

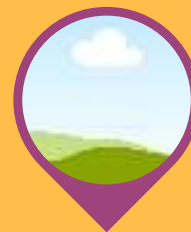


2018 SPRING/SUMMER PUBLIC ACTIVITIES





How to find us and Opening times



Bromley Environmental Education Centre (BEECHE)

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Follow us on
Facebook &
Instagram!

By Car:

Take the A21 and follow the signs for High Elms turning onto Shire Lane. To access the public car park, turn onto High Elms road. For Sat Nav – BR6 7JH.

By Train:

The two nearest stations are Orpington and Chelsfield. Trains run frequently from mainline London train stations to Orpington, from there its a 30 minute walk or 15 minute cycle ride to BEECHE. From the station follow Tubbendenlane down to Farnborough Village High Street, walk through St Giles church yard to Shire Lane, and onto High Elms Country Park.



By Bus:

Bus no. 358 runs every 10 to 15 minutes and stops at Farnborough Village High Street. Bus no. R8 stops outside the centre at bus stop 'High Elms Nature Centre'.



Visitor Centre and Shop Opening Times

Monday to Friday

February to October - 11am to 4pm

November to January - 10.30am to 3.30pm

Saturday and Sunday

February to October - 11am to 4pm

November to January - 10.30am to 3.30pm

*Opening times are subject to change when school sessions or events are in progress.

Volunteer Opportunities -
We have a range of voluntary opportunities whether you have a passion for the outdoors, education, history or acting! We have groups of volunteers working on conservation activities and gardening every week meeting on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. Get in touch for further details.



Birthday & Other Parties

High Elms Country Park



BEECHE birthday parties

Weekdays for up to 30 children £195 + VAT

Weekends for up to 30 children £295 + VAT

Price includes a 2 hour session led by BEECHE staff and an additional half hour room hire for party food/games*.

*Not provided by BEECHE



We offer a range of different parties from pond dipping to den building or parties based upon one of our special themes. Get in touch with the team to see how we can make your child's birthday extra special this year!

Self-led birthday parties

£25 per hour for a minimum of 3 hours

Price includes use of a room at BEECHE, access to our Forest School area and use of our enclosed paddock.

Speak to our team about running your own birthday party; we can provide you with a helpful guide, ideas for activities and games along with some basic equipment free of charge.



New For 2018!

Ranger Academy & Junior Ranger Academy

High Elms Country Park

Our new Ranger Academy & Junior Ranger Academy courses are designed to introduce children to the skills needed to work with wildlife and to thrive in the outdoor environment!

Ranger Academy

Aimed at 8-13 year olds this 4 day programme will introduce a range of field skills such as bushcraft, species identification, surveying techniques and using wildlife equipment such as camera traps. Cost includes a free bat walk on your final day.

Course 1 - 9th April to 12th April

Course 2 - 3rd August, 10th August, 17th August, 24th August

Cost: £120

Junior Ranger Academy

This is for our younger rangers, 5-7 year olds.

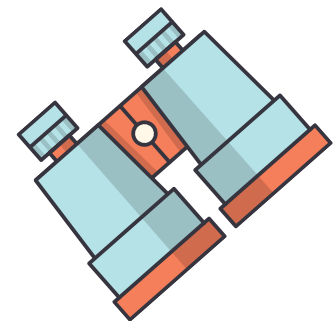
The one day programme is based around Forest School Principles and will introduce participants to the skills needed to make the most of our wonderful wild places.

Course 1 - 13th April

Course 2 - 27th July

Course 3 - 31st August

Cost: £30



Parents are invited to attend a small graduation ceremony on the final day of each course where refreshments will be provided



Woodland Explorers

Toddler Group

High Elms Country Park



Every Wednesday at BEECHE 10:00-11:30

March-November £5 per child

February-October £4 per child

Refreshments included for children and grown ups!



Aimed at toddlers, Woodland Explorers follows the Forest School ethos.

This involves giving the explorers the opportunity to play and explore in our woodland at their own level and pace supervised by our instructors.

As we run these sessions on a drop-in basis, there's no need to book, just meet us at BEECHE.

*Occasionally, sessions will either be cancelled due to inclement weather or staff holidays. In these cases, information will be posted on our Facebook page: facebook.com/highelmscountrypark please check before coming along.





BEECHE

Membership

High Elms Country Park



New for 2018 is our fantastic free BEECHE membership offer.

BEECHE Membership

FREE - Expires at the end of 2018

Free members only seasonal walks

10% off all activities if booked online (minimum spend £10)

5% off birthday parties



BEECHE Visitor Centre and Shop

We currently have a gift shop open which stocks the following; gardening equipment and accessories, maps and trails, children's wildlife kits, children's books, wildlife guides, toys and gifts.

We also stock a range of reading material related to science and nature, including historical links with Charles Darwin and the Lubbock family.

Also available at the shop for visitors to the park; maps and information about our public and education programmes and the work of our biodiversity team and Friends Groups.





BEECHE Room Hire

High Elms Country Park



BEECHE Room Hire

Set within a unique venue, at the heart of the beautiful High Elms Country Park.

We provide spaces which can be hired for meetings, conferences, functions and corporate events.

Rooms are available to hire throughout the year and rates start from just £20 per hour plus VAT and from £70 plus VAT for up to 6 hours

Contact the team for more information or to arrange a viewing:

Email - beeche@idverde.co.uk

Phone - 01689 860 571





Bromley Environmental Education
Centre at High Elms

NATURE ON YOUR DOORSTEP

ADULT LEARNING AT BEECHE 2018

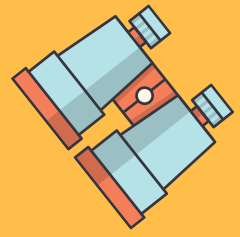
- 26th January Introduction To Camera Trapping
- 23rd February Gardening For Wildlife
- 23rd March Introduction to Badger Field Signs & Ecology
- 28th April Introduction to Bat Ecology
- 2nd June Introduction To Camera Trapping
- 16th June Introduction to Butterflies & Their Habitats
- 31st August Introduction to Butterflies & Their Habitats
- 31st August Introduction to Bat Ecology (Crystal Palace Park)
- 21st September Introduction to Bat Ecology
- 8th October Introduction to Badger Field Signs & Ecology
- 27th October Small Mammal Identification & Surveying
- 10th November Gardening For Wildlife

Book online at

www.bromleyparks.co.uk/bookings



Public Activities January & February



High Elms Country Park

Birding Club

Supporting the RSPB Garden Birdwatch you can

learn about the bird species in High Elms Country Park.

Get up close to our nests and taxidermy bird collection, explore the site with I.D. guides and expert tuition and learn how to encourage birds at home.

Bring your own binoculars if you have them.

Every Saturday in January 9:30-11:00am

Saturday 20th January 9.30-11.00am Keston Common

Suitable for 7-12 year olds £5 per child £2.50 per adult



February Half Term

Storytime: Noisy Foxes

£4.00 per child (ages 3+)

Monday 12th February

13:30-14:30

Tuesday 13th February

10:00-11:00

Storytime: Fox in the Dark

£4.00 per child (ages 3+)

Thursday 15th February

10:00-11:00

Friday 16th February

13:30-14:30

Woodland Games & Den Building

£5 child (aged 4+) £2.50 adult

Learn new woodland games and den building techniques.

Suitable for all of the family.

Monday 12th February

10:00-11:30

Wednesday 14th February

13:30-15:00

Friday 16th February

10:00-11.30

Wild! Obstacle Courses

£5 child (aged 4+) £2.50 adult

Using woodland materials create an obstacle course and challenge the opposition to complete it.

Tuesday 13th February

13:30-15:00

Thursday 15th February

13:30-15:00



Homes for Wildlife Trail all week during visitor centre opening hours. £3 per child and a special wildlife gift for completing the trail

All activities bookable by phone and online at www.bromleyparks.co.uk/bookings

Children must accompanied by an adult for all activities unless otherwise stated



Public Activities March & April



High Elms Country Park

Egg Rolling Competition

£7 per entry: suitable for all ages

Tuesday 3rd April 10:00-12:00

Decorate your egg (provided) and explore the High Elms mansion grounds for the best place to win the competition

Family Easter Egg Hunt

£7 per entry: suitable for all ages

Tuesday 3rd April 12:30-14:30

The High Elms Easter Bunny has hidden her eggs for you to find! Join us for games and to find all of the hidden eggs.



Storytime: Percy The Park Keeper

£4.00 per child (ages 3+)

Friday 6th April

10:00-11:00

Thursday 12th April

10:00-11:00

Easter Story Session

£4 per child (aged 3+)

Featuring Peter Rabbit story followed by a mini Easter Egg hunt in our paddock

Wednesday 4th April

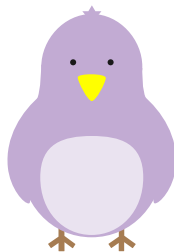
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Nature Walk & Pond Dipping

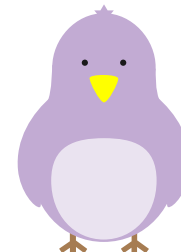
£7 per child (aged 4+) £3.50 per adult

Enjoy a spring nature walk hunting for wildlife & learning how to identify common species before heading to our pond to discover an amazing underwater world.

Thursday 5th April 10:00-12:00



Self Led Springtime
Animal Babies Trail
£3 per child and a
special gift for
completing the trail



Home Education Programme 2018

Curious Foxes (Age 3-8) -

Focusing on engaging with local wild spaces, encouraging curiosity and learning as a team.

Darwin's Apprentices (Age 8-12 years old) -

Focusing on Scientific Enquiry, Observations and looking after local wild spaces.

E-mail us for dates times and prices at beeche@idverde.co.uk



Public Activities

March & April



High Elms Country Park

Wild About Gardening

£7 per entry (aged 4+)

Friday 6th April 13:30-15:30

Join us to learn how to turn your garden in to a wildlife haven.

Build a bug hotel, make seed cakes for butterflies or grow plants to help our bees.

Explore our wildlife garden at BEECHE and go on a mini safari.



Wild About Art

£5 per child (ages 4+) £2.50 per adult

Monday 9th April 13:30-15:00

Take part in a natural art session. Using materials all around you to create your very own masterpiece.

Woodland Games & Den Building

£5 per child (aged 4+) £2.50 per adult

Learn new woodland games and den building techniques.

Suitable for all of the family.

Tuesday 10th April 13:30-15:00

Wild! Obstacle Courses

£5 per child (aged 4+) £2.50 per adult

Using woodland materials create an obstacle course and challenge the opposition to complete it.

Thursday 5th April 13:30-15:00



Ranger Academy

9th April to 12th April

Cost: £120

Children's Bat Walk at Keston Common

Take part in an amazing nocturnal adventure. Armed with a bat detector we will go in search of our amazing and cute bats! Wrap up warm.

£7 per entry: (aged 5+)

All children must be accompanied by an adult

Friday 12th April

19:30-21:30



Junior Ranger Academy

13th April Cost: £30



Self Led Springtime Animal Babies Trail all week during visitor centre opening hours. £3 per child and a special gift for completing the trail.

All activities bookable by phone and online at www.bromleyparks.co.uk/bookings

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Public Activities May & June



High Elms Country Park

Storytime:

Where the Wild Things Are
£4.00 per child (ages 3+)

**Monday 28th May
10:00-11:00**

Family Forest School

£7 per entry: (aged 4+)

Friday 1st June 13:30-15:30

Take part in our fantastic forest school. Discover and learn about the woodlands of High Elms. Families can explore together.



Wild! Obstacle Courses

£5 per child (aged 4+) £2.50 per adult

Tuesday 29th May 13:30-15:00

Using woodland materials create an obstacle course and challenge the opposition to complete it.

Butterfly Safari

£7 per child (aged 4+) £3.50 per adult

Take part in our led safari around High Elms learning about our amazing butterfly diversity and maybe even safely catching some for a close up look!

Wednesday 30th May 13:30-14:30

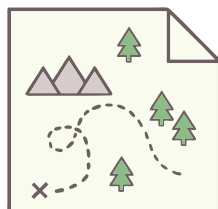
Thursday 31st May 10:00-12:00



Junior Ranger Academy

Friday 1st June

Cost: £30



Nature Walk & Pond Dipping

£7 per child (aged 4+) £3.50 per adult

Enjoy a spring nature walk hunting for wildlife & learning how to identify common species before heading to our pond to discover an amazing underwater world.

Monday 28th May 13:30-15:30

Thursday 31st May 13:30-15:30



Self Led "Connect With Nature" Trail

all week during visitor centre opening hours.

£3 per child and a special gift for completing the trail.



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Public Activities July & August

High Elms Country Park



High Elms Safari

£7 per child (aged 4+) £3.50 per adult

Monday 30th July 13:30-15:30

Monday 6th August 13:30-15:30

Monday 13th August 13:30-15:30

Monday 20th August 13:30-15:30

An instructor led nature safari around our wonderful habitats getting up close and personal with nature.



Summer Storytime Sessions

£4.00 per child (ages 3+)

Night Pirates In The Woods

Tuesday 7th August 10:00-11:00

Tuesday 21st August 10:00-11:00

Develop your little ones inner pirate with this swashbuckling story session after which we build our won pirate ship in the woods.

Where The Wild Things Are

Monday 30th July 10:00-11:00

Monday 13th August 10:00-11:00

After reading this classic story we will venture into the woods to hunt for precious materials to decorate our own crowns.

Tidy

Monday 6th August 10:00-11:00

Monday 20th August 10:00-11:00

Read the tale of the badge who likes everything to be tidy before heading into the woods to learn about why it is good to be messy (sometimes!).

Percy The Park Keeper: The Treasure Hunt

Tuesday 14th August 10:00-11:00

Tuesday 28th August 10:00-11:00

Percy The Park Keeper has been busy leaving clues for us; we need to use these to find the hidden treasure!



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Children must accompanied by an adult for all activities unless otherwise stated



Public Activities July & August

High Elms Country Park



Children's Bat Walk at Keston Common

£7 per entry: (aged 5+)

Friday 24th August 19:30-21:30



Take part in an amazing nocturnal adventure. Armed with a bat detector we will go in search of our amazing and cute bats! Wrap up warm.



High Elms Bug Explorer

£7 per child (aged 4+) £3.50 per adult

Take part in our led safari around High Elms learning about our amazing bug diversity and maybe even safely catching some for a close up look!

Monday 30th July 13:30-15:30

Monday 6th August 13:30-15:30

Monday 13th August 13:30-15:30

Monday 20th August 13:30-15:30



Nature Walk & Pond Dipping

£7 per child (aged 4+) £3.50 per adult

Enjoy a spring nature walk hunting for wildlife & learning how to identify common species before heading to our pond to discover an amazing underwater world.

Tuesday 24th July 13:30-15:30

Tuesday 31st July 13:30-15:30

Tuesday 7th August 13:30-15:30

Tuesday 14th August 13:30-15:30

Tuesday 21st August 13:30-15:30

Tuesday 28th August 13:30-15:30



Junior Ranger Academy

Friday 27th July

Friday 31st August

Cost: £30



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Public Activities July & August

High Elms Country Park



Wild About Art

£5 per child (ages 4+) £2.50 per adult

Take part in a natural art session.

Using materials all around you to create your very own masterpiece.

Thursday 26th July 10:00-11.30

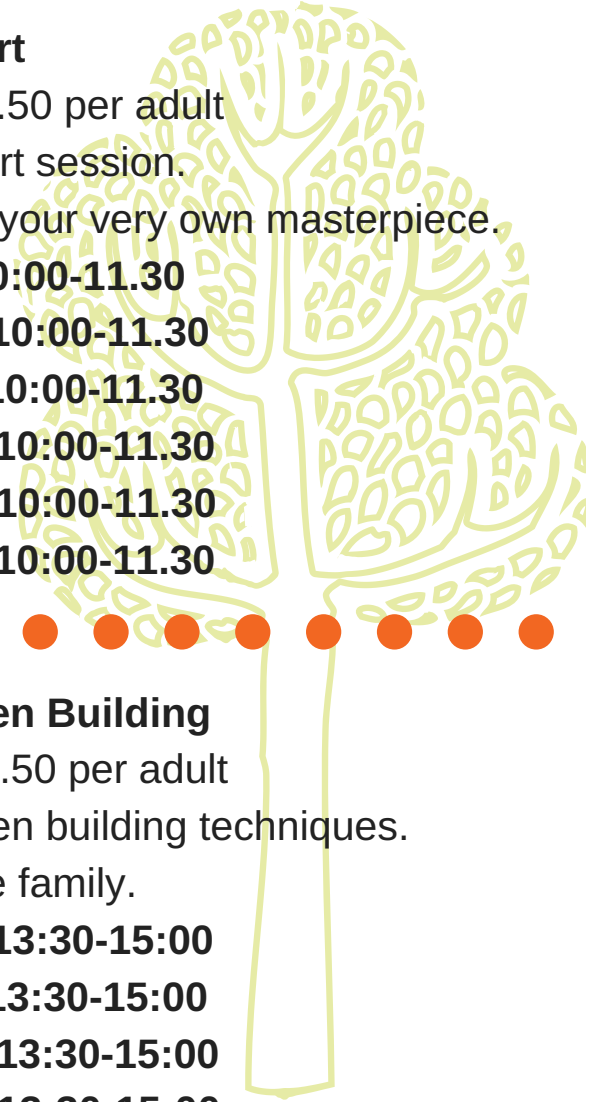
Thursday 2nd August 10:00-11.30

Thursday 9th August 10:00-11.30

Thursday 16th August 10:00-11.30

Thursday 23rd August 10:00-11.30

Thursday 30th August 10:00-11.30



Woodland Games & Den Building

£5 per child (aged 4+) £2.50 per adult

Learn new woodland games and den building techniques.

Suitable for all of the family.

Thursday 2nd August 13:30-15:00

Thursday 9th August 13:30-15:00

Thursday 16th August 13:30-15:00

Thursday 23rd August 13:30-15:00

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Ranger Academy

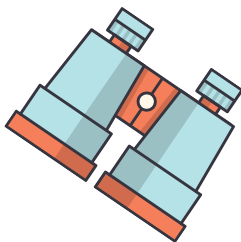
Friday 3rd August

Friday 10th August

Friday 17th August

Friday 24th August

Cost: £120



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2018 Spring/Summer Calendar

- 06/01** 09:30 Birdwatching Club
13/01 09:30 Birdwatching Club
20/01 09:30 Birdwatching Club
27/01 09:30 Birdwatching Club
12/02 10:00 Games & Den Building
12/02 13:30 Story Session:
Noisy Foxes
13/02 10:00 Story Session: Superworm
13/02 13:30 Obstacle Course Building
14/02 13:30 Games & Den Building
15/02 10:00 Story Session:
Noisy Foxes
15/02 13:30 Obstacle Course Building
16/02 10:00 Games & Den Building
16/02 13:30 Story Session: Superworm
03/04 10:00 Egg Rolling competition
03/04 10:00 Family Easter Egg Hunt
04/04 13:30 Easter Story Session
05/04 10:00 Nature Walk &
Pond Dipping
05/04 13:30 Obstacle Course Building
06/04 10:00 Story Session:
Percy Park Keeper
06/04 13:30 Wild About Gardening
09/04 10:00 Ranger Academy (4 days)
09/04 13:30 Wild About Art
10/04 10:00 Ranger Academy (4 days)
10/04 13:30 Games & Den Building
11/04 10:00 Ranger Academy (4 days)
12/04 10:00 Ranger Academy (4 days)
12/04 10:00 Story Session:
Percy Park Keeper
13/04 10:00 Junior Ranger Academy
13/04 13:30 Wild About Gardening
28/05 10:00 Story Session:
Where The Wild things Are
28/05 13:30 Nature Walk &
Pond Dipping
29/05 06:30 Early Morning Walk
29/05 13:30 Obstacle Course Building
30/05 13:30 Butterfly Safari
31/05 10:00 Butterfly Safari
31/05 13:30 Nature Walk &
Pond Dipping
01/06 10:00 Junior Ranger Academy
01/06 13:30 Family Forest School
23/07 10:00 Story Session: Tidy
24/07 10:00 Story Session:
Argghhh! Spider!
24/07 13:30 Nature Walk &
Pond Dipping
26/07 10:00 Wild About Art
26/07 13:30 Games & Den Building
27/07 10:00 Junior Ranger Academy
30/07 10:00 Story Session:
Where The Wild things Are
30/07 13:30 High Elms Safari
31/07 10:00 Story Session:
Percy Park Keeper
31/07 13:30 Nature Walk &
Pond Dipping
02/08 10:00 Wild About Art
02/08 13:30 Games & Den Building
03/08 10:00 Ranger Academy (4 days)
06/08 10:00 Story Session: Tidy
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