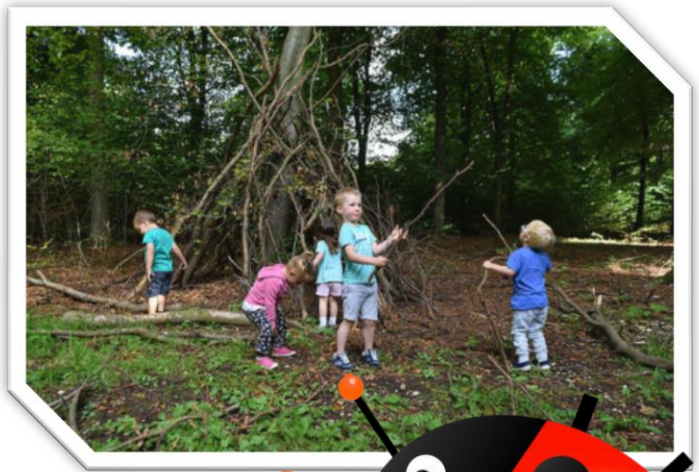


Education Pack



About the Pack

Thanks you for booking in your class/group to visit Staunton Country Park, and welcome to the briefing pack.

This pack is designed to help with the preparation for your visit, whether guided or self guided. It contains details on the domestic arrangements; arrival and departure, location of toilets, picnic areas as well as background information on the Park and follow up activities.

If you are planning a self-guided visit and require further specific information please contact the Park's Education Officer on

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

Pre – Visits

We strongly recommended a pre visit for your group leaders. Contact the Education Officer to book in.

Arrival procedure for guided activities

On arrival the teacher/group leader must report to the reception desk within the Coach House with the booking form and number of children attending the day.

Accidents and First Aid

All Park staff are qualified first aiders and carry two way radios. 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.

Toilets

Ladies, gents and disabled toilets are situated in the old dairy next to the Coach House.

Cancellations

The minimum notice period required for a full refund is one month.

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 Visitor Centre Shop

The shop stocks a variety of souvenirs, gifts and educational items which will add to your visit. Souvenir bags can be pre-booked at £2.50 each.

Staunton Country Park Café – Park Community

The café is situated with the coach house and offers a wide range of hot and cold drinks, cakes, snacks and light lunches. Groups can be catered for if booked in advance.



Health and Safety

Lake

We have a lake in Leigh Park Gardens. Teachers are advised to carry a safety throw bag if working close to the lake. Please note that Hampshire Schools should have an Open Country Award staff member in attendance when visiting Leigh Park Gardens.

Crossing the road

Weils disease

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 the lake's edge.

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.

Livestock

There are fields in Staunton Country Park that are used to graze livestock such as sheep and cows that have points of access. If you do have to enter these fields for any reason please do not approach the animals and ensure that you leave gates as you find them, Some may have been left open to enable livestock to reach food and water.

Machinery

Staunton Country Park is a working parkland and there are daily movement of tractors, lawn mowers and chainsaws and ranger vehicles. Please do not enter any restricted areas and ensure your group are supervised at all times.

Risk Assessment

It is essential that you complete a Risk assessment before your visit.





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Guided Sessions

Staunton Sensory Explorer's

Explore the Park using your senses. Look at colours in nature, map the sounds of Staunton and collect various textures. These activities will encourage the children to use their senses to learn about nature.

Adaptation to Habitat

Through a variety of outdoor activities, exploring different habitats and meeting some living examples children will learn how plants and animals are able to survive in different environments. Children will learn the characteristics of various countries climate and habitat such as rainforests, deserts and mountains. Habitats

Through a series of activities, the children are encouraged to draw comparisons between two very different habitats.

Plants

Learn how plants live, grow and germinate and investigate the plants that are growing at Staunton. Children will be encouraged to think about how we use plants from both this country and tropical countries. The children will also play games to understand the importance of plants within food chains and as habitats.

Mini Beasting

Which types of mini-beasts live at Staunton and why? Investigate the various habitats at the Park. KS1 will be taught to collect creatures safely, simple identification and recognition of body parts whilst KS2 will focus on classification, behaviour, food chains and habitats.

Team Building

Tackle a variety of activities such as an obstacle course, orienteering and shelter building to discover the importance of being a team member.

Orienteering

This session looks at map orientation, map symbols, teamwork. The students will play some orienteering related games and then will complete one of our courses.

Around the lake in 50 Years (The life and times of Sir George Staunton).

Sir George Staunton has lost his precious journal sheets. Whilst walking in the grounds of his estate, he paused on a bench to write in his journal, only to have some of the pages taken from his hands by the wind. They are now scattered around the park and not only do they hold the secrets of his life but also an important hidden message. Join George Staunton's Maid/Butler as we journey around the lake at Staunton in a treasure hunt based on the history of the park and the world of Sir George.

John Muir Sessions

Work with our fantastic ranger and education team to earn your John Muir Award following our winter or spring programmes. We will help your students discover and explore a range of different natural habitats and wildlife, and the history of John Muir (the pioneering Scotsman who created the notion of national parks!) We'll be channelling John Muir's hands on approach by using tools and equipment to conserve and maintain the parklands habitats, and have a good time sharing these experiences round a warm fire with toasted marshmallows.



Self Guided Activities

Self-guided packs

If you choose to have a self-guided day, this will be prepared and resourced by a member of our Education Team. You will lead the session. The self-guided pack includes all resources, for up to 30 children, with full instructions and locations. The self-guided pack will be available to you to collect from the visitor centre upon your arrival at the Park. Activity instructions can be made available to you prior to your visit. We recommend a pre visit.

Staunton Sensory Stroll

Environmental education favourites and some new treats to encourage children to explore the Park using their senses. Activities include natures palettes, sound maps, smelly cocktails, blindfolds and texture collectors.

Self Guided Trails –

Trail Guides can be purchased through education prior to your visit or on the day at the coach house. Accompanying self guided packs must be booked in advance.

Orienteering

There are three permanent orienteering courses designed for different skills and experience levels. They all start and finish at the same location within the Country Park. The maps can be purchased from the Visitor Centre.

The Folly Trail

Walking around the park you may stumble across some strange buildings - follies. They are a key element of the Regency Landscape created by Sir George Staunton in the 1800's. Sir George and his friends visited the follies as they walked around the parks, sometimes stopping for tea or to view Sir George's collections of strange objects kept in the Shell house. Only a handful now remain - follow in their footsteps and discover the follies that time forgot. This trail can be accompanied by the self guided folly pack which includes the trail leaflet, a set of 1 spy cards and create your own Folly worksheet.

Tree Trail

Follow the tree trail around the park discovering the wide and wonderful variety of trees that Sir George collected throughout his life. The views and sounds of wildlife on this walk will change with the seasons. The new shoots of spring change to full summer leaves, then the bright autumn colours give way to the stark winter branches. This pack contains the Tree trail leaflet, a set of tree Identification leaflets, bark rubbing equipment and a set of tree/plant games.

Self Guided Box (The boxes are available on loan to schools and groups, with follow up self guided sessions at Staunton)

Living History - A Day in the life of a Victorian Child.

Within this loan box your pupils will learn and about the Carter family, the Gamekeeper for the Staunton Estate in 1851. James Carter, his wife Miriam, and their 4 children: James, George, William and Lydia. Through artifacts and documents your pupils will discover what it was like to be a child in the early Victorian period. This box also contains information and pictures of the history of Staunton parkland.



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Prices

Two hour guided session	£6 per pupil
All Day guided Session	£8 per pupil
Accompanying Adults	Free

With guided sessions an indoor space will be provided free of charge

Self Guided Prices

Self Guided Pack	£60 per day (max 30 pupils per pack)
Orienteering Map	£1.50 per leaflet
Trail map	£2 per leaflet

To find out more about the park or to make a booking please
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