



Why outdoors?

“We believe that every young person should experience the world beyond the classroom as an essential part of learning and personal development, whatever their age, ability or circumstance.

Well-planned, safely managed and personalised learning experiences outdoors can:

- Improve academic achievement
- Provide a bridge to higher order learning
- Develop skills and independence
- Make learning more engaging and relevant
- Develop active citizens
- Nurture creativity
- Stimulate, inspire, motivate and challenge”

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Why Cambridgeshire Outdoors?

Who are we?

Cambridgeshire Outdoors is a collaboration of local authority Centres and Services in Cambridgeshire.

We aim to encourage and enhance opportunities for high quality learning outside the classroom for all children and young people.

Cambridgeshire Outdoors comprises:

- Burwell House Study and Conference Centre
- Cambridgeshire Environmental Education Service (CEES) to include Stibbington Centre, Upware Centre, Wisbech Castle and Coldham Wind Farm
- Grafham Water Centre
- Working in partnership with the Outdoor Education Adviser

What can we do for you?

- We have a commitment to understand the needs of children and young people and a desire to work with you in designing appropriate programmes of study
- We provide a wide range of learning opportunities outside the classroom for both day and residential visits and activities
- We have a successful record of working with schools to provide value for money
- We offer learning experiences of agreed high quality
- We lead training and professional development to support learning outside the classroom
- We commit to high standards of safety management
- We provide information, expertise, guidance and resources for learning outside the classroom

What do they say about us?

Young People

- “I will remember it for a long time.”
- “I used to think that rocks were boring. Now I think they’re awesome!”
- “The food was to die for.”
- “I’ve never slept in a dormitory before. It was great to have so many people to show my luminous skeleton pyjamas to!”
- “It was the best school trip ever.”

Teachers

- “Children were given the opportunity to achieve on a personal level.”
- “Children can’t help but learn in such an inspiring environment.”
- “The children had a fabulous time and made great progress.”
- “Children were interested, engaged and on-task throughout the visit.”
- “Excellent does not adequately describe the experience. I have been doing this type of thing for fifteen years and this is by far the best.”