



# Forest School Camps

An adventure in education



## All Camps by Number

### Camp No. 1 - Mendip Cave Training

**Camp Chiefs:** Flow Stone & Ian Peachey **Organiser:** Ella Wright

**Dates:** Friday 31st January 2025 to Sunday 2nd February 2025

**Ages:** 16 plus

**Fees:** £60.00

An opportunity to learn and remember the delights of the subterranean world, with a view to introducing these to younger campers on the February Caving Camp. This training camp is for experienced Pathfinder cavers, new to caving staff and capable old hands. (Travel costs not included in camp fees, campers to arrange own transport, we will co-ordinate lift shares and train times where possible)

**Nearby Town:** Shepton Mallet, Somerset

**Travel:** Independent travel

**Extra Info:** Experienced cavers only

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### Camp No. 2 - Mendip Caving

**Camp Chiefs:** Flow Stone & Ian Peachey **Organiser:** Ella Wright

**Dates:** Saturday 15th February 2025 to Wednesday 19th February 2025

**Ages:** 9 to 17.11

**Fees:** £205.00

We will be heading underground in the marvellous Mendips. We will foray out from our cosy caving hut base near Priddy seeking adventures above and below the misty hills. There will be caving in small groups, a one day lodge hike, camp fires, singing, delicious food and excellent company. We will aim to create a resilient and caring community of all ages, whilst treading lightly above and below ground. Escape the troubles of the surface world and join the underground movement - its grand down here.

**Nearby Town:** Shepton Mallet, Somerset

**Travel:** Train from central London

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### **Camp No. 3 - Chop Chop**

**Camp Chiefs:** Leo Murray & Scott Miles **Organiser:** Clem Marshall

**Dates:** Friday 28th February 2025 to Sunday 2nd March 2025

**Ages:** 14 to 17.11

**Fees:** £130.00

Ngl this is going to be cold. Fortunately wood heats you twice - once when you cut it and once when you burn it. We will spend the short daylight hours of this weekend hedging, coppicing, cutting and stacking firewood and brushwood, and the long nights singing into the wind across the Fens.

**Nearby Town:** Haddenham, Ely

**Travel:** Coach from central London

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### **Camp No. 4 - The Danbury International Academy of Woodcraft, Wellies and Wonder**

**Camp Chiefs:** Polly Sands & Jack Freedman **Organiser:** Tim Bennett

**Dates:** Saturday 12th April 2025 to Saturday 19th April 2025

**Ages:** 6.6 to 17.11 and Waywardens

**Fees:** £390.00

Treading the line between hard core woodcraft and playful theatrical activities lies the D.I.A.W.W.W Gain hands-on real-life experience. Be sure to scour your costume rail and penknife drawer to support your studies. Get your diploma in: - Shelter building - Fire lighting - Theatrics - Deep nature studies - Culinary steam pudding mastery - Wood pile master class - Alumni tea - Specialising in hands on learning - Department of music, harmonies and Rattlin bog (with actions) + Cups of tea on tap, resting and hugs available when you need them. We are certain you will graduate with honours.

**Nearby Town:** Chelmsford

**Travel:** Coach from central London

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### **Camp No. 10 - Another Gurn Another planet**

**Camp Chiefs:** Vic Doggart & Jimmy Proudlock **Organiser:** Rachel Howard

**Dates:** Friday 2nd May 2025 to Monday 5th May 2025

**Ages:** 6.6 to 17.11 and Waywardens

**Fees:** £155.00

Welcome Comrades to another cosmic journey in the magic woods making merry mayhem on Mayday. This is an important date in the diary as we celebrate International Workers Day by forming an all inclusive intergenerational community where kindness is king, fires blaze and we all muck in. Everyone welcome - old faces and new ones cavorting in the bluebells.

**Nearby Town:** Chelmsford

**Travel:** Coach from central London

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### **Camp No. 11 - Coyote Camp**

**Camp Chiefs:** Dora Clouttick & Crystal Summerfield **Organiser:** Elly Rendal

**Dates:** Friday 2nd May 2025 to Monday 5th May 2025

**Ages:** 6.6 to 15.11

**Fees:** £155.00

Greet the spring this May Day and kick start the summer camping season in the beautiful big sky landscape of the Cotswolds. Like the Coyotes, this camp will be led by a team of fierce mamas and their cheeky cubs, with gratitude for life. Expect to experience and develop courage, fortitude, curiosity and kindness as we weave our community for four fabulous days together. Come join the pack!

**Nearby Town:** Marlborough, Wiltshire

**Travel:** Coach from central London

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## **Camp No. 12 - Venice**

**Camp Chief:** Craig Grady **Organiser:** Emma Brandenburger

**Dates:** Saturday 3rd May 2025 to Monday 5th May 2025

**Ages:** 10.0 to 17.11

**Fees:** £130.00

Come and join us aboard the good ship Grindelia! Part walking, part cruising on board we will explore some of the canal network of the Midlands. Our lovely site nearby will be our home for the evenings but in the daytime we will usher our narrowboat through locks and cuttings toward Stourbridge.

**Nearby Town:** Swindon, West Midlands

**Travel:** Early train from/to London

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## **Camp No. 13 - Fenwood**

**Camp Chiefs:** Georgie Sharp & Dan Hall **Organiser:** Charlie Whittuck

**Dates:** Saturday 24th May 2025 to Saturday 31st May 2025

**Ages:** 6.6 to 15.11

**Fees:** £390.00

So what are you doing in the holidays? We'll be shelter crafting, fritter flipping, sock wrestling, marshmallow gulping, stool carving, pudd steaming, tea brewing, hammock sleeping, axe

swinging, shadow creeping, silence seeking, crispie scoffing, circle listening, friendship making, leaf reading, tale weaving, merry mooting, stick talking, spark breathing, ember gazing - oh, and bog rattling, of course. Come join us! In the beautiful woodland which FSC planted. For campers new and old.

**Nearby Town:** Haddenham, Ely

**Travel:** Coach from central London

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## **Camp No. 14 - (Neuro) Spice up your life**

**Camp Chiefs:** Pam Henderson & Rachel Young **Organiser:** Belinda Bell

**Dates:** Saturday 24th May 2025 to Saturday 31st May 2025

**Ages:** 6.6 to 13.11

**Fees:** £390.00

Join us at Hodore for a week of fun, crafting, and singing! We'll be enjoying nature in the woods and exploring the local area. Our camp is for everyone - however our brains are wired! We are aiming to make it particularly welcoming to neurodivergent campers. - We will go on a day hike from the campsite, so you won't have to take down your tent. The campsite and lat (toilets) will stay the same. - We will aim to let you know who your staff members are two weeks before camp starts. Your Group Chief will send your parents/carers a photo of the staff so you can see what they look like and learn about their interests. - Your parents/carers will receive a camp plan two weeks before the start date. If there are any changes, we will inform you beforehand, explain why, and answer any questions you may have. - A detailed plan for each day will be available at dinner the night before. - Our caterers will clearly label what is in each meal. The caterers will let you know the menu the day before. They will aim to serve food separately (like plain pasta apart from the sauce). - If you have a special 'safe' food, let your parents/carers know, and we will try to provide it (though we cannot guarantee it), or you can bring your own. - You won't have to participate in clan/cooking for everyone until Tuesday at the earliest, giving you time to get to know your group over the first weekend. - If you find it easier to listen while doing something else, like using a fidget toy or walking around the rally circle, that's perfectly fine as long as it isn't too noisy for others to hear. Please bring your own fidget toys, as we don't provide them. - It's okay to take breaks from activities or people when you need to. - Some campers may want to discuss their neurodiverse experiences, and we will create space for that. Others may prefer to focus on different activities, and that's also fine. - If you have suggestions for making the camp more neurodiverse-friendly, please reach out to Rachel and Pam Parents/Carers If your child is

neurodiverse (no formal diagnosis needed) and you didn't inform us at registration, please email [child.whitsun.enrolment@fsc.org.uk](mailto:child.whitsun.enrolment@fsc.org.uk) and we will update our records.

**Nearby Town:** East Grinstead, Sussex

**Travel:** Coach from Brixton

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## **Camp No. 15 - Cairngorms Adventure**

**Camp Chiefs:** Hanna Wheatley & Levi Thompson **Organiser:** Katy Cawkwell

**Dates:** Saturday 24th May 2025 to Saturday 31st May 2025

**Ages:** 11.0 to 17.11

**Fees:** £390.00

We will walk through the wild and beautiful Cairngorms mountain range in the Scottish Highlands. Most days we will journey with all we need on our backs, travelling light and taking time to enjoy our surroundings, swim in a loch and maybe climb a peak without rucksacks. The adventure will be learning new skills, looking out for each other and making merry on our journey together. This low-impact expedition is for both experienced and less experienced walkers. All campers will be supported so that the level of challenge is right for them. We will send a special mobile kit list to everyone coming on the camp and may well be able to support with lightweight equipment/tent sharing, if wanted.

**Nearby Town:** Aviemore

**Travel:** Train from central London

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## **Camp No. 16 - Cancelled**

**Camp Chief:** Ella Waldman & Robin McKeown **Organiser:** Penny Wiles

**Dates:** Wednesday 1st January 2025 to Thursday 2nd January 2025

**Ages:** Unknown

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## **Camp No. 20 - Hodore Home Run**

**Camp Chief:** Robin McKeown **Organiser:** Jet Hull

**Dates:** Saturday 26th July 2025 to Sunday 3rd August 2025

**Ages:** 6.6 to 17.11 and Waywardens

**Fees:** £465.00

We will return to our much-loved site at Hodore Farm with the magic and time-tested formula of song, laughter, feasting and merriment whilst living in the fine company of old friends and new. The woods and the river and the fields are calling and we must answer. Let's skid into last base, rich in new friendships and sweet memories! This is an inclusive camp specifically for campers with additional needs. We particularly encourage applications from disabled children who are new to FSC and would like to try it out! You are warmly invited to join the festivities!

**Nearby Town:** East Grinstead, Sussex

**Travel:** Coach from Brixton

**Extra Info:** This camp is suitable for children with learning or physical disabilities.

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## **Camp No. 21 - Farndale 1**

**Camp Chiefs:** Lucy Jaffe & Oli House **Organiser:** Isabel Christie

**Dates:** Saturday 26th July 2025 to Friday 8th August 2025

**Ages:** 6.6 to 17.11 and Waywardens

**Fees:** £595.00

Leave the modern world behind and step into the enchanting Farndale Valley in Yorkshire, where the kestrels fly overhead and the rabbits and stoats run free. We will hike and bivouack under the stars on the nearby wild moors, fording rivers and cooking on small fires. You will get the chance to sing and dance and learn new woodcraft skills. We'd love you to come on this exciting two week adventure with all the traditional FSC activities and more. See you by the campfire!

**Nearby Town:** Kirkbymoorside, N Yorks

**Travel:** Train from London to York then coach to site

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## Camp No. 22 - Cefnweiriog 1

**Camp Chiefs:** Ellen Rickford & Andy Doyle **Organiser:** Hannah Alberman

**Dates:** Saturday 26th July 2025 to Friday 8th August 2025

**Ages:** 6.6 to 17.11 and Waywardens

**Fees:** £595.00

Join us in beautiful Mid Wales where we will build our very own little community. We will sing in the rain, look at the stars, sit around fires, look after each other and remember what life is really about. Bring your songs, your skills, your ideas, your perspectives and your cutlery bags. It will be a feast for the body, the mind and the spirit.

**Nearby Town:** Machynlleth, Powys

**Travel:** Coach from central London

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## Camp No. 23 - Gribin

**Camp Chiefs:** Liz Kaye & Nick Bard **Organiser:** Kim Palmer-Thomson

**Dates:** Saturday 26th July 2025 to Friday 8th August 2025

**Ages:** 6.6 to 17.11

**Fees:** £595.00

In the depths of our breathtaking valley  
We'll raise voices to sing, & they'll carry  
Our joy to the stars, as we run, swim & play  
With our friends (new & old), stretching out every day  
Making the most of the chance that we've got  
To learn a new craft, or a game, or a knot  
Building a dam, or climbing a hill  
Lighting a fire, or learning a skill  
Whatever the weather, we'll have the best time  
Be it cloudy & wet, or week-long sunshine!

**Nearby Town:** Machynlleth, Powys

**Travel:** Coach from London



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## Camp No. 24 - Craft Camp

**Camp Chiefs:** Sophie Meekings & Elodie Rummage **Organiser:** Joy Dourmashkin

**Dates:** Saturday 26th July 2025 to Friday 8th August 2025

**Ages:** 6.6 to 17.11 and Waywardens

**Fees:** £595.00

Do you love to whittle, spin, weave, or sculpt? Do you wish you had more time on camp to finally perfect your spoon carving skills or learn how to make something completely from scratch? Sometimes if you want something to exist, you have to make it yourself-- so we made a crafts camp! Come and join us at our brand new site in Dorset, not far from the Jurassic coast. We'll forage craft and building materials from the surrounding area, share skills and learn new ones. What will you make?

**Nearby Town:** Bridport, Dorset

**Travel:** Coach from London

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## Camp No. 25 - Hebridean Adventure

**Camp Chief:** Nicky Birch & Sam Raphael **Organiser:** Albie Crawford-Riches

**Dates:** Saturday 26th July 2025 to Friday 8th August 2025

**Ages:** 12.0 to 17.11

**Fees:** £595.00

Brave souls, are you ready for an unforgettable summer? If so, bring your energy and enthusiasm to this active standing camp on the edge of the world, where we are going to take adventure to the next level! We'll make our home by a white sandy beach in the Outer Hebrides, and explore the islands from lochs to bothies, and from beaches to hilltops. We'll look for dolphins, search for shipwrecks, and maybe even do some deer stalking. This trip is going to be wild. Join us! Note: Pathfinders will ideally help set up this adventure, leaving London 1-2 days beforehand. Details tbc

**Nearby Town:** South Uist, Hebrides

**Travel:** Coach, train, ferry from/to London. Coach likely to leave London afternoon/evening Friday 25th July.

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## **Camp No. 26 - Coasts, Castles & Bikes**

**Camp Chiefs:** Robbie Gillett & Simon Oatley **Organiser:** James Keith

**Dates:** Saturday 26th July 2025 to Tuesday 5th August 2025

**Ages:** 12.0 to 17.11

Join our great cycling expedition from Newcastle to Edinburgh along the white sanded coastline of Northumberland. We'll sneak around in old castles, seek out underwater passages to a holy island and befriend puffins and seals to help guide our way (in addition to National Cycle Route 1). You will be carrying everything you need plus your share of the group's food and cooking utensils - so a bike rack and panniers are essential. Helmets will need to be worn and some help with bikes and kit should be possible for those in need.

**Nearby Town:** Newcastle/Edinburgh

**Travel:** Coach from London

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## **Camp No. 31 - Farndale 2**

**Camp Chiefs:** Craig Grady & Daniel Simon **Organiser:** Cara Keam

**Dates:** Monday 11th August 2025 to Wednesday 20th August 2025

**Ages:** 6.6 to 17.11

**Fees:** £490.00

Are the moors calling you? Join us at the head of the dale for a camp full of fun. We will learn from each other and build a community and site that will support us while we are here. Bring skills, songs and games to share!

**Nearby Town:** Kirbymoorside, N Yorks

**Travel:** Train from London to York then coach to site

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## Camp No. 32 - Cefnweiriog 2

**Camp Chiefs:** Ro Whinnett & Jess Ormosi **Organiser:** Denise Largin

**Dates:** Monday 11th August 2025 to Wednesday 20th August 2025

**Ages:** 6.6 to 17.11

**Fees:** £490.00

Will we hike up into the hills or down to the sea? Will we wear sunscreen and hats or waterproofs and wellies? Will we be able to watch the train as it travels to the coast or just hear the whistle blowing in the wind? Whatever happens, we'll ensure that we have a fun filled 10 days in mid west Wales. We will aim to learn new skills, new games and make new friends whilst not forgetting the traditions which have brought us together as a lodge. We will swim in the lake, sing to the stars and enjoy the spectacular views, from pixies to elders, we will build a unique and amazing lodge - come and be a part of it.

**Nearby Town:** Machynlleth Powys

**Travel:** Coach from London

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## Camp No. 33 - Ashdown Adventure

**Camp Chiefs:** George Torode & Sam Lee **Organiser:** Lucy Edwards

**Dates:** Monday 11th August 2025 to Wednesday 20th August 2025

**Ages:** 6.6 to 17.11

**Fees:** £490.00

Come to the Sussex heartlands to craft and play, foraging for food and cooking by flame. By night we will take to the lodge fires for song, dance and ritual, sleeping in small fabric shelters close to the ground. This August a rare opportunity avails; to become kin and live harmoniously, to learn woodcrafting ways and to be inducted into sylvan folkloric ways. By embracing the spirit of inclusion, together we shall build a strong, caring community deep in the Beechwoods and Heathlands free from the shackles of modernity. Will you be part of our woodland adventure?

**Nearby Town:** Forest Row, East Sussex

**Travel:** Coach from London

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## **Camp No. 40 - Autumn Cave Training**

**Camp Chief:** Molly Hopkinshaw **Organiser:** Pablo Dent

**Dates:** Friday 10th October 2025 to Sunday 12th October 2025

**Ages:** 16 plus

**Fees:** £60.00

A weekend to remind ourselves of the caves that we will be taking children down, and learning new skills ready for the half term camp. Perhaps an adventure to stretch our own levels of experience. We welcome pathfinders who are experienced cavers and who would like to develop their leadership skills. Travel costs not included in camp fees. We will co-ordinate lift shares and train times where possible to keep travel costs down.

**Nearby Town:** Kirkby Lonsdale, North Yorks

**Travel:** Independent travel

**Extra Info:** Experienced cavers only

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## **Camp No. 41 - Autumn Caving - YES Yorkshire**

**Camp Chief:** Molly Hopkinshaw **Organiser:** Pablo Dent

**Dates:** Monday 27th October 2025 to Friday 31st October 2025

**Ages:** 11.0 to 17.11

**Fees:** £205.00

We shall spend the week in the remote but cosy Red Rose caving hut, spending our days roving the moor in search of enticing holes to access and explore the vast underground world of the 3 counties system, the biggest cave system in the UK. We might be blessed by the sacred waters of the Leck Beck rising, play in the dry riverbed (which is our clue to what lies beneath), and also drink loads of tea, play sardines in the hut and generally have a jolly fun time. Can't wait to have you.

**Nearby Town:** Kirkby Lonsdale, North Yorks

**Travel:** Train from central London

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## **Camp No. 50 - East of Eden**

**Camp Leader:** Liz Grayson **Organiser:** Miranda Green

**Dates:** Sunday 25th May 2025 to Wednesday 28th May 2025

**Ages:** Family

We will be camping at our beautiful site between Penrith and the Pennines near the River Eden. The camp will run for three nights again this year. This will give us time for a lodge walk to the swimming/paddling places on the first full day and on the second for camp games, a pea fair, a merrymoot and as much country dancing and singing round the campfire as we can fit in.

**Nearby Town:** Glassonby, Near Penrith

**Travel:** Independent travel

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## **Camp No. 51 - Glorious Gelt**

**Camp Leaders:** Claire McCraw & Laz Allen **Organiser:** Miranda Green

**Dates:** Saturday 19th July 2025 to Tuesday 22nd July 2025

**Ages:** Family

And so it came to pass in the waning days of summer in the ancient forest on the bank of the river Gelt, when the golden light of the setting sun dappled through the towering trees, that the gorillas -noble and wise - departed from the mortal world. For many seasons they had lived in Gelt's secret glades, hidden from the eyes of hunters and kings alike. Their kindness unmatched and their hearts attuned to the deep magic of the earth. Still, some say, on quiet nights when the stars shine bright and the air is thick with the scent of moss and rain, you can still hear their distant calls, carried on the breeze. Join us and we'll listen, sing, eat, swim, celebrate and dance in their magnificent footsteps.

**Nearby Town:** Brampton, Cumbria

**Travel:** Independent travel

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## **Camp No. 52 - Woodland Wonders at Magical Mildenhall**

**Camp Leaders:** Lucy Shepherd & Quentin Rea **Organiser:** Megan Ruddock

**Dates:** Friday 23rd May 2025 to Monday 26th May 2025

**Ages:** Family

Come on down to Wiltshire's Grove Farm Woods for a menu of traditional FSC activities served with a generous dollop of the unexpected! As well as clan-cooking, Lodge walk, camp-fires, the Commandy Pimpler World Championships, Merrymoot, arts and crafts, musical delights and the sharing of myriad woodcraft skills this memorable weekend also promises 'such stuff as dreams are made on'. What on earth will that mean? Come and discover for yourselves!

**Nearby Town:** Marlborough, Wiltshire

**Travel:** Independent travel

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## **Camp No. 53 - Spring into Assington**

**Camp Leaders:** Tippy Wood & Ben Shaw **Organiser:** Piete Brooks

**Dates:** Friday 2nd May 2025 to Monday 5th May 2025

**Ages:** Family

Come and join us at the beautiful Assington Mill Farm. The camp will be a friendly and inclusive welcome to the full FSC experience, learning how to live outdoors, and immersing ourselves in this special haven of nature that will be bursting into Spring all around us. We will be camping, playing, cooking on open wood fires, singing, dancing, making music, exploring and creating an exciting and fun community.

**Nearby Town:** Assington, Suffolk

**Travel:** Independent travel

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## **Camp No. 54 - August Assington**

**Camp Leader:** Nick Martin **Organiser:** Piete Brooks

**Dates:** Friday 22nd August 2025 to Monday 25th August 2025

**Ages:** Family

We'd love to welcome you to this beautiful Suffolk site, next to the Suffolk Wildlife Trust. See the rewilding of nature and explore the ancient woods. There is a millpond with a rowing boat where we can swim. Bring an instrument and learn new songs. We will practise our woodcraft skills and give children a chance to light a fire. We'll have camp fires & music, a lodge hike and games.

**Nearby Town:** Assington, Suffolk

**Travel:** Independent travel

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