



North York Moors National Park

White Horse walk (Key stage 2)

A spectacular, 4km circular walk from Sutton Bank National Park Centre past the Yorkshire Gliding Club and on to the famous White Horse of Kilburn. Children are divided into small groups and each group is provided with maps and a bag containing mystery objects relating to points of interest along the route. Children take it in turns to lead and use the mystery objects as prompts to tell the rest of the class about the landscape and how it has been shaped by geology, ice and by people.



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Age Range: Years 5 and 6 (Age 9 to 11)

Duration: About 4 hours including picnic lunch

Location: Sutton Bank National Park Centre

(NB. No wet weather shelter for groups or alternative activities available at this centre).

Main curriculum links

Geography

- geographical skills; geographical vocabulary, human and physical geography of this area

Science

- describing rocks on the basis of their characteristics, the age of the Earth

English

- myths and legends, enhancing vocabulary.

Key learning objectives

Children should learn...

Geography

- to follow a route on a map
- to recognise features on a map and in the landscape
- how people use the landscape now and how it was used in the past;

Science

- to identify rock samples on the basis of their characteristics

English

- about local myths and legends

Learning outcomes

All children will be able to:

- recognise some map symbols and follow a route on a map;
- identify a way in which the landscape is being used by people;
- add simple labels to a sketch of the landscape
- identify rock samples from colour
- relate parts of a local legend

Most children will be able to:

- match features on a map to the landscape;
- identify a range of different land uses in a landscape;
- annotate a field sketch to show different physical features;
- identify rock samples on the basis of their characteristics

Some children will be able to:

- explain why the landscape is the shape it is in terms of geology and the effects of water;
- write a story based on the characters in a local legend

Assessment for learning

We assess learning using a variety of techniques appropriate to the activity such as: questioning, questioning games, observing how well children are performing tasks, checking results, quizzes and feedback forms.

Ideas to extend learning before and after this activity

Find The North York Moors on the map. Locate Sutton Bank National Park Centre and the White Horse.

Discover more about Sutton Bank and the Battle of Byland

www.northyorkmoors.org.uk/things-to-do/attractions/sutton-bank-national-park-centre/battle-of-byland

Further information

To find out more, make a booking or view other activities please visit our [Outdoor learning and school visits page](#).

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