



North York Moors National Park Education Service Activities for Uniformed Groups



Beavers: Hikes Away Staged Activity Badge

These visits can achieve the requirements for this stage of the badge.

Beavers must do a hike or journey of at least two hours of activity and have a purpose. The sorts of activity that count as a hike away include:

- exploring a country park or nature reserve on foot
- taking part in a woodland walk, looking for wildlife or doing a tree safari



Each hike or journey counts towards the eight different badges which can be collected, marking the number of hikes or journeys completed.

At the end of the session each child is presented with a certificate of merit.

Activity outline:

Habitats and animals (indoor session)

This session explores what the National Park is and why it is special. It includes an opportunity for children to learn more about wildlife by meeting some furry and feather friends from our collection of stuffed animals and birds. In this popular session children get a chance to touch the creatures and learn what they eat and where and how they live.

Preparing for a visit (indoor session)

This session includes a series of games with children working in teams and choosing what clothes to wear and what to pack into a rucksack for a walk in the countryside.

Then choose one of the following activities:

Moorland Walk (outdoor session)

As a group, children follow a route (2½ km) on a map through woodland, fields and a short section on moorland, with games and activities along the way.

OR

Woodland Exploration (outdoor session)

This session takes place in an area of mixed woodland within the grounds of the Visitor Centre. Using a variety of resources and often working in teams, children learn to identify trees, find and identify mini-beasts, build bug hotels, identify woodland birds, and end with building shelters.

Duration About 3 hours plus a lunch break

Cost Short day rate £5.50 per child
Minimum per group £82.50
(all adults free)

Location The Moors National Park Centre

