
THE OUTDOOR CENTRE

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Support Services
for Education



SSE OUTDOORS

WELCOME
TO THE
OUTDOOR
CENTRE



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SSE Outdoors is a traded service within the County Council (Support Services for Education)



Operating for over 60 years



Providing residential courses, day courses, educational courses, conferences, DoE and much more...



There are four centres: Kilve Court, Great Wood, The Outdoor Centre, & Charterhouse



The Outdoor Centre is located in the village of Kilve, at the bottom of the Quantock Hills, between Bridgwater & Minehead

OUR FOUR CENTRES



HISTORY



- The main house built : 1702 to 1705 by Henry Sweating. He incorporated an older dwelling, which had been a farm.
- In 1964 the site was given to Somerset County Council to be used for the education of children.
- The Outdoor Centre originally consisted of tents. A few years ago, we developed the site with the construction of cabins, along with the main building and bathroom blocks.
- A purpose built fire pit was added and there are plans to develop the site in the next few years.



WHY GO ON RESIDENTIAL?

- Enjoyment
- Personal Achievement
- Confidence
- Social Awareness
- Environmental Awareness
- Life long Memories
- Health and Fitness
- Increased Motivation
- Mental wellbeing
- Broadened Horizons
- Team Cohesion
- Adventure
- Personal Responsibility

SECURITY & POLICIES



**To operate safely
and efficiently, we ...**

AALA license
(Adventurous
Activities Licensing
Authority)

All staff are
DBS checked

NGB qualified staff
(National Governing
Body)

Risk assessments &
procedures for
all activities,
grounds & buildings

All cabins have
individual keypad
entry systems

There are security
cameras around the
main building

Centre staff
identified with
uniforms

The background image shows the interior of a wooden cabin. On the right side, there are wooden bunk beds with blue bedding. A window is visible at the top center, showing greenery outside. The cabin has a rustic feel with light-colored wood paneling.

ACCOMMODATION

- Cabins sleep 5, 2 bunkbeds and 1 single
- All cabins have heaters and mirrors
- There are smoke detectors and alarms in each cabin
- Separate staff cabins at the end of each row of pupil cabins
- Keypad entry to all cabins
- Separate toilet and shower blocks

THE MOST IMPORTANT BIT...FOOD!

- **BREAKFAST** - A choice of cereal, followed by a cooked breakfast, with fruit juice & toast
- **LUNCH** - A choice of fillings for rolls /wraps, crisps, biscuit, yoghurt and a salad bar
- **DINNER** - 2 choices, one of which is vegetarian, a salad bar and a yummy pudding!
- **BREAK TIMES** - Squash, biscuits, fruit or cake

We accommodate all dietary requirements – we just need to know these in advance.

Everyone is catered for, always.



ACTIVITIES

- ABSEIL TOWER
- NIGHT WALK
- KAYAKING
- SHELTER BUILDING
- CLIMBING WALL
- CAVING
- CAMP FIRE
- TEAM CHALLENGES
- RAFT BUILDING
- BUSHCRAFT
- POND STUDY
- ROCKET BUILDING
- COMPASS COURSE
- RIFLE SHOOTING
- ARCHERY
- BEACH VISIT
- JUMBLIES
- ENVIRONMENTAL ART
- LOW ROPES COURSE
- HIGH ROPES COURSE
- GRASS SLEDGING
- SUP
- FRISBEE GOLF
- BUGGY BUILDING
- MOUNTAIN BIKING
- MAZE





A TYPICAL DAY

- **ARRIVAL DAY**

- Arrive, unpack, settle in, welcome talk and a fire drill.

- **DURING YOUR STAY**

- Wake up around 7:45am, breakfast is at 8:30am, morning activities, lunch, afternoon activities, evening meal, evening activities, bedtime. There are break times in the morning and afternoon.

- **DEPARTURE DAY**

- Wake up and pack, move bags to your designated room, breakfast, last activity, lunch, goodbyes and depart.

HELPFUL PACKING TIPS

- Please involve your child in packing their own suitcase – this way they will know what they own when packing to come home
- Put names in clothes & footwear – really helps when items get mixed up
- Only pack clothes that are ok to get wet & muddy – children get upset if they get new clothes dirty, thinking that they will be in trouble
- Do not pack any electrical items – they may get broken
- lip balm, sunscreen, drinks bottle, book, pocket money, torch & cuddly toy – all recommended items to pack too.
- A black bin bag – to put wet muddy clothes in
- A detailed kit list will be issued from your school.





THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
TIME

ANY QUESTIONS?