package is for 24 hours, If you would like to come earlier on day one and spend more time at Hill End then this may be possible, subject to availability. A full or half-day site access fee of £6.00 or £4.00 per child would be charged for this. We can also provide additional resource boxes of activities, available to hire at £24.00 for a half day.

Hill End Code of Conduct

At Hill End we want everyone to have a special and memorable visit in a beautiful, safe and secure environment. We are a charity with limited resources, and we therefore ask all of our visitors to respect both the site and our visitors. Please share the below information with your groups helping to raise awareness around our code of conduct.

Ground Rules

- Play free, run free, be free
- Explore and discover
- Have FUN!

Site Behaviour

- We regret that dogs are not permitted on site, with the exception of guide dogs
- Smoking is not permitted on site, in or around the buildings.
- After 10:00pm we ask groups to keep noise to a reasonable level
- Please leave all plants and flowers where they are growing
- Do not disturb animal and insect homes, they are sensitive habitats
- Recycle litter where possible, otherwise dispose of litter in the Grundon bin
- Do not disturb the farm animals grazing on the site. If visitors do come into contact with the farm animals, please wash hands before meals.

Cleaning

If you have any concerns regarding the cleanliness of the facilities, please speak to a member of staff. Visitors will be expected to leave the facilities in a clean condition, acceptable to our standards below.

Much of our maintenance is done by our brilliant volunteers, and we appreciate your help in keeping the buildings and grounds clean and tidy.

- Please clean and disinfect all food preparation areas before and after use.
- Please remove all food from the fridges and freezers, wipe out and leave switched on.
- Sweep and mop the floors.
- Clean showers, sinks and toilets, removing soap and toothpaste marks.
- Remove rubbish and put in the large bins in the inner car park.
- Please wipe and stack tables and chairs as they were found on arrival.

PLEASE LEAVE THE SITE CLEANER THAN YOU FOUND IT!

Thank you for your help

Site Map

Far Marsh
Middle Marsh
Top Field
To Higging's Copse
N
Cowleaze Copse
Willow Marsh
Bean Wood
The Medieval Field
Legend
A Office & reception
B Car park
C Toilet block
Dormitories:
E Blue dragon
F Green dragon
G North Dormitory
H Middle dormitory
I High dormitory
J The barn and cookhouse
K Doyle's dome
L Hobbit Huts
M Staff block
N Bushcraft area
O Early years garden & sun dial
P Outdoor cooking area
Q Sensory garden
S World war II garden
T Viewpoint
U Metal mushroom
V pond
W - Junior Challenge Zone
X - Woodland Challenge Zone
Y The Willows
Z Shower block
To Camoor Copse
Long Meadow
Metres
0 25 50 100
Lower field
To Eynsham
To Oxford
Hill End Centre
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