Longshaw Estate

Self-led school visits

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If you are looking for outdoor experiences and educational visits in varied landscapes packed with wildlife Longshaw, Burbage and the Eastern Moors area of the Peak District is the perfect place for a self-led or guided trip with your school or group.

Choosing the best option

There are so many possibilities for an educational visit to Longshaw. We can help you to explore your options and decide if a self-led or guided visit will work best for your group.

The Moorland Discovery Centre

The Moorland Discovery Centre (MDC) based on the Longshaw Estate provides a variety of very popular educational programmes for both primary and secondary school groups. The bookable sessions in the MDC are all linked to areas of the National Curriculum and involve guided fieldwork at various sites across the estate.

Please see our website for more details.

Getting the most out of your self-led visit

Here are some important things to remember to make sure your visit runs smoothly.

Please remember to tell us if you're planning a visit because:

- We can help you choose a place to take your group to achieve what you want out of the visit. School visits using the Moorland Discovery Centre happen on most days during term time. As a result, we could already be using the sites you plan to use with your own school group.
- You need permission to do fieldwork in some areas of the Longshaw Estate because they are designated as Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), and they have additional environmental considerations. To ensure the legal use of these areas we have permission from Natural England to use specific sites with groups of no more than 30 students. We can ask you to leave if you visit without permission. Our team will guide you through the process (see more details on page 2)
- We can prebook parking. Spaces are limited so it is advisable to book ahead. (see more details on page 2)
- We can tell you more about the facilities on offer to make it easier to manage your group.
- We can help you find the most cost-effective way of visiting.

Please contact us for further information and to request an enquiry form on 01433 637907 or email mdc@nationaltrust.org.uk

Parking at Longshaw on a self-led visit

All National Trust car parks are pay & display.

The car park at Longshaw has limited coach parking (3 coaches) which can be reserved for school groups. Priority is given to groups working at the MDC so booking is essential.

There is a Facilities Fee of £2/student. This fee includes parking and use of facilities such as toilets. However, if your school has an Educational Group Annual Pass parking is free but you must still book to guarantee a space.

Educational Group Access Pass

The National Trust Education Group Access Pass (formerly known as Education Group Membership) is specially designed to encourage access to National Trust places for groups whose students or members are in full-time or early years education. It includes free admission and parking at most of the places in our care.

More details about the Education Group Access Pass benefits, eligibility and costs please can be found on our website.

Where special education activities are offered by a place, additional charges may apply. Parking is also free.

Groups with an Educational Group Access Pass visiting the MDC benefit from a reduction in the charge for curriculum programmes. Please see our website for further information.

In addition, for every Educational Group Access Pass member visiting Longshaw (either independent school visits or those arranged through the MDC) we receive an income of £2.50 per person which helps to fund our educational programmes and conservation work. Please show staff at the Welcome Building your membership card and inform them of the number of adults and students in the group.

River studies / hydrology

Many schools visiting Longshaw do so to conduct hydrology fieldwork. The upper course of the Burbage Brook flows through the Upper Burbage Valley which is managed by the Eastern Moors Partnership and there are no permissions for fieldwork in this area. You will need to stay on the footpaths at all times.

The lower course which flows through Padley Gorge flows through land owned by the National Trust. We only have 2 sites where we have permission from Natural England for fieldwork to be undertaken so long as the following conditions are met:

- No more than 30 students in either area on any 1 day
- Activities will not negatively impact on wildlife or habitats
- Sensitive habitats such as flushes will be avoided
- No ground will be broken, or vegetation excessively trampled
- No soil sampling should take place without a separate consent
- Small scale sampling of the river is permitted
- All equipment used must be clean prior to using on site

PLEASE NOTE
You must contact us to arrange permission to use the sites prior to your visit. Our staff patrol the estate regularly. Any groups found not to have approval and/or not working in one of the 2 designated areas will be asked to leave.

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School visits flow diagram

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Are you intending to use the services provided by the Moorland Discovery Centre (MDC)?

YES

NO

Book your visit with the Moorland Discovery Centre

mdc@nationaltrust.org.uk

Complete and return your booking form

Make sure you know where you are going

Use the information sent to you by the MDC Team.

You will be invoiced after you have completed your visit.

What is the purpose of your visit?

Walks, picnics, looking at wildlife, using our orienteering trail etc.

Group of 60 or less

Please contact us before your visit with a completed Enquiry Form. We can then give you information and book coach parking (01433 637907 or email mdc@nationaltrust.org.uk.)

Coach parking is £35.00. Minibus is £25.00.

Ensure your group stay on paths at all times. Take all litter home.

River study, soil samples, woodland surveys, forest school activity etc.

Some areas of the estate are SSSI and need permission for field work and forest school type activity.

YOU MUST contact us as soon as possible before your visit with a completed Enquiry Form. We can then give you site information and book coach parking (01433 637907 or email mdc@nationaltrust.org.uk)

Do you have an Educational Group Access Pass (EGAP)?

YES

NO

You will receive a £2.50/child reduction on your visit if you are using the MDC

Bring your EGAP card with you

Coach/car and minibus parking is free (No Facilities Fee)

You can take out EGAP prior to your visit

If not:

Pay £2.00/student Facility Fee if you are not using the MDC

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Map of the estate

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