



## INFORMATION

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# Nature

Educational Activities at  
Beaumanor Park and Quorn Hall

## NATURE AND ENVIRONMENT

A one or two day Nature and / or Environment theme for KS1 or KS2, with the emphasis on outdoor activity in the grounds of Beaumanor Park. A very wide range of activities is available and a programme can be tailored to suit numbers and ages of children and individual requirements. Activities, mostly lasting around one hour, include:

### Pond Dipping and the Study of Aquatic Life

Students are given a net and bucket per team of two and go to the pond or the stream to see what they can find. There are some large, weatherproof pictures around the pond as well as identification schedules and lots of field guides in the Field Studies room.

### Tree Trail with Tree Studying and Measuring Exercises

A simple map-reading course with 12 marked places and a tree at each place. The students go to the trees and try to identify them. Given out with the map are pictures of the trees.

### Nature Trail

This trail takes your group through the woods and the grassland, looking at various aspects of the wildlife at Beaumanor. There is an explanation and an activity for the children to do at each marked station.

### Environmental and Nature Games

We have a whole set of nature games, some about environmental concepts such as litter, alternative energy, energy wastage, nature appreciation, ethics and colour - and others about more strictly 'mainstream' concepts such as camouflage, adaptation, animal tracking, food chains and photosynthesis.

### Nature Walks

As a half-day activity the group get dropped off at Swithland Reservoir and walk back, bird watching, map reading and nature spotting as we go. For groups who wish to go out for a whole day we walk from Beaumanor to the top of Beacon Hill and back.

### Mini-Beast Hunts

A similar idea to the pond dipping - except on dry land. The students use capture bottles and magnifying glasses to investigate minibeasts found in the woods.

### Eco Activities

Various activities are available, including using KNEX to build wind, water and solar powered machines, energy auditing, making friends with an ice cube, organic gardening and an environmental trail around the grounds.

## ACTIVITY INFORMATION

- We offer this activity as a one or two-day theme for any number of children.
- Residential groups will also be offered evening activities, until around 20:00.
- Groups will need to split into teams of around 30 – see programme for information.
- All of the activities and any necessary equipment will be provided by Beaumanor.
- There may be some occasions when visiting staff will be asked to lead activities.
- Unless otherwise agreed, day groups will need to provide their own lunches.

All of our activities are as cross-curricular as possible and we try hard to encourage an holistic approach to any particular topic. Specifically, we try to include aspects of Maths, English and Science in all our days.

### Curriculum Links For:

#### QCA

- Science unit 2 a Plants and animals in the local environment
- Science unit 4 b Habitats
- Science unit 5 b Life cycles
- Science unit 6 a Interdependence and adaptation

### Key Stage 1

#### Science

#### Sc1 Scientific Enquiry

- Investigative skills (2 f and h)

#### Sc2 Life Processes and Living Things

- Life processes (1 c)
- Variation and classification (4 b)
- Living things in their environment (5 a and b)

### Key Stage 2

#### Science

#### Sc2 Life Processes and Living Things

- Life processes (1 a, b and c)
- Variation and classification (4 a, b and c)
- Living things in their environment (5 b, c, d and e)

Suitable for Key Stages 1 and 2.

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