



North York Moors National Park Education Service Activities for Uniformed Groups

Beavers: My Outdoors Challenge Award

This visit can achieve four of the six requirements for this award:

- Learn how to tie three simple knots.
- Take part in an activity using natural things like leaves, bark, twigs, sand or rocks.
- Point out and name five different types of animal, insect, bird or fish that you might find near where you live. Find out about the food they eat and the places they might live.
- Make something to help animals in the wild. It could be a bird box or a bug hotel.



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

Outline of activities:

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.

Sculpture and woodland habitat (outdoor session)

Children follow a sculpture trail in the grounds of the visitor centre to discover statues, leaping salmon and a dragon! We then collect natural materials to make our own group sculptures in Crow Wood, an area of mixed woodland within the grounds of the Visitor Centre. We follow this with a woodland habitat investigation. 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 learn how animals are adapted to their environment.



Knot tying and shelters (outdoor session)

Beavers learn how to tie different knots and find out the best ones to use for different purposes, including rigging up a tarpaulin shelter.

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