

Booking Conditions

Confirmation of Booking

To arrange a booking with us, please complete a Booking Enquiry Form on our website. We cannot guarantee the date and time requested on your form are available, but we will do our best to accommodate you. Once we receive your booking enquiry form and a date and time are agreed, we will send you a letter of confirmation.

Invoicing

You will be invoiced for the full amount at the time of booking, please make sure these are your finalised booking numbers as no amendments will be issued after the invoice has been raised. If attendance is less, you are still required to pay the full invoice value. If attendance is more, an additional invoice will be raised. The invoice is to be paid prior to your activity date. Please provide details of who to invoice if this is different from the contact name. You can email this to outdoorlearning@theparkstrust.com

Alteration to bookings

If you need to alter any arrangements please email or phone the Outdoor Learning Team as soon as you become aware that changes are necessary on 01908 233600, outdoorlearning@theparkstrust.com and we will do our best to accommodate them. If you underestimate the numbers attending, please let us know 14 days prior to your session taking place, otherwise your session may be cancelled.

Cancellations

There is a high demand for the visits, especially in the summer term. If you need to cancel your session, and the cancellation is made within 1 weeks of the visit, you will be charged the full amount. If it is within two weeks, then you will be charged 50% of the full amount.

Start and Finish Times and Late Arrivals

The session you have booked has been designed to include several linked activities. Please arrive at the meeting point at the arranged time in order that your class can experience all of the activities within the session. Any changes to the start and finish times should be communicated to us up to 7 days prior to your session. Due to the impact it has on the structure of the session, should you arrive more than 20 minutes late, we reserve the right to not run the session. You will be still charged for the session.

If snacks are to be eaten during the session, please advise of this at the time of booking the session as this will impact on the timescale needed.

Bad Weather

Alternative dates will be offered to schools if the booked session has to be postponed due to very poor or dangerous weather conditions (not just drizzle!).

Pre-Visit Preparations

We would like to draw your attention to the important information overleaf.

We look forward to your visit.

Preparing for Your Visit

Risk Assessments and Health and safety

As part of your pre-visit planning preparations, all site specific and any activity specific risk assessments relevant to your visit can be downloaded from our website. (All of our relevant policies are also available on request.) Please note that none of our activities involve children entering the water.

It is important that you carry out your own risk assessment further to these, as pupil responsibility remains with you. If you need any further advice on risk assessments, the carrying of first aid kits, pupil/adult ratios etc. please speak to your school visit co-ordinator who will have all the relevant details of the requirements you need to meet. Whilst we appreciate that you will need adults to come along to keep your ratios correct, we ask that there are no more than 7 adults with each class as it can become distracting with lots of people present. Please contact us if you would like to arrange an accompanied pre-visit or if you have any questions about the accessibility of our activities.

All our staff and volunteers who are eligible are DBS checked.

General Information

Facilitation and all technical equipment for the session will be provided by The Parks Trust, however, responsibility for and discipline of the group remains with the school. If the behaviour of the group or an individual is inappropriate, the outdoor learning practitioner will stop the session.

Please ensure that your group is dressed appropriately for the weather, including all adults present. In winter this may mean warm, waterproof clothing and footwear. If wellies are worn, then we suggest a second pair of socks is worn to keep children's feet warm.

In the summer this may mean sun cream and hats. As most activities will involve being on uneven ground, in and around long grass where there may be nettles and brambles we recommend that children's legs are covered and that sandals are not worn.

Please be aware that there are no facilities in the parks in Milton Keynes, except at Campbell Park, Howe Park Wood and Linford Lakes Nature Reserve (Please speak to us about the facilities available if you are planning to take part in an activity at one of those locations.)

We advise that all participants wash their hands thoroughly when they return to school, after taking part in any of our activities. This is particularly important prior to eating or drinking. If you plan to bring a snack or have a picnic after the session, please make sure you can provide a suitable method of cleaning the children's hands. If snacks are to be eaten during the session, please advise of this at the time of booking the session as this will impact on the timescale needed.

The Parks Trust will not be held responsible for the loss or damage of any personal belongings brought to the session.