



Level 2 Award in Forest School Programme Support

This five day course is designed to qualify you in becoming an assistant to a Level 3 Forest School leader. You will be based in the heart of the Kent Weald at the renowned National Pinetum at Bedgebury.

During your time with us you will be learning about the Forest School ethos that aids development in children and practical steps for successful assisting.

We will be putting theory into practice and spending time outside in the forest partaking in Forest School activities and learning about species found in the UK.

The course is made up of two units

Unit 1: Skills for the Forest School Programme Assistant

Unit 2: Supporting Learning and Development at a Forest School Programme

Guidance provided by our certifying body states that this qualification should take around 70 hours to complete with around 35 hours of training and 35 hours of self-directed study.

By completing this course you will have a good understanding of the principles of Forest School that will allow you to assist with programmes. This may inspire you to continue with your training and become a leader or may be enough to help you work with and support others that are practicing

Days run from **10am-17-30pm** and we will spend all day outdoors in all weathers!

We ask you to bring along your own food and drink. We will supply hot drinks and biscuits.

In addition to attending the course you will need to:

1. Complete a portfolio of written work with 9 months of the course end date.
2. Assist in the planning and delivery of three consecutive Forest School sessions run with the same participants. We may be able to offer you a place on one of the Forest School Programmes that we run but we cannot guarantee you a placement. You may need to find a practicing Level 3 Forest School leader that you can assist with the planning and delivery of at least three

Pre-requisites for prospective students:

You will need the Level 1 Award in Forest School or some experience working with children. We will assess everyone's suitability individually, so please do get in touch to check if you are unsure.

Please be aware that this course does not qualify you to lead your own Forest School, only to assist a Level 3 Leader.