

# Woodcroft Educational Wildspace

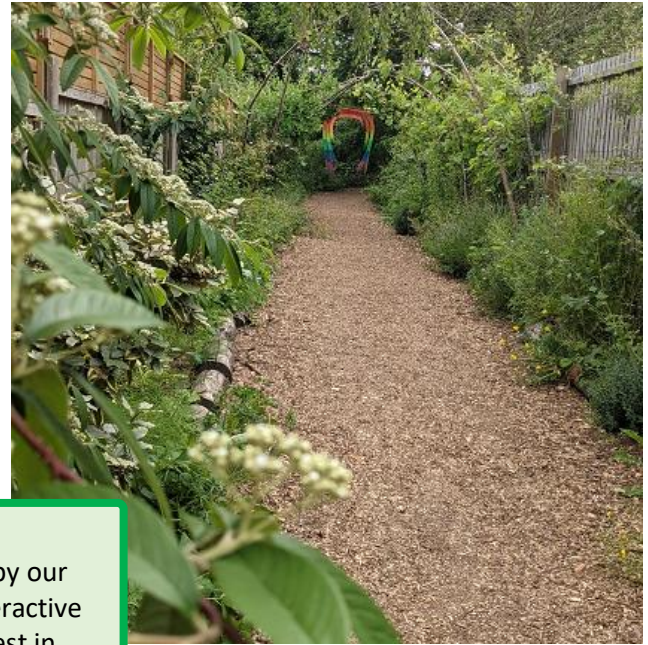
## School Visit Guide



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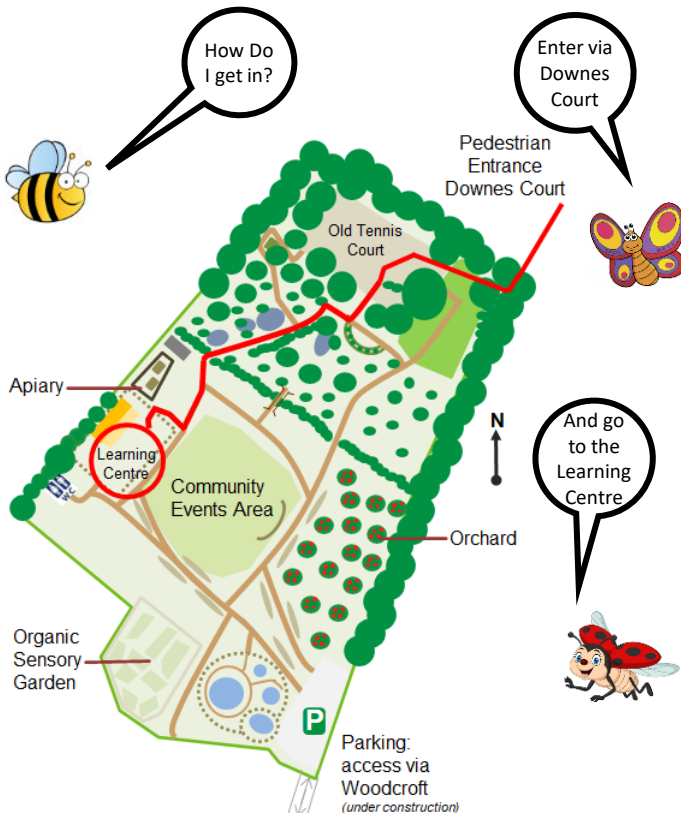
### ABOUT US

Woodcroft Wildspace offers an exciting opportunity for curriculum-linked learning sessions right on your doorstep. Set in 3.5 acres in the heart of Winchmore Hill, London N21 3PG, the enclosed wild space area consists of managed grassy and wooded areas, hedges and copses, an apiary (where 100,000+ honeybees live), bogland, wells and ponds. Pupils can observe and examine a range of native wildlife including a variety of trees and plants, insects, vertebrates, birds and pond life.



### HOW IT WORKS

When you arrive on an arranged visit, you will be greeted by our volunteer guides. They will help lead and support your interactive learning session and help you to capture your pupils' interest in nature and engage them with their environment. There are three main activities: plants, 'mini beasts' (insects & other creatures) and pond life, each session lasting 20-30 minutes in rotation (overall session length of 1½ to 2 hours).



### PLANNING YOUR VISIT

We encourage schools to contact us in advance. This will allow you to arrange a pre-visit to review the space & facilities and enable us to answer any questions you may have. We can also share our Risk Assessment process with you to help you undertake a risk assessment.

### ON THE DAY

All sessions are conducted outside, so please ensure everyone dresses appropriately with suitable footwear for the time of the year.

Toilets & handwashing are provided, but no food and drink is available for purchase. We provide tarpaulins to sit on and a place to store bags.

**We invite a donation of £2 per child for each visit (with a minimum of 20 children and recommended maximum of 30)**

Each school visit is divided into three activities: 'mini-beasts', pondlife and plants, with about ten children in each group, in rotation



### MINI BEASTS

- Discovering different kinds of insects and creatures
- Finding out where the creatures live and how they survive
- Collecting different varieties (before releasing them again)



### PONDLIFE

- Discovering which 'mini-beasts' live in ponds
- Using nets to examine creatures in detail (before releasing them again)
- Spotting the differences in behaviour
- Understanding how the creatures live



### PLANTS

- Discovering different grasses, trees, herbs & fruit trees
- Learning how to identify different varieties
- Seeing how bees help to pollinate plants
- Using sight, touch and smell to learn about plant life



Further information about Woodcroft Wildspace is available on our website at [www.woodcroft.org.uk](http://www.woodcroft.org.uk)

We are contactable via a dedicated email: [education@woodcroft.org.uk](mailto:education@woodcroft.org.uk)

