



About the Pack

Thank you for your interest in bringing your group to visit River Hamble Country Park. This pack is designed to help you find out more about what the park has to offer and help you with the preparation for your visit should you decide to come and visit us. It contains details on the domestic arrangements; arrival and departure, location of toilets, picnic areas as well as background information on the Park. If you are planning a self-guided visit and require further specific information please contact the Park's Education Ranger.

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1. Park Introduction

River Hamble Country Park is the perfect place to bring learning to life. It is situated on the banks of the River Hamble and covers approximately 168 hectares of ancient woodland and farmland.

This unique site includes a wide variety of habitats and woodland industries such as clay extraction, brick making, coppicing and tanning. The Park is also home to 'Cricket Camp', used by the marines as a training base during WWII and significant local character William Cobbett who campaigned for agricultural workers' rights in the 1820s, whilst the middle course of the River Hamble is the wreck site of both King Henry Vs flagship, the 'Grace Dieu' and the 'Holigost' (Holy Ghost).

2. Essential Information

The following information will help you get the best from your visit. If you need any further information then please do contact us.

Pre - Visits A pre- visit is recommended. During the pre- visit, our staff will help you with the planning of your visit

First Aid If you require medical assistance or in case of an accident please report to reception or the nearest member of staff. **If you call for an ambulance directly please let the reception know.**

Safety Please follow the guidelines set out by your local Education Authority with regards to taking groups on trips and carrying out fieldwork. The teacher/group leader is responsible for the discipline and overall control of the group at all times, and to ensure that all helpers are briefed on their responsibilities.

Insurance Hampshire County council has a public liability insurance of £5,000,000. A copy of the certificate is available on request.

Arrival procedure for guided activities On arrival the teacher/group leader will be met at Barnfield Car Park.

Toilets Ladies, gents and disabled toilets are situated next to the kiosk.

Cancellations A cancellation fee of £50 will be charged.

Clothing Please ensure that all pupils and adults are briefed prior to the visit regarding appropriate clothing. We recommend that stout footwear and long trousers are worn throughout the year. In addition extra warm and waterproof clothes for the winter and a hat and sun cream during the summer months.

The Kiosk The kiosk is situated near Barnfield Car Park and offers a hot and cold drinks, cakes and snacks.

Picnic Areas You are welcome to eat your lunch on the grassy areas of the park. Please try and ensure minimum packaging . Education Pack 4

3. Health and Safety

Machinery and tools The Park is a place of work and there will be times when machinery may be in operation. It is important that children are supervised by an adult at all times.

Weils disease can be contracted from the exposure to water contaminated with the urine of rodents. Children should avoid touching their eyes, ears and mouth, wash their hands and cover open wounds with a waterproof plaster if coming into contact with water.

Ticks (Lyme disease) Ticks can be picked up in wooded or grassy areas particularly during the warm summer months. The best way to avoid this is to wear long sleeved tops, trousers and sturdy shoes so that ticks can not **reach the skin. If you pick up a tick please seek medical advice.**

4. Guided Sessions

Sessions last for 2 hours (10am – 12 noon) or all day (10am – 2pm). The sessions are all hands on activities.

Title	Description
Flora and Fauna (KS1)	Looking at plants and animals – growth and food chains.
River, Grassland and Woodland Habitats (KS1/2/3/4)	Discover the different habitats and classify the creatures living there.
A Meandering River Safari (KS2/3/4) (a guided visit along the length of the River Hamble exploring human and physical features)	A whole day session exploring the course of the River Hamble from the source at Bishops Waltham to the middle course at River Hamble Country Park to the mouth at Hamble village.
Social Reform Through William Cobbett – campaigning for agricultural rights in 1820s (KS3/4)	Follow the Cobbett Trail and explore agricultural changes in the countryside.
Outdoor and Adventurous activities (KS2/3/4)	Bush craft - Includes a basic introduction to survival – learning skills such as fire lighting, shelter building and team work.

5. Prices

Staff led visits

£4.50 per child for 2 hours 10am -12pm

£6.50 for the day. 10am- 2pm

6. Booking Information

Please check availability and book by contacting the Heritage and Community Engagement Officer 02380 455157.

7. Evaluation Form

Once you have completed your visit to Manor Farm please would you be kind enough to fill in the online evaluation form. This feedback allows us to continually improve the educational offer we provide.

Thank you in advance.

8. Map

