

North York Moors National Park Education Service Activities for Uniformed Groups

Brownies: Wildlife Explorer Badge

This visit can achieve 3 out of the 4 requirements for this badge:

- Identify three of each of the following: wild birds, butterflies, wild mammals.
- Make a feeding station for insects or birds.
- Choose and do one of the following: find a pond or stream and study what lives there; visit a nature reserve or country park and draw or photograph at least four different types of trees. Make leaf and bark rubbings. Label them with the names of the trees.

On completion of the day each Brownie will be presented with a certificate of merit.

Activity Day Outline

Birds and beasts (indoor and outdoor session)

Brownies take a closer look at our stuffed mammals and birds, before going out to try their hand at bird spotting in the grounds and woodland of the Visitor Centre.

Make a bird feeder (indoor session)

A great opportunity to make a mess! Make a yummy cake for birds and take it home to hang in a tree and observe who comes for dinner.

NB. This activity involves peanuts. Check for children with peanut allergies.

Choose from one of the following:

Woodland habitat (outdoor session)

Brownies explore Crow Wood near the Visitor Centre and learn to identify 6 different trees from their leaves and shapes and make bark rubbings.

OR

Stream study (outdoor session)

We take a short walk to a small tributary of the River Esk about a mile from the Visitor Centre where Brownies get an opportunity to use pond nets to capture freshwater invertebrates and identify them using a key.

Duration 3 hours plus a lunch break

Cost Short day rate per child £5.50

Minimum charge £82.50

(all adults free)

Location The Moors National Park Centre

