



**Fir Tree's Trip to
Woodlands 2026**



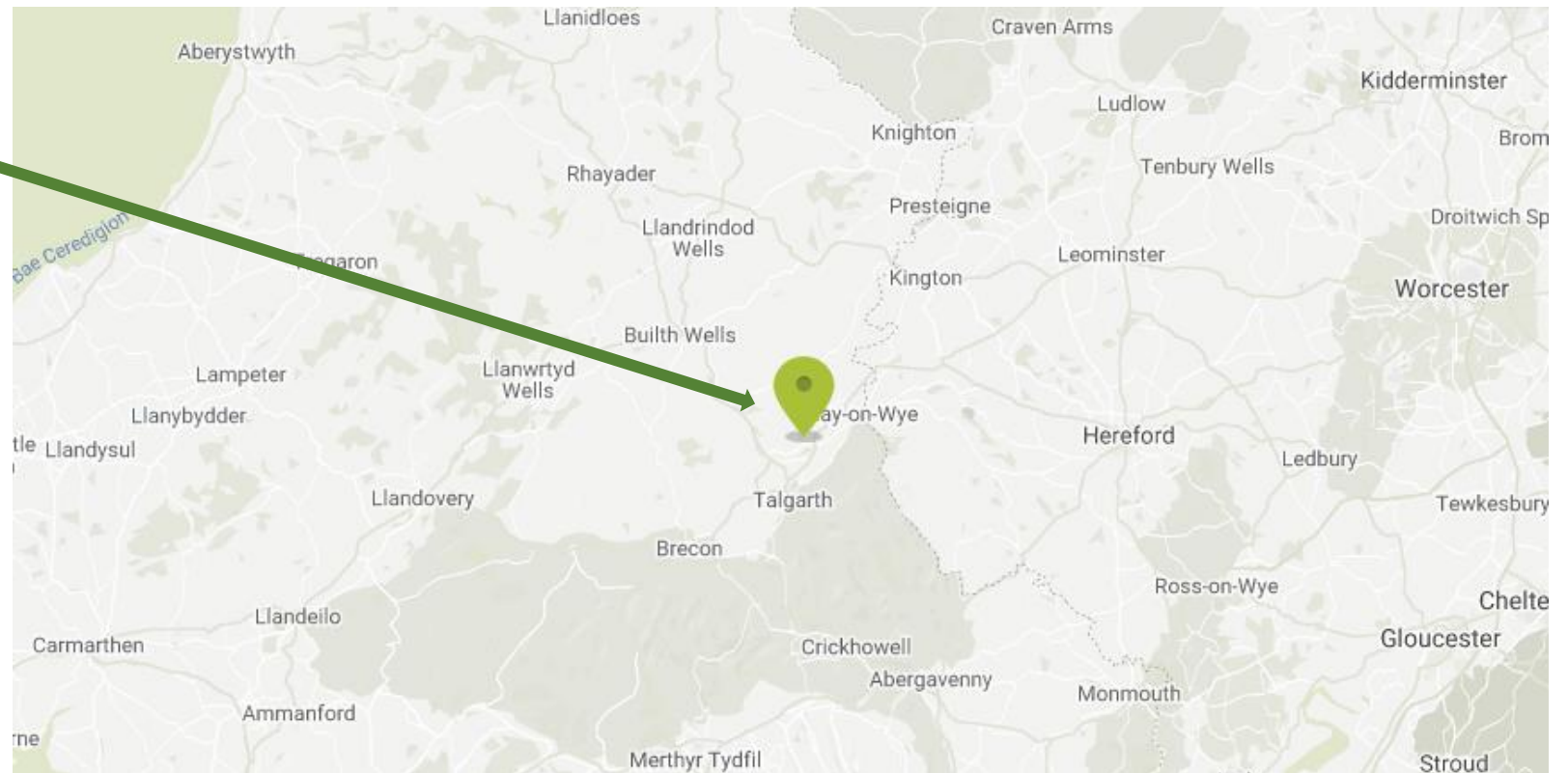
**Tuesday 14th April –
Friday 17th April 2026**



Where?



Woodlands Outdoor Education Centre
Glasbury on Wye
Powys
HR3 5LP



Before you go...

Kit list

For activities:

- 6 pairs thick socks and 6 pairs thin socks (not trainer socks)
- Several changes of underwear T-shirts
- 5-6 long sleeved fleeces/sweaters
- 5-6 pairs trousers (jeans are NOT suitable for activities), tracksuit bottoms are ideal
- Fleece/woollen gloves or mittens, warm hat, scarf (Nov-Apr)
- Anorak or jacket (strong wind proof with hood)
- 5-6 warm shirts/thermal tops
- 2 pairs trainers –one for normal use and one old pair for wet activities

*Waterproof jackets/trousers/wellington boots are available to borrow at no extra charge



Before you go...

Kit list

Other essentials:

- 1 good sized towel
- Personal medication
- Plasters for blisters
- Toiletries etc (aerosol deodorants are NOT allowed)
- Sunblock–Factor60/sunhat(April-Nov)
- Pyjamas or night clothes
- Casual clothes for evenings
- 1 litre drink bottle
- Slippers/indoor shoes
- Single duvet cover, pillowcase and single bottom sheet
- Packed lunch for outgoing journey



IF YOU DO NOT LABEL
THE CLOTHING, BE
PREPARED NEVER TO
SEE IT AGAIN



Before you go...

Kit list

Useful items:

- Wellington boots
- Torch and spare batteries
- 2 bin liners for dirty sheets/clothes
- Pocket money for the centre shop—£5 to £10 (no more than £10)
- Cuddly toy
- Lip Salve
- Sweets / chocolate for the “midnight” feast on Thursday evening
- A book to read before bed



**NO CHEWING GUM OR MOBILE
PHONES / ELECTRONICS**





Example Timetable

(This is just a sample, every group's will be different)

Tuesday			Arrive!	Team games	Jobs & showering	Dinner	Evening walk	Bed
Wednesday	Breakfast & morning meeting	Canoeing	Lunch	Canoeing	Jobs & showering	Dinner	Team games	Bed
Thursday	Breakfast & morning meeting	Caving	Lunch	Caving	Jobs & showering	Dinner	Souvenir shop	Bed
Friday	Breakfast & morning meeting	High ropes	Lunch	Climbing wall	Home!			

SAMPLE

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BREAKFAST 		Cereals, toast, fresh fruit Bacon Rolls	Cereals, toast, fresh fruit Sausage & Beans	Cereals , toast, fresh fruit Scrambled eggs	Cereals, fresh fruit American pancakes, maple syrup
LUNCH 	Group Bring Own Packed Lunch	White Baps Your choice of: Cheese, cheese & pickle, marmite or ham Cake or flapjack, Crisps, fresh fruit	Granary Baps Your choice of: Cheese, jam, tuna mayo or ham Cake or flapjack, Crisps, fresh fruit	White Baps Your choice of: Cheese, cheese & lettuce, tuna mayo or ham Cake or flapjack, Crisps, fresh fruit	Granary baps Your choice of: Cheese, cheese & pickle, marmite or ham Cookie, Crisps, fresh fruit
EVENING MEAL 	Chicken Goujons and Chips and beans	Sausage, mashed potatoes, Peas, carrots	Chicken curry & rice, naan.	Pasta bolognese, garlic bread	Sausage roll, cookie and crisps before or for travelling home
DESSERT 	Apple pie and Custard Fresh fruit	Chocolate brownie & Chocolate custard	Jam sponge Fresh fruit	Viennetta ice cream Fresh fruit	

What will they learn?

Woodlands' Aims:

During activities:

- Cooperation
- Responsibility
- Honesty
- Respect
- Happiness
- Humility
- Integrity
- Tolerance

- ✓ we encourage participants to take ownership of their course; to drive their learning and to maximise the opportunities placed in front of them
- ✓ an inclusive ethos, providing opportunities for all
- ✓ a common sense approach to managing safety, ensuring we have a balanced risk benefit approach
- ✓ we provide experienced and capable staff to deliver our courses
- ✓ we provide the resources required to support high quality delivery
- ✓ we work in partnership with our visit leaders to design programmes that will challenge all participants to an appropriate level, through differentiated and progressive content
- ✓ we recognise and celebrate successes and how to cope when it doesn't work out
- ✓ we develop a respect and understanding of the complexities of preserving our venues and the wider environments in which we operate
- ✓ we provide opportunities to enable participants to learn about themselves and others; to understand the needs of living together in a small community and to take responsibility for their actions
- ✓ we value the contributions of all involved, enabling everyone to play their part and have fun
- ✓ we provide time and resources to reflect on and analyse individual and group learning
- ✓ we provide an opportunity for evaluation and feedback on each course

What will they learn?



Outside of activities:

- **Responsibility** – being organised for activities, being in the right place at the right time, correct equipment
- **Independence** – Being in charge of getting themselves ready and fully organised
- **Teamwork** – reminding each other of correct clothes to wear, helping each other with the timetables
- **Perseverance** – sleeping away from home, trying different foods, different bedtime routines

Stepping out of your comfort zone!

Sleeping arrangements

- Room sizes are anywhere between 2 and 8
- Rooms will be decided by teachers to provide a mix and using lists written by the children to ensure friends stay together
- Boys and girls will have bedrooms and bathrooms on separate floors

Group arrangements

- Groups for activities will be a mix of boys and girls
- There will be a mix of Cherry and Silver Birch in groups
- Children may not be with the same people as in their bedroom
- Teachers will use friendship groups to help assign groups

Each child will be with at least one of their chosen friends in both their bedrooms and their groups.

Departure Day

Tuesday 14th April

- Arrive at school for **8:00am** and assemble in the hall
- Each child will be responsible for their bags so please make sure they are of an appropriate size!
- If a child has medication, this will be given to Mrs Eaton (please ensure it is LABELLED)
- Each child will need a snack and packed lunch for the journey there – they will be eating at a services BEFORE arriving at Woodlands
- We will be departing Fir Tree at **8:20am**



Back to Fir Tree

Friday 17th April

- Arrive back at school **APPROXIMATELY 6:30pm** – updates will be provided if there are delays
- We will try to provide daily updates for each of the weekdays at Woodlands to keep parents in the loop. Sometimes this is not possible due to Internet connections or signal, but we will do our best!





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