



DEAN CASTLE
COUNTRY PARK

THE TREEHOUSE CENTRE

Conservation Holidays
and Activity Breaks

Treehouse Residential Centre



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Hire costs

East Ayrshire Groups & Schools £300 per night (regardless of the size of group)

Groups & Schools outwith East Ayrshire £400 per night (regardless of the size of group)

Catering Fees

The Treehouse Residential Centre has a self-catering kitchen. Groups can choose a self-catering option or a fully catered stay.

£20 per head per night (breakfast, packed lunch, dinner, evening snack)

Activity Costs

Activity Fee (East Ayrshire School / Group): Free

Activity Fee (Non EA School/ Group): £3 per head

Evening Activity Cat. 1: £50 per day. On-site outdoor learning 2 hour activity including campfires, bat walks etc.

Evening Activity Cat. 2: By arrangement. Off-site activity including bowling, cinema, sports activity etc.

Evening Activity Cat. 3: Free. On-site activity including quiz night, film night, bingo etc.

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Daytime Activity List

*The activities below are examples and can be tailored to meet the needs of the group

Activity	Description	Time Required	Recommended Age	Please Tick Choice
Pond & River Dipping	Delve the depths at the Dean and look for aquatic mini-beasts! Depending on the weather this could be pond and / or river dipping.	1.5 hrs	6+	
Tracks, Trails & Traps	Explore the woodland paths for signs of the wildlife that inhabit the park and have a go at making your own wildlife survey kit.	1.5 hrs – 3hrs	6+	
Foraging for Feasts	Learn all about the free food that surrounds us in our natural world.	1.5 hrs	6+	
Birdsong Walk	Listen out for the unique calls of our woodland bird species. Discover the many reasons behind their tuneful songs.	1.5 hrs	8+	
Orienteering & Map Skills	Tackle our nature orienteering course and learn the basics behind navigation with a map and compass.	1.5 hrs	8+	
Bushcraft & Survival Skills	Fancy yourselves as the next survival expert? Learn a variety of skills with our rangers which could include den building, fire lighting, water purification, useful knots, DIY hammocks etc.	1.5 hrs or 3hrs	6+	
Rafting Daft	Gather natural objects to create your own team raft to float Captain Spud down the river.	1.5 hrs	6+	
Athletics	Coaches from Ayrshire Athletics Arena will coach an introduction to long jump, high jump, hurdles, relays, javelin, hammer and sprints.	2 hours	6+	
Natural Art	Create a collage using natural materials – you never know you may even get a surprise visit from Ruby Rainbow and Pierre the Painter!	1.5 hrs	6+	
Fossil Hunting	Learn about different rock types and get hands on with various fossils in the auditorium before venturing out on your own fossil hunt in the park.	1.5 hrs	6+	



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Evening Activity List

Activity	Description	Time Required	Recommended Age	Please Tick Choice
Night Walk	Grab your torches and bat detectors (provided by the Rangers) and venture off into the night on a guided walk around the park looking for the sights and sounds of twilight. If we're lucky enough we may hear the resident tawny owls or see some bats flitting between the trees catching their evening meal.	2 hrs	8+	
Cinema Night	Cosy up in the auditorium for a film on the big screen	2 hrs	6+	
Campfire	We fire up the Kelly Kettle for Hot Chocolate and gather round the campfire for marshmallows and a ghost story or two.	2 hrs	8+	
Karaoke Night/Talent Show	Prepare to tread the boards and find out if you've got "the Dean Factor."	2 hrs	10+	
Bingo & Quiz Night	Get your thinking caps on for our quiz night.	2 hrs	8+	
Ten Pin Bowling (additional £1 fee per participant)	Head to the Garage Complex in Kilmarnock for ten pin bowling.	2 hrs	10+	
Disco	Boogie on down to the latest tunes and some old classics in our disco.	2 hrs	6+	
Board Games	Discover whodunnit in Cluedo, learn to be Articulate and enjoy some board games.	2 hours	8+	
Outdoor Games	Head to the lawn for some outdoor games such as Rounders and Dodgeball.	2 hrs	8+	



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Recommended Itinerary

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast	Arrival	8:30	8:30	8:30
Morning Activity 1 9.30am - 11am	Activity of choice from list above	Activity of choice from list above	Athletics	Activity of choice from list above
Morning Activity 2 11am – 12.30	Activity of choice from list above	Activity of choice from list above	Activity of choice from list above	Activity of choice from list above
Lunch 12.30 pm – 1.30pm	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Afternoon Activity 1pm	Activity / Activities of choice from list above	Activity / Activities of choice from list above	Activity / Activities of choice from list above	Packing & tidying
Free time 3.30pm -5pm	Free Time	Free Time	Free Time	Free Time
Dinner	5pm	5pm	5pm	Departure 2pm
Evening Activity 6pm	Activity of choice from list above	Activity of choice from list above	Activity of choice from list above	
Free time	8.30pm	8.30pm	8.30pm	
Bedtime	9pm	9pm	9pm	



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Additional Information

For more information or to make a booking please contact

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