

# Derbyshire Wildlife Trust Schools Activity Programme



Derbyshire Wildlife Trust is the county's leading conservation organisation and is one of 47 Trusts in the national Wildlife Trusts Partnership. A Registered Charity, we are supported by more than 14,000 members and a strong team of volunteers. We manage nature reserves throughout Derbyshire, carry out a wide range of environmental education activities with schools and communities and advise local authorities and landowners on conservation issues.

*Protecting wildlife, Restoring landscapes , Inspiring people*

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## The Whistlestop Centre

The Whistlestop Centre at Matlock Bath welcomes school groups throughout the year. The Centre provides a unique learning experience with its own classroom and wildlife pond. It is within easy walking distance of the river Derwent and High Tor woods. Our practical environmental activities include pond and river dipping, owl pellet investigation and sensory earthwalks. The Whistlestop Centre can be booked for self-led visits.



## Wildlife Discovery Room

The Wildlife Discovery Room at Carsington Water offers a range of hands-on activities in a fully equipped classroom, utilising the varied man-made and natural landscapes of the surrounding site. Primary students can work towards our Wildlife Guardians Award whilst secondary students are offered the chance to take part in our Countryside Award.



Book your day at the Whistlestop Centre or Wildlife Discovery Room and take the **Lunchbox Challenge** for free. See back page for activities available at both centres.

## Nature Reserves

Throughout the year schools can get involved in practical conservation work on our 41 nature reserves and other green spaces around the county, including scrub clearance, grass raking, dragonfly and mammal surveys. We also offer curriculum linked ecological and biodiversity focussed activities for all Key Stages. Our reserves are ideally suited for extra-curricular activities, e.g. D of E and John Muir Awards.



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## Working in Schools

*'We believe that every young person should experience the world beyond the classroom as an essential part of learning and personal development, whatever their age, ability or circumstances'*

Learning Outside the Classroom Manifesto

Our activities can help your school to develop and use its grounds to create a valuable learning resource and vital habitats for our local wildlife. We can help your pupils to set up composting projects, design and build raised beds, build a willow dome or even discover the world of hedgehogs and snails! We also offer climate change workshops to promote a more sustainable lifestyle for the future.



All our activities can support schools working towards Eco-schools awards and the National Framework for Sustainable Schools 'Doorways'.

## Schools Watch Membership

**Wildlife Watch is the junior branch of Derbyshire Wildlife Trust.**

### Wildlife Watch can:

- help set up or support a gardening or wildlife club
- provide practical wildlife ideas and resources to use in a club or classroom
- train teachers and volunteers to deliver environmental activities
- help support learning outside the classroom

For details of membership benefits and packages contact us on 01773 881188. Annual fee from £39.



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Venue	Activity/Workshop
	All designed to meet QCA learning outcomes and can be adapted for KS3&4 if required
<b>Whistlestop Centre</b>	River Derwent Detectives (KS2) Secrets of the river Derwent (KS2) What's in our pond? (KS1) What do barn owls eat? (KS2) Earthwalks in High Tor Woods (KS1&2) Meander in the Meadows (KS1&2) (delivered at our Rose End Meadows reserve, Cromford)
<b>Wildlife Discovery Room*</b>	Sensory Wildlife (KS1&2) Wildlife Discovery (KS1&2) Nature's Artists (KS1&2) Whose Carsington? (KS1&2) Wildlife & Water (KS1&2) Climate Challenge (KS2)
<b>At Schools</b>	Willow domes (KS1&2) Compost workshop (KS2) Orienteering (KS2) Snail Trail (KS1) Hibernating Hedgehogs (KS1) The Green Man (KS1&2) Wind power workshop (KS2) Solar power workshop (KS2) Eco-homes (KS2) Energy explorers (KS2) It's our world too (KS2)

\* A full range of secondary activities are also available. Please contact us for more details.

Please visit our website for more information on our activities at -

[www.derbyshirewildlifetrust.org.uk](http://www.derbyshirewildlifetrust.org.uk) or call us on **01629 580958** or **01773 881188**.

To book an activity contact us on the above numbers or email -

[peopleandwildlife@derbyshirewt.co.uk](mailto:peopleandwildlife@derbyshirewt.co.uk)

## Prices from 2010

Whistlestop Centre and Wildlife Discovery Room charges are £6 per child per day (10am-2:30pm and includes two activities). Max 30 children. Minimum booking fee £150. For groups above 30 there is an additional £50 charge.

Cancellation fee of £60 unless visit is re-arranged.

Activities in schools and trips to nature reserves are charged at £305 for a full day and £160 for half a day.

## Safety and Supervision

We make all our activities as safe as possible without diminishing the 'hands on' nature of them. All activities have been risk assessed, a copy of which will be sent out with booking confirmation. All staff are first aid trained and have Enhanced Disclosure CRB clearance. Overall responsibility for discipline and safety remains with the class teacher at all times.

## The Whistlestop Centre

Matlock Bath Railway Station, Matlock Bath, Derbyshire, DE4 3PT.

Tel: 01629 580958

## Wildlife Discovery Room

Carsington Water, Carsington Ashbourne, Derbyshire, DE6 1ST.

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