

Upton Country Park

Mini Beasts Workshop

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This two hour workshop is suitable for KS2 pupils studying habitats and environments and the wildlife found within them, as part of the Life Processes section of the science curriculum. It is also suitable for students investigating environmental sustainability as part of the geography curriculum.

The workshop takes place at Upton Country Park using resources provided by Poole Museum. The class will be split into two halves and carry out designated activities for one hour before swapping over. A member of the museum learning team will deliver activities with one half while the class teacher can carry out any number of activities from the self-directed study pack.

The workshop will begin at 10:00 am or 12:30pm, depending on your preference.

Learning Outcomes

1. To identify key features of different habitats and the wildlife found within them
2. To learn how to carry out safe environmental investigations
3. To understand the need to manage habitats successfully

Timetable

Group 1: Activity 1 - Discovery Trays (10 minutes): examining ecofactual evidence to begin understanding what might be discovered during the trip.

Activity 2 - Minibeasts (25 minutes): using environmental methods to collect and observe minibeasts. Using magnifying glasses, magnification pots and pooters.

Activity 3 - Pond dipping (30 minutes): pond dipping with nets to examine the wildlife found within a pond. Using nets in a safe manner and examining animals in an observation tray

Group 2: Choose activities from wildlife and habitat scavenger hunts, trails, worksheets and games. All options will be provided, with full instructions, in the self-guided study pack. An idea of the time to spend on each chosen activity will be indicated on the instruction sheet. (60 minutes).

Curriculum links

Geography: Geographical Enquiry: 1a; 2a

Geography: Knowledge and Understanding of Places: 3a, d

Geography: Knowledge and Understanding of Patterns and processes: 4

Geography: Knowledge and understanding of environmental change and sustainable development: 5

Science: Scientific Enquiry: 2c

Science: Life Processes and Living Things: 1; 2e; 3; 4; 5

Staff ratios

The class will be split into two halves for the duration of the workshop. The practical investigation activities are delivered by a member of Poole Museum Learning service. The other activities will be self-delivered. In order to ensure all activities are carried out safely, we suggest at least 5 adults accompany the children during this visit.

Photography

We are very happy for our staff to be photographed working with your pupils. Where consent is available we would be grateful for copies of digital photos we can use for promotion and publicity.

Health and safety

A risk assessment has been prepared to assist you in your risk assessment.

If your group has specific issues, such as special educational needs, learning or physical disabilities please raise these when booking so that we can tailor the session accordingly.

Cost

£110 (Poole Schools), £125 (non-Poole Schools)

Payment

You will be invoiced for the workshops after our visit. Please advise us of any relevant order numbers if appropriate.

Further enquiries

For booking, further information or a discussion of your needs and the suitability of the workshop please contact our Learning Assistant -

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Or email us at museumlearning@poole.gov.uk