

CONKERS



ENTER A WORLD OF ADVENTURE & DISCOVERY
AT THE HEART OF THE NATIONAL FOREST

Schools & Groups Days Out



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Learning Outside the Classroom



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Introduction

Located in 120 acres of woodland with ponds, lakes and classroom facilities. 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 Adventure Mark Activity Badge.

THE HANDS-ON
EDUCATIONAL
EXPERIENCE



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! The Explorers Rest-aurant is open all year round should your group wish to purchase lunch or refreshments.

Children's 'Boxed Lunches' are available in advance. Dolly tubs are provided to store bags and lunch boxes while groups undertake Ranger-Led activities.

Admission Prices

0-2 years	Free	
Children (3-15)	£6.95	Per person*
Students (16-18)	£8.00	Per person**
Adults	£8.00	Per person



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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Team 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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Special Themed Days

featuring, for example The Stone Age and Roman Days: Children get to 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 for a total immersion in history.

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Robin's "Winter Warmers"

Christmas Programme

Led by our team of CONKERS Elves, this fantastic themed experience includes craft, refreshments, storytime and a woodland walk to visit Santa - A truly magical experience not to be missed!

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Home Learning

In line with the national curriculum, we welcome group learning opportunities here at CONKERS for a day filled with practical and engaging experiences.

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Residential Opportunities

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

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Giant Sleepovers

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

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Ranger-Led Education Programmes

Designed to closely support the National Curriculum, CONKERS offers a range of programmes for a variety of subjects, including: Science, Geography, Maths, Literacy, Physical Education, Art, History, Design and Technology.

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With a range of one hour activities for up to 35 children per group.

Choose a visit date and the Ranger-Led activities and we will organise your day's schedule for you.

In addition to your chosen adventure, we will schedule train transfers between our two sites,

- 4D Cinema viewings, time
- at the Adventure Playground,
- time for lunch, time to explore
- both the indoor and
- outdoor experiences,
- as well as time to
- visit the shop.





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.

AGE RANGE 3 – 6 YEARS £45.00

Mother Nature Designer

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

AGE RANGE 3 – 7 YEARS £45.00

Bug Hunting

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

AGE RANGE 4 – 7 YEARS £45.00

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.

AGE RANGE 5 – 7 YEARS £45.00

Mud Monsters

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

AGE RANGE 5 – 7 YEARS £45.00

Secret Life Of Seeds

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

AGE RANGE 5 – 7 YEARS £45.00

Marvellous Maths

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

AGE RANGE 5 – 11 YEARS £45.00

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.

AGE RANGE 7 – 11 YEARS £45.00



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.

AGE RANGE 5 – 11 YEARS **£45.00**

Woodland Web

This session explores food webs with the children taking a closer look at the relationship between predators and prey.

AGE RANGE 7+ YEARS **£54.00**

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!

AGE RANGE 7+ YEARS **£54.00**

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!

AGE RANGE 7+ YEARS **£54.00**

Shelter Building

The children are given the task of building a structure using natural woodland materials, in the shape of a teepee, shack or hut.

AGE RANGE 7+ YEARS **£54.00**

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!

AGE RANGE 8+ YEARS **£45.00**

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.

AGES RANGE 8+ YEARS **£54.00**

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.

AGE RANGE 8+ YEARS **£75.00**

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.

AGES RANGE 8+ YEARS **£54.00**

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.

AGE RANGE 8+ YEARS **£45.00**

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.

AGE RANGE 8+ YEARS **£45.00**

From Coal to CONKERS

Learn about regeneration and sustainable development in this interactive ranger-led session.

AGE RANGE 10+ YEARS **£45.00**

Teacher Self-Led Visits

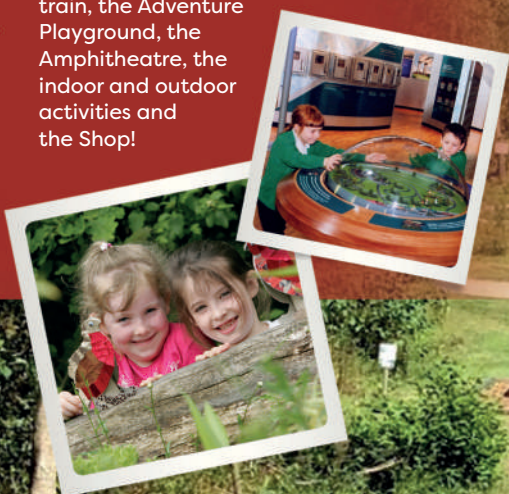
Are you looking for a school trip on a budget?

In which case a teacher Self-Led day is the perfect choice for you and your class!

CONKERS will 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 and outdoor activities and the Shop!



For your booking form please call **01283 213731**
or email education@visitconkers.com

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 our instructors, get harnessed up and off you go to take on a CONKER'S adrenaline pumping aerial challenges!

**JUST
£5.50**
per person
for Ropes!



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 ELEMENTS.

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

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.



Team Ropes 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.



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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.

Gladiator Challenge

Race your partner to the top of our Gladiator challenge. Wooden rungs, vertical monkey bars, scramble nets and tyres will be in your way as you strive to be the champion. Who will be the Ultimate Gladiator?



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.



Outdoor Pursuits

Outdoor pursuit activities can be purchased in conjunction with the Education / Group Admission or a Team Building Package.



Our outdoor pursuit's activities are growing ever more popular with school children enjoying amazing fun packed adventure days combining water sports and Ranger-Led activities. (Minimum group booking applies).

Pedal Go-karting

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

Archery	£5.50	Per child (max 12 per session)
Kata-Canoeing	£5.50	Per child (max 36 per session)
Pedal Go-Karts	£5.50	Per child (max 20 per session)



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* 1 Adult per 5 Children FREE ** 1 Adult per 10 Children FREE

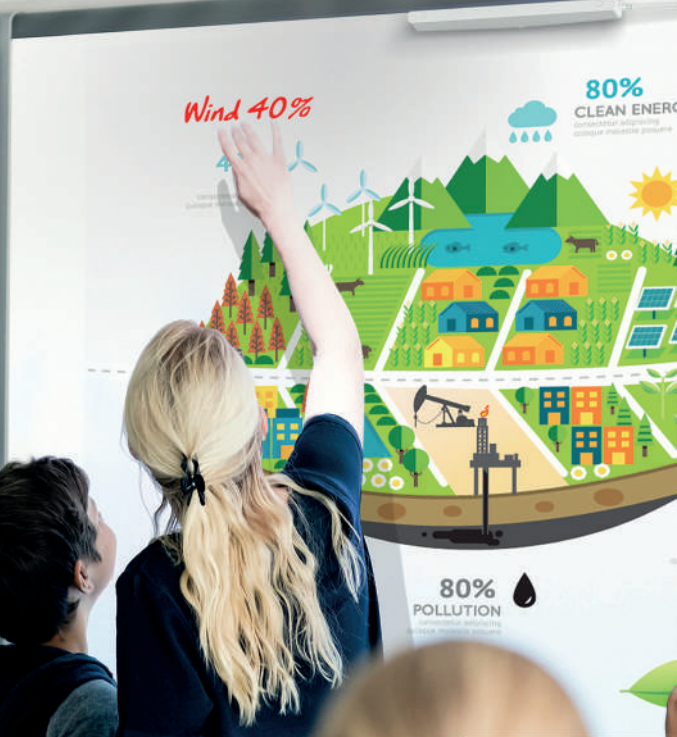
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Create an efficient, connected and interactive learning environment, supported by seamless, reliable technology.

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We can help setup your digital classroom with the right solutions tailored for you.

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Theme Days

Following its enormous success, CONKERS Heritage Theme Days are available throughout the year, with actor led days in Spring or Autumn Terms.

Please call 01283 213 731 to find out availability now.

Experience Curriculum Inspired Live History:

- **ROMANS**
- **STONE AGE**
- **VIKINGS**
- **EGYPTIAN**
- **GREEKS**

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.

Prices

Children	£135.00	Per Group up to 35
Accompanying Adults	FREE	



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 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.

Children will then be offered a treat and some juice and the adults will enjoy a treat 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!**



Home Learning Programmes

Are you covering a topic out of 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.



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.



Giant Sleepovers

We host fantastic Giant Sleepover in our Discovery / Interactive Hall.

Whether you're planning a themed event, a special celebration, or an educational visit, let us know and we will work with you to ensure everyone has a fun and memorable stay with us!

The Giant Sleepover experience consists of:

- **SLEEPOVER AT THE DISCOVERY CENTRE 6PM – 9AM**
- **EVENING MEAL, BISCUITS AND HOT CHOCOLATE BEFORE BEDTIME**
- **TEA AND COFFEE STATION FOR THE LEADERS / ADULTS**
- **BIG SCREEN MOVIE**
- **BREAKFAST**



This is an experience for the memory books and completes a day of exploring with a fun filled night at 'Base Camp'.

We are more than happy to assist you in the planning of evening activities whether this is a mini-disco or a themed activity.

Prices from £28.95 per child

Our Team can plan a full day and stay at CONKERS, and present this into one price for you

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Stays
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