



## Schools Education Programme 2019 EYFS, KS1 & KS2

The Grange Farm meadow is a 21 acre area with hard paths providing a circular route around the tree and flower lined walkways. Among others poplar, oak, walnut and willow trees provide shade while a plethora of over 50 different indigenous wildflowers such as bluebells, creeping cinquefoil and the like provide colour and texture to the landscape. At night the site comes alive with owls, bats and other nocturnal animals.

### Costs

Full Day: £6 donation per child EYFS, KS1 & KS2  
Half Day: £4 donation per child EYFS, KS1 & KS2  
**Minimum deposit of : £100 full day | £65 half day**

### Timings

**Visits available Tuesday – Friday term time.**

Full day visits: 10am to 2pm or 2.30pm unless otherwise arranged.  
Lunch breaks are roughly 30 – 45 minutes. Time for morning snacks can be arranged.

### Site Facilities

We aim to spend the majority of time outdoors whatever the weather, please ensure students dress accordingly. The Centre has toilets and classroom for lunch storage.

### Contact

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### Health & Safety

Full site and activity risk assessments are carried out. Copies of relevant risk assessment will be sent to you prior to your visit on request. A qualified first aider will be present on site and all group leaders carry first aid kits. However, we are unable to provide antihistamines, insect repellent or sun cream.

### Other

Please ensure children and adults are appropriately dressed with suitable outdoor clothing: waterproofs, wellies and warm clothing essential in colder months and hats and sun cream are advised through summer.

Children are the responsibility of your school group leader at all times. It would be useful for children to be allocated to groups prior to your visit.

Our sustainability policy states that schools must take any rubbish away with them. Top tip: reusable lunch boxes are great for encouraging sustainability for the children.



# Essex Wildlife Trust Grange Farm Centre

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### **Bushcraft & Survival | Half Day | KS1, KS2**

Learn how to track animals and understand how they survive in the wild. Work together to put up a shelter, will it protect you from the cold, the wind and the rain? Optional fire lighting and marshmallow toasting can be included in this session upon request.

### **Seasonal Senses | Full Day | EYFS, KS1**

Use your senses to explore the park in the current season. Experience our environment through touch, see, hear and smell. Include links into literacy with describing the environment and art with artwork using natural materials.

### **Teddy Bears Picnic | Half Day | EYFS**

Children bring their teddies to learn about needs for life by exploring what animals need in the wild – shelter, water, air and food. Create dens for shelter, hunt for wild foods: nuts and berries and take part in a bug hunt.

### **Plant Detectives | Half Day | KS1, KS2**

Look for plants, trees or flowers, and understand what they need to grow. Find those growing in different places and understand how they are suited to their environment. Visit our sensory garden for hands-on plants discovery. Use simple classification to identify different plant types. Take part in games and activities to learn about plant structure and survival. KS2 look at parts of our flowering plants and explore the plant life cycle.

### **Where in the world? | Half Day | EYFS, KS1, KS2**

Work as a team to understand direction. Use maps to find your way around the park, follow a trail to find hidden clues. Look at Aerial photographs of the park – what features & landmarks can you find? EYFS combine with minibeads 'Understanding our World'.

### **Minibeast Hunt | Half Day | EYFS, KS1, KS2**

What are minibeasts? Discover the creatures that live on the land, learn to identify them and look at their habitats. Use magnifying glasses, sweep nets and bug pots to investigate our creepy crawlies. Use picture keys to find out what they are. For KS2 look at how minibeasts are adapted to their habitat, look at classification and be able to describe minibeasts and food chains and look at life cycles of different creatures.

### **Homes and 'Habitats' | Full Day | KS1, KS2 (pond dipping, seasonal availability)**

Explore the different habitats in the park, the meadow, woodland or pond. Answer questions about what a habitat is and why they are important for wildlife. Discover both plants and animals that are adapted to these habitats. Look at adaptations of our pond creatures, how do they breathe underwater?