



Schools & Colleges Information Pack

Residential Bookings



Goblin Combe Lodge

A great place for learning outside the classroom



About Us...

Groundwork South is an independent charity and part of a Federation of charities mobilising practical community action on poverty and the environment across the UK.

Groundwork manages a range of outdoor learning centres, where young people can have a breadth of inspirational learning experiences. We find that children and young people thrive and think more creatively when learning outside the classroom. Everyone benefits from being better connected with the natural environment, and it helps to improve the health and wellbeing of all those involved.

We support schools, colleges and other educational establishments by providing affordable and inspirational outdoor learning spaces for children and young people.



A Local Offer...

We are thrilled to have recently reopened Goblin Combe Lodge, campground, and woodland to local schools and colleges. This is a great facility, set within a limestone gorge, in 130 acres of natural woodland.

Goblin Combe is just waiting for you to explore.

We know that transport can add significantly to the cost of residential trips. Goblin Combe offers you a locally based facility, situated in the heart of rural North Somerset, just south of Bristol.

It is a fantastic setting from which to facilitate a wide range of educational and personal development activities.



From nature-based learning for Primary, Geography Field Studies for Secondary through to Further and Higher Education field studies for Biology or Environmental Sciences, or for creating your own adventurous outdoor learning week.

There's something for everyone!



For an initial, no obligation discussion, please contact: peter.fleet@groundwork.org.uk

For more information about Goblin Combe Lodge facilities, read on...

Facilities

School and College groups have exclusive use of the site, including the lodge and adjoining cottage with its own common room and fully equipped catering kitchen. You also have access to the outdoor fire-pits, the Pavilion (Outdoor Classroom), the yurt, and outdoor games equipment. You can manage your own activities on site, or you can select from our bespoke programme of activities. We partner with providers to run these, and can put you in touch to organise your programme. Activities can be tailored to a breadth of curriculum subjects, age ranges, ability, and other interests.

These are described with pricing on the 'Booking Information' page.

The Lodge

Our residential guests stay in our eco-lodge which

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There are bathrooms on both floors, with 5 toilets, 7 showers, and 7 wash basins in total - inc. a fully accessible toilet and shower.

Each of the 10 bedrooms sleeps between 2 and 6 people. The rooms are split over two floors with a lift providing access to the first floor.



The Cottage



School & College Bookings will have full use of the Cottage, with all facilities at no extra cost. This Grade II listed cottage has a sitting room to relax, eat or work in, as well as a fully equipped catering kitchen, complete with a fridge, freezer, commercial oven, and microwave.



School & College Groups also have access to some great breakout spaces...

The Yurt

Our yurt is situated just behind the lodge on an 8-acre field. It offers a flexible and atmospheric space that's perfect for small group activities or performances for up to 20 people.

Use of the Yurt is included in your booking.



The Pavilion

Our timber-framed Pavilion is a great outdoor classroom, accommodating groups of up to 60 people. It offers the perfect space for talks, performances, workshops, and many other group activities.

Use of the Pavilion is included in your booking.



The Campground

If you are thinking of bringing a larger group, you can extend into our 8-acre campground. It's well sheltered, surrounded by a small private woodland, which features two fire pits.

The campsite can accommodate self-sufficient groups of up to 60 people. Indoor toilet and shower facilities are available, as well as a BBQ and outdoor covered food preparation and washing-up area.

There are some additional fees for camping



Booking Information

Hire Fees: Sole use of all buildings and facilities: £20 + VAT per person per night (min. fee £250 per night)

What your Booking Includes: Your Hire Fee gives you exclusive access to the entire site and all facilities, including the lodge (38 beds), cottage, showers, toilets, kitchen, washrooms, and communal indoor and outside spaces. You can also use the yurt, pavilion, fire pits and BBQ, and will have direct access to the wider woodland from the site.

Hire Periods: We are open all year round except the Christmas Holidays. You can book your stay from just 1 night or for a whole week. Whilst we accept last-minute bookings, if you wish to secure a particular week, we advise booking well in advance.

Please complete the form on this [web page](#) as fully as you can and we'll get back to you shortly confirming availability and to progress with your booking.

Optional Extras

Overnight camping in the field: We can offer camping on-site; normal price is £3.50 + VAT per person per night (up to 60 people) - We have tents available and the price is negotiable if booking the entire site.

Activities: We can offer these through a local provider and types of activity can vary, depending upon numbers. Typically, a class could enjoy a day of activities for £200. These can be scheduled between 10am and 2pm and tailored to your planned programme.

Your day can be very structured with whole class activities or a selection that your group can dip in and out of as they choose, or a mixture of the two. The day can be jam packed with high energy activity, or offer a slower pace, and more relaxed vibe; the choice is yours. Some of the activities on offer are listed below:

- *Explore and navigate the local woodland and learn about the ecology*
- *Focus your energy and learn to safely whittle*
- *Learn some new knots and make rope bridges to climb and play on*
- *Swing in hammocks and balance on slack lines*
- *Lighting campfires in small groups - Understand and managing risk*
- *Den Building - great for team building*
- *Laser Nerf Battle*
- *Survival challenges, great for team building and putting bodies and minds to the test.*

Archery & Photo Orienteering: £200 - This session is managed in smaller numbers for safety reason. It also allows for everyone to get plenty of time to enjoy the sport of archery. The class is split in half, whilst one group does archery, the other group take on the Photo-Orienteering Challenge on site. Then they swap over.

Catering: If you are not bringing your own school/college caterers, we can advise on self-catering for breakfast and lunch and put you in touch with local delivery services for your evening meals or you can make use of our BBQ facility. Due to managing individual dietary requirements and allergies, we ask that

More Information is available on our Website

