

# Schools & Colleges Information Pack



# Adventure Education

Quality Residential Programmes Co-Designed With You







## About Us...

Oxfordshire Outdoors is managed by an independent charity; Groundwork South.

Each of our centres offer a breadth of residential adventure based experiences to schools and colleges across the UK.

We have a proud reputation of providing high quality, exciting, engaging and affordable outdoor learning experiences for 50 years; it's why our schools keep coming back year after year.





## Our Offer...

We have skilled, qualified, experienced and professional staff who understand how to connect with children and young people of all ages.

Our full range of residential adventure-led programmes provide life enhancing experiences. These are designed to promote resilience and wellbeing, to be educational, empowering and fun; creating memories that last a lifetime.

We work with you to ensure that planned programmes meet your course outcomes and aligns to your curriculum themes, ensuring your school's objectives and the learning needs of your students are being met.

Participating in our residential courses offers a blended approach; one that encourages a sense of community; where students develop personal resilience; leadership; teamwork; communication skills; face, solve and overcome group and individual challenges.

We hold the AHOEC Gold Standard and LOtC Quality Badge which externally verifies high quality learning outside the classroom and for residential outdoor education.

Our many years of experience alongside feedback from schools and students, tells us our that our approach works.

We are confident that our programmes provide your students with a sense of responsibility, independence, resilience and a **'CAN DO'** attitude that improve outcomes. Associated learning, skills, values and traits are often reflected in their future lives, back in your school and their classrooms.

## For an initial, no obligation discussion, contact:

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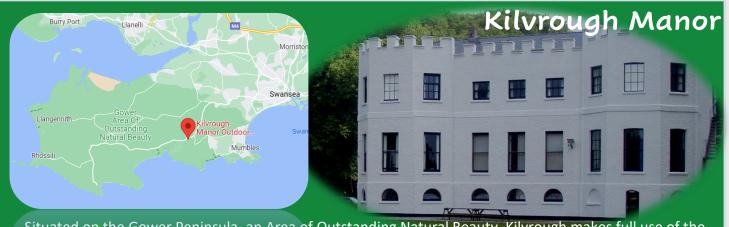
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For more information about each of our centres, read on...

# Our Outdoor Education Centres

Our Outdoor Centres work closely together but maintain their own distinctive ethos.

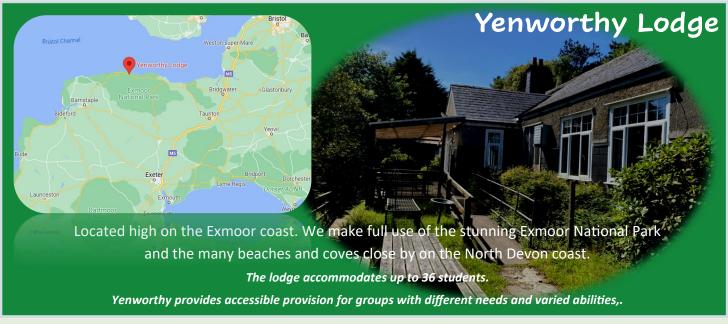
We look forward to welcoming you to one of these beautiful locations and provide your school with a high-quality adventure experience and memories that will last a lifetime.



Situated on the Gower Peninsula, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Kilvrough makes full use of the stunning venues the Gower has to offer, delivering action-packed adventure based courses.

The Manor House accommodates up to 68 students plus staff.





# Safety Accreditation

We hold valid AALA licences and the AHOEC GOLD award and LOtC Quality Badge

We are inspected by local authorities and hold the relevant Environmental Health rating.

Our centres are fully equipped to deliver the range of activities below and essential personal protective equipment is provided.

Groups are fully involved in safety management.

**MORE INFO HERE** 

### Just some of the activities you can enjoy at our centres

## Kilvrough Manor

#### **LAND BASED**

Team Building,
Coastal Exploration
Rock Climbing
Hill Walking
Lowland Trek

#### **WATER BASED**

Team Building
Caving
Canoeing
Kayaking
Surfing & Body Boarding
Waterfall Walk

#### **EVENING ACTIVITY**

Night Walk and Star Gazing
Orienteering,
Problem Solving
Campfire / Bushcraft

## Woodlands

#### **LAND BASED**

Team Building,
Low Ropes Course
High Ropes Course
Zip Wire
Climbing Tower
Rock Climbing
Mountain Trek

#### **WATER BASED**

Team Building
Caving
Canoeing
Kayaking
Gorge walk
Waterfall Walk

#### **EVENING ACTIVITY**

Night Walk and Star Gazing
Orienteering,
Problem Solving
Campfire / Bushcraft

# Yenworthy Lodge

#### **LAND BASED**

Team Building,
Coastal Exploration
Rock Climbing
Hill & Moorland Trek

#### **WATER BASED**

Team Building
Canoeing
Kayaking
Waterfall Walk

#### **EVENING ACTIVITY**

Night Walk and Star Gazing Orienteering, Problem Solving Wide Games



## For enquiries, availability & bookings, please contact:



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## What others said about us...

What the children do not realise until they get there, is that the week is not actually about the activities they take part in, it is about what they learn about themselves.

The staff are exceptional which obviously feeds into the quality of the experience

Such an amazing and educational week for our children

We always know that the safety of the students and the staff is their number one priority

#### **QUALITY OF PROVISION**

We know that year after year we will always have a brilliant experience

A particular parent commented that her child was so animated about the week, that it was 'quite emotional'

You have all contributed to the memories that these children will treasure forever, introducing them to experiences that they may otherwise never have had, and providing them with the building blocks needed to support their future

personal development.

We all feel privileged to see the children in a different light and get to witness some incredible 'light-bulb' moments!

I have been with groups who cannot co-operate with each other and by the end of the week, the team leaders have planned in reflective opportunities to develop their listening and leadership skills.

We would be pleased to put you in touch with those who provided feedback and/or Schools/Colleges who have previously used our centres