



Site information for Lucy's little forest school at Wilderness wood

Lucy's Little Forest school works out of Wilderness Wood in 62 acres of Chestnut coppice with stands of Beech, Scots Pine, Douglas Fir, Cedar and Coastal Redwoods.

It's a cafe, a workshop, a home, a productive working woodland, a marquee, and camping under the stars

A work collective which includes Lucy's Little Forest School, Andy Coates' Woodland Products and Rachel's Wilderness Café, Moorish family school of self-reliance

It's a Productive woodland with Woodland manager's coppicing in the winter and using woodland equipment; chain saws, dumper trucks and tractors. I advise anyone coming for a visit to refresh their risk assessment on the woodland, It's evolving all the time and changes have been made and exciting projects are taking place. This only inspires and makes the children more aware of the endless possibilities that can happen in a working woodland.

Villagers and other members of the public may be walking dogs, so please make children aware of what to do if a dog approaches them!

- Normally only ONE SCHOOL AT A TIME is booked, with the WOOD available to you, please note the wood is used by other groups, who may be building wooden cabins, or Andrew Coates the Woodsman who uses woodland equipment, such as chain saws, dumper trucks etc.... So watch out!
- Forest School LED ACTIVITIES for min 1 hour - or a full day. Tailored to your age group and topic;
with leaders trained in Forest School, Montessori, Early years teaching, environmental education and bush craft expertise.
Maximum group size about 30.
- "Have a go" DEMONSTRATIONS for ¼ -½ hr. Turn chestnut poles into fenceposts and roof shingles.
- Lots of ideas for WOODLAND ACTIVITIES including shelters, woodland art, bug hunts, map-making.
- WOODLAND TRAILS up to ¾ mile long, with leaflets and discovery trails.
- PRE-VISIT for teachers essential. Please 'phone first, Lucy 07766486548
- PARKING for 2 coaches or about 40 cars. Please drive down to yard.
- WELCOME and safety talk on arrival; experienced staff on hand for advice/assistance.

- SHELTER in Marquee, lean-to, gazebos, with tables and lavatories.
- PICNIC and BARBECUE FACILITIES; PLAY AREA and mud kitchen
- Carefully selected SOUVENIRS in the café to buy, costing 50p-£6.
- Full public liability INSURANCE for Lucy's Little Forest School leader led activities only.

Teacher led activities and trail walks not included in this insurance. RISK ASSESSMENTS included in package.

PRACTICAL POINTS

- At least 1 adult per 6 children up to year 3; 1 per 10 children years 4 upwards.
- Children must be adequately supervised at all times, and kept away from machinery, workshop and timber stacks. We expect good behaviour and ask teachers and helpers to uphold rules.
- Wheelchair access to barn, WC, and picnic areas, demonstrations, ¼ mile easy access path.
- Appropriate warm and waterproof clothing essential, for adults and children.
- You may collect material in moderation, such as tree leaves and pieces of wood.
- If you bring food and drink, please take away the packaging and other rubbish.

Breakfast essential for concentration, and a mid-morning snack on arrival essential.

SCHOOL PRICES 2020

Admission: £2.70 per child. All accompanying adults free.

Ranger-led activities: £52 per hour per group (plus admission).

BOOKING AND PAYMENT

Telephone to discuss your day, and any particular requirements.

Then post the booking form and £50 deposit. Tell us how many you are on the day and you will be issued with an accurate invoice by email. In the case of very bad weather (high winds), visits may be cancelled by 9am on the day of the visit and can be postponed to a later date. Other refund non-refundable.

LOCATION

6 miles NE of Uckfield, in Hadlow Down village on the south side of the main A272 road.

