



North York Moors National Park Education Service Activities for Uniformed Groups

Cubs: Naturalist Badge

These visits can achieve two out of the four requirements for this badge.

- Learn how to identify six different living things from two of these categories: trees, minibeasts and insects, wild flowers, pond dwellers.
- Choose one of these activities to do: create art using natural material, make a feeding station for birds.



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

Choose two activities - one activity A and one activity B.

A. Stream Survey (outdoor session)

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

A. Minibeast Survey (outdoor session)

Using the woodland nearby and the fields and meadow areas in the grounds of the Visitor Centre, Cubs learn to identify some of the minibeasts they find.

A. Woodland Study (outdoor session)

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

B. Sculpture and Collage (outdoor session)

Cubs 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 collages and have a go at making woodland faces from clay to leave amongst the trees.

B. Feed the Birds (indoor session)

Cubs make a fabulous willow bird feeder to take away with them, then make a yummy cake to hang in a tree for birds and observe who comes for dinner. **NB.** This activity involves peanuts. Check for children with peanut allergies.



Duration: About 3 hours plus a lunch break

Cost: Short day rate £5.50 per child
(For willow bird feeders, add on £2 per child)
Minimum per group £82.50
(all adults free)

Location: The Moors National Park Centre