

Forest School sessions at Blithfield Reservoir

The site we will be using for the sessions is a 7 acre area of woodland next to the education centre. You are welcome to leave your children or stay nearby. There are a number of public walks in the surrounding woodland which you are free to explore. Rugeley town centre is also only a 10 minute drive away.

The sessions will be themed around exploring the woodland environment with all of the senses. The days will roughly be split into a 2 hour morning session, an hour break for lunch and a 2 hour afternoon session. Please send your child with plenty of food and drink to keep them going during an active day.

As the sessions are taking place in October the weather is likely to be cool and the woodland floor will likely be damp and muddy. Sessions will take place whatever the weather. It is pretty much a definite that your child will get dirty so please make sure they are wearing old clothes or clothes you don't mind getting dirty. Waterproof trousers and jacket, hat and gloves, extra clothes etc. would be advisable.

There is a (very posh) composting toilet at the edge of the woodland.

Directions and Parking

Please see the attached map for directions to the education centre. When you enter the reservoir site there is a car park on the left. Continue past this on the track marked 'Authorised access only'. The education centre is around a mile along this track. The entrance to the woodland site is through a gate to the right of the education centre opposite the building housing the composting toilet.

As we are not using the education centre building itself this will be locked and the car park inaccessible. Parking outside the education centre is very limited. There will be room for maybe 1 or 2 cars outside the gates. Please do not park in the layby opposite the houses as this is reserved exclusively for members of the bird watching club.

There is ample parking in the car park at the entrance to the reservoir. It is about a 10 minute walk from the car park to the education centre. Please feel free to drop children off but if you are staying on the site you may need to park in the main car park.

Google Map of site:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=z-igAq2yB2M8.kmaDR6XuQWyk>

Any questions please ask!