How to find us

Free parking for cars and coaches.

CONKERS: Rawdon Road (B586), Moira, Nr Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Derbyshire DE12 6GA.

Education Department
Tel: 01283 213 731
education@visitconkers.com
www.visitconkers.com/education

FROM THE SOUTH
M42
Leave the M42 at J11, travel north west on the A444 towards Burton-on-Trent. After approximately 2 miles, when reaching the village of Overseal turn right at the junction with the B5003 for the Waterside Centre or take the next right at the crossroads and follow this road up to the T junction. Turn immediately right towards Moira and you will find the Discovery Centre entrance approximately 100 yards on your right.

FROM THE NORTH
A42
Leave the A42 at the junction to Measham, travel south to the traffic lights. Turn right on to the B586 towards Moira. CONKERS is clearly signed on the junction with the B5003 at Moira. Travel straight ahead for approximately half a mile for the Discovery Centre entrance or turn left at this junction and follow the road for the Waterside Centre.
Introduction

Located in 120 acres of woodland with ponds and lakes, classroom facilities and interactive exhibits, CONKERS offers an excellent environment for outdoor education, team building and outdoor pursuits and has been awarded both the LOTC (Learning Outside the Classroom) Quality Badge and AdventureMark Activity Badge.

All children, students and adults taking part in an education programme are required to pay the basic education admission charge of £5.50 and £6.50 and £7.50 EXTRA ADULTS ALONG WITH THE ACTIVITY COST, apart from the Team Building and Theme Day packages on pages 11 and 12 which include the education admission charge.

We offer a range of activities and education programmes at CONKERS!

Ranger-Led Education Programmes

A great opportunity for the children to consolidate and extend classroom learning by taking part in one of our Ranger-Led sessions.

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Teacher Self-Led Visits

Plan your own day of education and fun enjoying all the facilities CONKERS has to offer.

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High & Low Ropes Aerial Adventure

Both of these courses offer different and exciting challenges. A fun and exciting activity that can help build confidence.

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A special day at CONKERS

To assist your visit planning, CONKERS offers free pre-visits for teachers and group leaders to help you choose the most appropriate Ranger-Led activities and Self-Led Activities to suit the needs of the group (please telephone in advance to arrange a suitable date).

Alongside the pre-view visits, we provide activity and site risk assessments and free site maps. We hold £5 million of Public Liability Insurance.

Both Discovery and Waterside sites offer full disabled access – including toilets, restaurants and a retail shop. Outdoors the train and a good proportion of the trails are wheelchair friendly.

There are covered areas available at both the Waterside and Discovery Centres where children can sit and eat with their friends, plus plenty of outdoor space when the weather is nice! Our Olive Tree Restaurant is open all year round should your group wish to purchase lunch or refreshments.

Children’s ‘Boxed Lunches’ are available in advance from £4.95 each. Dolly tubs are provided to store bags and lunch boxes while groups undertake Ranger-Led activities.

For your booking form please call 01283 213731 or email education@visitconkers.com or download the booking form from the education section of our website.

High Ropes Activities

The ultimate team-ropes challenges for children aged 14 years plus.

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A Range of Outdoor Pursuits

Including water and land based activities: Why not try something new? Fantastic add-on activities at affordable prices!

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Team Building Days

Team Building Days

The perfect choice for smaller group bookings, providing a half day or full day of team building challenges.

NEW E-Scooters

Your Ranger led safari begins as your group heads out to uncover unseen and beautiful locations around CONKERS.

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Giant Sleepovers

All sleepovers take place on a Saturday night into Sunday morning and are much loved by group leaders and parents.

Residential Opportunities

The YHA provides the residential package while CONKERS will provide your group’s programme.

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www.visitconkers.com/education
Ranger-Led Education Programmes

Designed to closely support the National Curriculum and in particular the QCA Schemes of work CONKERS offer a range of programmes for Primary and Secondary groups supporting the following subjects: science, geography, mathematics, literacy, physical education, art, design and technology.

HERE AT CONKERS WE OFFER A CHOICE OF 20 ONE-HOUR RANGER-LED ACTIVITIES COSTING EITHER £36, £48 OR £59 FOR UP TO 35 CHILDREN PER GROUP.

In addition to your chosen activity / activities, we will schedule train transfers between the two sites, 4D Cinema viewings, time at the Adventure Playground, time to eat Lunch, time to explore both the indoor exhibits and outdoor trails and time to visit the CONKERS Shop!

It really is simple! YOU choose a visit date and the Ranger-Led activities and we will organise your day’s schedule for you.

Early Years Foundation Stage / Key Stage 1

All RANGER-LED ACTIVITIES last one hour and can accommodate up to 35 children.

TEDDY BEAR’S GRAND ADVENTURE

The Conkers Teddy Bear Hunt takes the children through the woodlands where they learn what can be made from the different trees.

COST £36.00
AGE RANGE 3 – 6 YEARS

MOTHER NATURE DESIGNER

Using their five senses, the children are encouraged to discover the various colours, textures and sounds of nature.

COST £36.00
AGE RANGE 3 – 7 YEARS

BUG HUNTING

Led by our Ranger, the children will take part in a minibeast hunt, learning about the meaning and importance of habitats.

COST £36.00
AGE RANGE 4 – 7 YEARS

WHERE DO I GO?

Using their CONKERS maps, the children go in search of letters located around our woodland trails to find the secret word.

COST £36.00
AGE RANGE 5 – 7 YEARS

MUD MONSTERS

A basic introduction to foodchains, this sensory interactive session encourages the children to discover who eats who?

COST £36.00
AGE RANGE 5 – 7 YEARS

SECRET LIFE OF SEEDS

The children are encouraged to find and identify different seeds and discuss how they might be dispersed.

COST £36.00
AGE RANGE 5 – 7 YEARS

MARVELLOUS MATHS

Discover the fun side of maths in this interactive session packed with practical challenges.

COST £36.00
AGE RANGE 5 – 7 YEARS

BAREFOOT WALK

Whether undertaken as a Ranger-Led activity, as part of a group exercise or under your own steam it is just simply fun, fun, fun!

COST £36.00 (IF RANGER-LED)

RANGER-LED EDUCATION PROGRAMMES CONTINUED >>>

www.visitconkers.com/education
Ranger-Led Activity Programmes KS2 and KS3

All RANGER-LED ACTIVITIES last one hour and can accommodate up to 35 children.

HABITATS & MINIBEASTS
This hands-on interactive activity encourages the children to become wildlife detectives. The children will learn about the meaning and importance of various habitats.
COST £36.00
AGE RANGE 7 – 11 YEARS

SECRET LIFE OF SEEDS
During an interactive woodland walk the children learn about seed dispersal and how plants grow from seeds and the factors needed for this to happen.
COST £36.00
AGE RANGE 7 – 11 YEARS

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WOODLAND WEB
This session explores food webs with the children taking a closer look at the relationship between predators and prey.
COST £48.00
AGE RANGE 7+ YEARS

UNDERWATER WONDERLAND
A Ranger-Led session where the children will try their hands at pond dipping, using identification charts the children will identify what they have caught!
COST £48.00
AGE RANGE 7+ YEARS

CANS COMPOST & PAPER
The children will look at the ways we can recycle different materials and products and how we can do this plus they will make their own recycled paper. Messy but fun!
COST £48.00
AGE RANGE 7+ YEARS

SHELTER BUILDING
The children are given the task of building a structure using natural woodland materials, in the shape of a tepee, shack or hut.
COST £48.00
AGE RANGE 7+ YEARS

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE
Using CONKERS maps, the children go in search of picture clues and riddles located across our Discovery site. But who will get back first with all the correct answers?
COST £36.00
AGE RANGE 7+ YEARS

BUSHCRAFT EXPLORER
This challenging programme is split into two separate elements: building a shelter and creating a fire. As part of this session, the children are given the opportunity to toast their own marshmallows.
COST £48.00
AGES RANGE 8+ YEARS

FROM COAL TO CONKERS
Learn about regeneration and sustainable development in this interactive Ranger-Led session.
COST £36.00
AGE RANGE 10+ YEARS

CONSTRUCTION DERBY
Working to a set of instructions, the children will be required to identify, sort and construct the various parts and components of a ‘flat-pack’ scooter.
COST £48.00
AGES RANGE 8+ YEARS

ASSAULT COURSE CHALLENGE
Provided with a bucket of water, you will work as a team navigating your way over and through our 18 obstacle assault course.
COST £36.00
AGE RANGE 8+ YEARS

BAREFOOT WALK CHALLENGE
Working in pairs, with one as the guide and their partner blind-folded, each pair has to navigate their way through our 17 troughs that contain a variety of materials.
COST £36.00
AGE RANGE 8+ YEARS

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AGE RANGE 8+ YEARS

BUSHCRAFT SURVIVOR (2 HOUR SESSION)
As for Bushcraft Explorer however this programme is extended to cover basic cooking skills. As part of this session, the children are given the opportunity to make s’mores and hot chocolate.
COST £59.00
AGE RANGE 8+ YEARS

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COST £48.00
AGES RANGE 8+ YEARS

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CONKERS can assist you in planning your Self-Led visit by offering free pre-visits for teachers and group leaders. We are happy to provide advice about the most suitable activities to suit the needs of the group (please telephone in advance to arrange a suitable date).

As part of the admission price, you and your children will have full access to the CONKERS site, the 4D Cinema the Conkerchoo train, the Adventure Playground, the Amphitheatre, the indoor interactive exhibits and outdoor activity trails and the CONKERS Shop!

PRICES (ADMISSION ONLY)

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1:1 CARERS / FREE HELPERS

(ALL PRICES BASED ON A MINIMUM BOOKING OF 10 CHILDREN/ STUDENTS)
High & Low Ropes Aerial Adventure

This fun-packed experience is essential for all you budding adrenaline junkies out there! A really great way to build confidence and conquer your fears! Following a safety briefing from one of our instructors, get harnessed up and off you go to take on one of Conker’s adrenaline pumping aerial challenges. There are five elements to choose from.

Children aged 5 plus and over 1m tall can access both the low ropes and climbing wall, while children aged 8 plus and over 1.4m tall can access any of the five elements.

PRICES

EACH ACTIVITY COSTS £4.50 PER PARTICIPANT IN ADDITION TO THE ADMISSION OR TEAM BUILDING PACKAGE PRICE.

JACOBS LADDER

This is a giant swinging ladder of 6-inch beams reaching 12 metres / 40 foot high. A team of 2-4 people attempt to climb as high up the ladder as possible. It is important to work as a team in order to make progress. This task is quite physical and involves an amount of strength, flexibility and agility. As the team climbs higher the challenge increases as the space between the rungs gets larger. The rest of the team are involved in holding the ropes and offering encouragement and help. Not everyone gets to the top but everyone enjoys trying!

CRATE STACK

The aim is to build a tower of crates as high as you can before it topples and comes crashing down. The challenge is that at least one team member must be stood on the top of the tower. The whole team is involved with building the tower and need to work together to support it and pass more crates to whoever is on the top. There are various ways to build the tower depending on the level of challenge required, from a base of just 2 crates with 2 people on the top making it super wobbly, to a base of 4 with just one climber on the top making it more stable and accessible to all.

TRAPEZE

Climb up to our 9 metre trapeze platform and then jump to catching the hanging trapeze bar. The bar can be moved closer or further away to make the leap easier or more difficult depending on the level of challenge you want. Miss and you’ll be in free-fall until the safety rope pulls tight four sets.

ALL ABOARD

Climb our 9 metre pole where you will discover a small platform at the top on which you must balance. Your teammates will take it in turns to climb up and join you. The more people who reach the top, the trickier it becomes to keep your balance. When all members are at the top, holding onto each other, they lean back putting their trust in the other team members. This is an exhilarating test of nerve and skill.

High Ropes Team Building Activities

All Team Ropes Activities are run in groups of 10-12 people for approximately one hour and are aimed at children aged 14 years old and older.

PRICES

AS A STAND ALONE ADVENTURE, £9.50 PER PERSON.
EACH ACTIVITY COSTS £4.50 PER PARTICIPANT IN ADDITION TO THE ADMISSION OR TEAM BUILDING PACKAGE PRICE.

THE HIGH ROPES ADVENTURE

HAVE 12 AERIAL SECTIONS to complete – with climbing nets and high level walkways. The High Ropes course is approximately 10 metres above ground but participants are always clipped on to the safe roller system.

THE LOW ROPES COURSE

is just the ticket for junior visitors to traverse and build confidence – OFFERING 9 DIFFERENT AND EXCITING CHALLENGES. The course is up to 3 metres above the ground and participants are always clipped on to the safety rail as they negotiate the obstacles and there’s always help at hand if you get stuck!

THE CLIMBING WALL

is approximately 10 metres high – it has many routes and uses a belay system to ensure that climbers are always safe.

THE AMAZING POWERFAN DESCENDER

is 13 metres high – step off the platform and into the void and you will experience the sensation of free-falling – before your descent is slowed at the last minute – a real leap of faith!

BEST OF ALL – THE FAST AND FURIOUS 100 METRE ZIP WIRE – is a great way to finish the course!

All Group Bookings are to complete a Ropes Disclaimer Form, to include all participants which must be presented on the day of their visit/booking.

*Discounted Group Bookings for Ropes Activities are only available during Term-Time.
Outdoor Pursuits

For group bookings only, we offer a selection of outdoor pursuit activities that can now be purchased as ‘ADD-ON ACTIVITIES’ AT £5.00 PER ACTIVITY PER PERSON, in conjunction with the Education / Group Admission or a Team Building Package.

Our outdoor pursuit’s activities are growing ever more popular with our school children enjoying amazing fun packed adventure days combining water sports and Ranger-Led activities.

Minimum group booking of 12 applies.

**ALL OUTDOOR PURSUITS ACTIVITIES RUN FOR A MINIMUM OF 1 HOUR. THESE INCLUDE:**

- **PEDAL GO-KARTING**
  Led by a Ranger this activity involves an off-road trek through our local woodlands in a full size adjustable pedal go kart. Full instruction provided.
  **AGE RANGE 8+ YEARS**

- **KATA-CANOEING**
  These water vessels are really stable, so perfect for younger children. Each boat takes up to 6 people so teamwork and communication to manoeuvre these canoes is key! Full instruction and buoyancy aids provided.
  **AGE RANGE 6+ YEARS**

- **ARCHERY**
  Do you have the natural skills of an archer?
  With the help and support of our fully qualified instructor, each archer will take their turn to fire arrows at the target. Can you hit the bullseye?
  **AGE RANGE 8+ YEARS**

**RISK ASSESSMENTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ALL OUR OUTDOOR PURSUIT ACTIVITIES.**

**PRICES**

*EACH ACTIVITY COSTS £5.00 PER PARTICIPANT IN ADDITION TO THE GROUP ADMISSION OR TEAM BUILDING PACKAGE*

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Team Building

Come along and enjoy a tailor-made Team Building Day, set in the Heart of the National Forest. Our team building activities are aimed at our 8yrs+ visitors and focus on developing skills in communication, leadership, trust and decision making.

Minimum group booking of 10 applies.

**TEAM BUILDING DAY ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:**

- **SHELTER BUILDING**
- **BUSHCRAFT**
- **ORIENTEERING**
- **BLIND-FOLDED BAREFOOT WALK CHALLENGE**
- **CONSTRUCTION DERBY 10+ YEARS**
- **ASSAULT COURSE CHALLENGE (8+ YEARS)**

**BUILDING RESILIENCE**

**PRICES**

*CHILD PRICE (8-15YRS) INCLUDES ADMISSION PLUS 1 ADULT FREE FOR EVERY 5 PAYING CHILDREN*

- 2 X ACTIVITIES £8.50
- 3 X ACTIVITIES £12.50
- TEAM BUILD PLUS OFFERS 2 TEAM BUILD ACTIVITIES PLUS WITH EITHER 1 X ROPE ACTIVITY OR 1 X OUTDOOR PURSUIT ACTIVITY FOR £17.50

*STUDENT PRICE (16YRS+) INCLUDES ADMISSION PLUS 1 FREE ADULT WITH EVERY 10 PAYING STUDENTS*

- 3 X ACTIVITIES £15.00
- TEAM BUILD PLUS OFFERS 2 TEAM BUILD ACTIVITIES PLUS WITH EITHER 1 X ROPE ACTIVITY OR 1 X OUTDOOR PURSUIT ACTIVITY FOR £19.50

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E-SCOOTER Safaris

Head out as a team on an easy to use electric scooter through the CONKERS Safari Trail on your own expedition led by our team of Rangers. Each trail offers great views, as well as historic nuggets of information along the way!

Donning all the supplied safety gear, these low speed vehicles will transform UK transportation for the better, and you all have the opportunity to have a go on them here at CONKERS first!

Want to know more? Email your enquiry to education@visitconkers.com
Theme Days

Following its enormous success, CONKERS Heritage Theme Days are available twice a year either in Spring or Autumn Terms.

Please call 01283 213 731 to find out availability now.

As part of these experiences, children will enjoy a full day of workshops discovering how people lived in Britain in times gone by. Everyone is encouraged to dress up in period costume (with warm clothes underneath!) for a total immersion in history. The smells and sounds will make the period come to life and enhance the children’s learning.

Experience Curriculum
Inspired Live History:
- ROMANS
- STONE AGE
- ANGLO-SAXONS
- EGYPTIAN
- GREEKS

Additional dates can be added throughout the year.

Bespoke Programmes

Are you covering a topic in the classroom that would lend itself well to outdoor learning? Here at CONKERS children are encouraged to put their learning into meaningful context through hands-on practical sessions. Let us know and together we can deliver a fun and memorable learning experience.

ADAPTED PROGRAMMES
We are also happy to adapt our educational programmes to meet the needs of SEN groups.

PRICES
From £36.00 for a 1 hour ranger-led session for a group of up to 35 children.

PRICES
£9.00 per child with 1 free adult with every 5 paying children. This price includes all workshops and activities, all-day admittance to CONKERS, free parking, storage for bags and covered areas where children can sit and eat.
Robin’s Winter Warmer

This programme runs on weekdays during December only. Be greeted from your coach by one of Santa’s Elves before you set off on your journey into a world of enchantment and education aboard the Santa Express. This is most suitable for children aged 3 to 11 years old.

This 1½ hour programme starts with the children making their very own Christmas Robin before listening to a story about Robin and his friends and how they survive the chilly winter months. The children will then be offered a cookie and some juice and the adults will enjoy a mince pie and a hot drink before embarking on a magical winter wonderland walk through the woodlands in search of the creatures from the story.

Upon entering the forest garden children will have the opportunity to meet Santa Clause in his woodland lodge and receive a small gift. A truly magical experience not to be missed!

PRICES
£7.95 PER CHILD
(1 ADULT FREE WITH EVERY 5 PAYING CHILDREN)
ADDITIONAL ADULTS
£6.00 EACH

CONKERS Group Sleepovers

A great experience for group leaders to offer within a safe a secure space.

Don’t forget to put teddy bear on the kit list and bring your favourite film for your ‘Cinema Experience With Snack’.

Once it is time to settle, our late night dark walls are great for shadow puppet tales and before you realise it, it’s time to get a nights rest.

When you rise, a choice of cereals with milk, toast with jam and juice is available. Of course, seconds are available to all who clear their plates, bowls and cups.

Residential Opportunities

Looking to organise a residential trip?

Over the last four years CONKERS has successfully worked with YHA National Forest in providing a growing number of Residential Education / Activity breaks for Primary School children, Special Education Needs Groups and many others.

YHA provide Bed, Breakfast, Evening Meal and a packed lunch while CONKERS educational team and rangers can provide the Learning Programmes and Adventure Activities to suit your needs.

MINIMUM NUMBERS:
100 CHILDREN OR £1895.00 PLUS ADULTS
MAXIMUM NUMBERS:
250 INCLUDING ADULTS
COST PER CHILD £18.95
COST PER ADULT £9.95

Want to know more?
Email your enquiry to education@visitconkers.com

SO, IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A RESIDENTIAL PACKAGE?
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