


Beaumanor Activities

Outdoor & Residential activities

Early Years Foundation Stage
and Key Stage 1 & 2 Activities



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Beaumanor Activities

The Centre offers an unparalleled range of educational activities, from adventurous activities right through to nature studies and historical themed days. It also offers short and long stay overnight accommodation for up to 108 people.

Beaumanor Hall

is a Victorian manor house in Woodhouse (just outside Loughborough) which offers outdoor learning experiences for children of all ages.

The inspiring and exciting activities are tailored to age groups and meet the relevant national curriculum programmes of study for Key Stage 1 & 2 and the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).

Our activities provide pupils with opportunities to learn, explore and experience the environment outside of the classroom by taking full advantage of the extensive buildings, grounds and natural resources.

Key Stage 1 and 2 Activities

All our activities for early years children have been designed by qualified nursery teachers to provide safe, fun, explorative activities that take full advantage of our inspiring grounds.

Gruffalo

Based on the story of the Gruffalo, the whole experience aims to develop children's enjoyment of the outdoors. Four separate activities make up the day. The children are involved in building a den, producing art from the natural world and exploring the habitats of fauna in the Beaumanor woods. Learning areas include language, literacy, expressive arts, physical development and numeracy.

Nursery Rhymes

The day follows a trail based on traditional nursery rhymes providing a journey

around the grounds of Beaumanor. A series of stations are directly linked to a traditional nursery rhyme. At each station children perform and sing the rhyme associated with a particular venue. The day encourages language skills, creative expression and communication.

Bespoke Programmes

As well as offering the activities outlined we can deliver bespoke programmes designed to meet specific needs of a particular group. Please call us on **01509 890119** or e-mail us at **Beaumanor.Hall@leics.gov.uk** to discuss.

Key Stage 1 and 2 Activities



Find out the best way to have survived an air raid

World War II

The history of Beaumanor Hall during WWII is heavily drawn upon in this exciting historical and engaging activity. Children learn about and experience life as an evacuee on the home front, Y-station operations and code-breaking in our bomb shelter, radio room and WWII classroom.

Victorians

Using the buildings and grounds of our authentic 19th Century Victorian mansion, children learn about comparisons between servant life and privileged life, the history of Beaumanor Hall and life as a child in a Victorian schoolroom. Our activities make hands-on use of the magnificent hall, cellar rooms and outbuildings as they would have been used in Victorian times.

Iron Age Celts

Bring your Iron Age study to life. Experience our Roundhouse, try some Celtic weaving and train like a Celtic warrior. Our Iron Age Celts day explores many aspects of Celtic life and is an ideal way to support study in the classroom. Enrich the day by coming in costume.



Nature

Our very own woodland, pond, stream and meadow areas provide the ideal backdrop to learn about habitats, natural art, creature study and classification. We provide fun scientific activities and games that generate high quality learning.

Pirates

Come along dressed in full pirate costume for a fun-filled learning day that is our pirate theme. We have a captain's stateroom, secret pirate cavern and giant treasure game board to entertain your children with treasure hunts, pirate maths trails, literacy games and much more!



*Arrrrr!
Dare you join us for an extraordinary Pirate Day*

Robin Hood Skills

This exciting day uses the popular tales of Robin Hood to develop the skills used by Robin and his Band of Merry Men. Engage with shelter and village building, tracks and trails to find hidden treasure, weaponry skills with archery and quarterstaves, and stealth and concealment games, all set in the Beaumanor woodlands.



Historical Christmas Days

Children can enjoy a magical Christmas experience at Beaumanor through our WWII or Victorian themed Christmas days where they learn about Christmas in history and sing carols in the hall beneath the magnificent stained glass window of the Herrick Family.

Beaumanor Mini Games

Mini Games is a team-building day accessible to younger age-groups, designed to help KS1 work together in a fun and exciting way; the best of school sports days, fitness activities, games and challenges all rolled into one unforgettable experience.



Nightline

A superb, fun exercise for people of all ages; nightline is a sensory deprivation exercise in which students are blindfolded throughout the activity. Participants navigate their way through a series of obstacles as a group, trust, communication, co-operation and mutual support all play a key role in a successful outcome.

Land Buggies

Build your own buggy using barrels and poles and then compare your buggy against those of your fellow participants in a series of challenges. Success depends on team work, planning, design as well as a good sense of humour. Land buggies can be adapted to challenge people of all ages.

High Ropes/Climbing/Canoeing (Off Site)/Archery

These activities provide a technical and specific skill-based environment where pupils can challenge themselves physically and mentally to overcome fears and work towards building self-confidence and self-worth.

Our adventurous activity provision is mainly targeted at KS2 and above due to the age restrictions on protective equipment and the challenging nature of the activities.



A big sense
of personal
development
will be gained
from all of our
activities!

Key Stage 1 and 2 Activities continued

Survival/Shelter Building

This activity explores the theme of survival and man's basic survival needs including building effective shelters in our woodland to protect against the elements.



Bridge Building

We explore skills - including basic structural engineering rope/knot work, teamwork, physical balance and movement - to design, build and test bridges that must span our stream. This activity is excellent for encouraging teamwork and leadership

Team Challenges

This activity uses a number of exciting physical and mental games/puzzles to bring out team-working skills within a group. Skills include problem-solving, leadership, self and peer-evaluation and physical co-ordination.

Orienteering/ Navigation

We run a very successful orienteering/navigation programme that can be differentiated within any key stage. As well as conducting score courses and

events on-site, we frequently take groups to Bradgate Park and the Outwoods area to further enhance these skills.

Bringing Activities To You

If getting to Beaumanor Hall is difficult we can bring a number of our activities to you. These include:

- Mobile Climbing Wall – which can support the Mighty Mountains topic from the Hamilton Trust
- Archery
- Team Challenges



Accommodation

Cabins 1 and 2

These are adjacent and each sleeps up to 16 people in the main dormitory and 3 in the staff bedroom. Each cabin is suitable for a single sex group and includes a living/dining area, a kitchen, toilets and a washing/showering area. An enclosed porch for storing outdoor clothing runs along the length of the cabins.

Cabins 3 and 3

In these two adjacent cabins the normally separate kitchens can be opened up to link the two buildings together internally. An enclosed porch for storing outdoor clothing runs along the length of the cabins. Each cabin can sleep up to 20 people with accommodation for 2 staff in Cabin 3 and 4 staff in Cabin 4.

Standing Camp

In the summer term there is an exciting opportunity to camp in the grounds. We provide 6 large tents which sleep up to 42 students, dependent on age/size. Meals can either be self-catering or provided on weekdays.



We are ideally placed for D of E Expeditions

The Gage Cabin

This cabin is specifically designed for groups with special needs and can accommodate up to 24 people depending on their level of disability. There are two main dormitories, each with its own shower/bathroom and toilet area and two small staff bedrooms each with its own shower/toilet.

Bennet Centre

The Bennet centre is our most recently established cabin. It is self-contained offering accommodation for 18 students in two dormitories of 10 and 8. Four staff can be accommodated in two en-suite rooms each with a bunk bed.

All cabins are fully equipped for self-catering. Alternatively, during weekdays we can provide all meals.



STAFFING - Beaumanor Activities holds an Adventure Activities Licensing Service licence, the Learning Outside the Classroom Quality Badge and is staffed by qualified, experienced teachers and instructors who are employed to lead specific activities.

For more details about any of the facilities at Beaumanor Hall, or to find out about availability please contact us on **01509 890119** or send an e-mail to **Beaumanor.Hall@leics.gov.uk** You can also visit our website at **www.beaumanorhall.co.uk**