

Lesson in a Box

Curriculum Based Activities
for school visits to

Colliers Wood

within the Greenwood Community Forest



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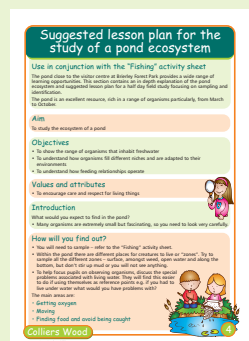
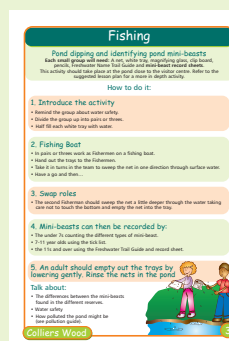
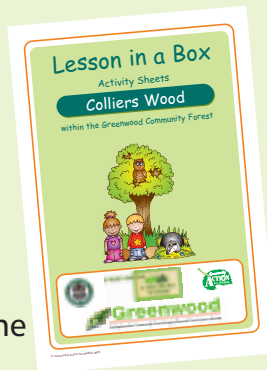
Welcome To Lesson in a Box

This activity kit has been designed for use with groups of children in the outdoors to help enrich their knowledge of the environment and their local area. The activities are linked to the National Curriculum and QCA documents but are equally valuable for groups not working to these targets. The resources have been designed to be accessible to all teachers and group leaders most of whom will not be environmental education specialists.

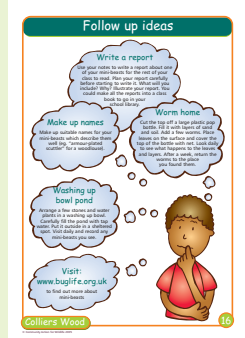
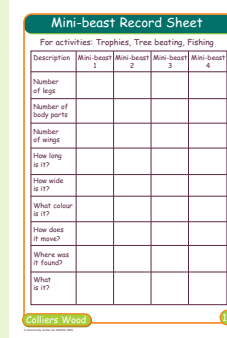
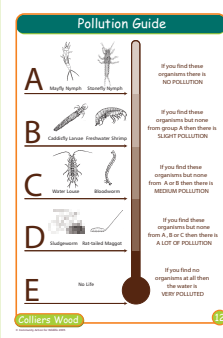
The activities are designed to support the curriculum while providing a wide variety of experiences which are easy to follow and fun to do. The activities can be linked to form a daily programme or used individually to complement existing subject planning.

Included in the activity sheets:

- A description of suggested activities
- What you will need for each activity
- Instructions on how to do the activities
- Ideas for further work
- Photocopiable sheets related to the activities

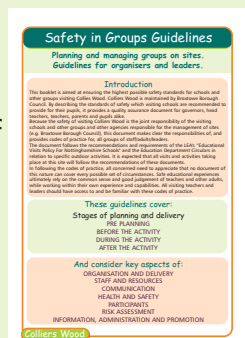


The activities can be used with KS1 and KS2 pupils. The Teacher Lesson Planning Grid links all of the activities to the National Curriculum and QCA documents and shows learning outcomes and resources needed. It is intended that this grid will complement subject planning structures in schools.



Although the aim is that groups self-lead their activities, some INSET training and on site support is available and is outlined in An Introduction for Teachers and Leaders included in this kit. It is intended that this publication will provide the information required by leaders when organising a visit to Colliers Wood.

Also included in this pack is Safety In Groups Guidelines. This includes advice on safety policies, codes of practice and risk assessments for schools visiting Colliers Wood, covering the health and safety aspects of organising a visit to a non- LEA site. Further advice on risk assessments and copies of activity specific and site specific risk assessments are available from the Broxtowe Borough Council, Tel: 0115 9177777.



Equipment contents for Lesson in a Box

Item	Quantity	Missing
Colour Swatches	10	
Tarpaulin	1	
Large White Sheet	1	
Bags (for collecting)	15	
Long Rope	1	
Tape Measure	1	
Ball String	1	
Sticky Cards	30	
Hoops	4	
White Trays	5	
Small Pots (bug viewer)	35	
Pooters	10	
Plastic Beakers	30	
Large Pond Nets	5	
Small Nets	5	
Magnifying Glass	15	
Small Mirrors	15	
Whistle	2	
Blindfolds	15	
Throw Line	1	
Woodland Trail Guide	10	
Freshwater Trail Guide	10	
Woodland Plants Guide	4	
Paper Fasteners	Box	
Mini Flags	30	
Lolly Sticks	30	
Stained Glass Window Cards	30	

Missing items and comments

For missing equipment, please photocopy this sheet and:

- record missing items in the right hand column of the table above.
- sign and return this form to the Lesson in a Box lender.

Comments

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School Name

Signed Date

Pupil feedback sheet - Colliers Wood

My Name:

My Age:

My School:

The date we came to Colliers Wood:

What's the best thing about Colliers Wood?

Coming to Colliers Wood has made me think more about...

How safe did I feel during the visit?

VERY SAFE

QUITE SAFE

NOT VERY SAFE

How I would make Colliers Wood even better...

Why I felt like that...

Have you been to Colliers Wood before?

YES

NO

I didn't really enjoy it because...

My favourite activity of the day was...

What would you like to do if you came to Colliers Wood again?

What I learned most from my visit to Colliers Wood...

Please do not send all feedback sheets but a sample of these would be gratefully received.

Teacher and Leader Feedback Sheet

Please take a few minutes to complete this questionnaire and hand it back when you return Lesson in a Box. Your feedback is important to us and helps us to make adjustments so that the resource is easier to use.

General Questions

Site visited

Date of visit

School or group

Contact name

• How did you find out about Lesson in a Box?

Letter article leaflet word of mouth

Other

• Age and number of children participating in the activity?

• How long did your visit last?

Booking Procedure

• How easy did you find the booking procedure for Lesson in a Box?

Easy difficult very difficult

• How can we make it easier?

Content of the resource

• What activities did you try on your visit?

Teacher and Leader Feedback Sheet

• Do you have any comments about any of the activities that you tried?

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• Do you have any general comments about the kit?

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Future use

• Would you consider borrowing the box again in the future?.....yes/no

If so, is there anything that we could do to make this easier for you?

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• Have you or any of your colleagues used Lesson in a Box before ?yes/no

• Have you ever attended a Lesson in a Box training event ?yes/no

• Would you, or your colleagues, like to be included in any training in the future? ..yes/no

The Site Visited

• Do you have any comments about the general appearance of Colliers Wood?.....

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Thank you for your time

Colliers Wood

Lesson in a Box and Fun in a Box

There are three Lesson in a Box resource kits to cover activities on Brierley Forest Park, Huthwaite, Colliers Wood, Moorgreen, Boundary Wood and Tippings Wood LNR, Blidworth.

Contact the Greenwood Team for further information on these free to loan resources on 01623 758231.

There are also Fun in a Box resource kits which are activity based and can be used on any site with suitable habitats and space. These kits are aimed at smaller groups although resources can be shared. Below is a list of titles. Contact the Forestry Commission at Sherwood Pines on 01623 822447 for details of this free to loan scheme (nominal registration fee).

Activity title	Activity description
New Country	Using the five senses to explore the natural world
Nature Detectives	Looking for animal tracks and signs
Connecting	Environmental games
Correct ID	Plant and tree identification
Mini-beast Safari	Looking at small animals and pond dipping
Hideaway	Shelter building
Where Now?	Orienteering and mapping
What's for Dinner	Food chain ecology
Imaginary Creatures	History and folklore in nature
Flying High	Birds and flight
Natural Verses	Sensory activities, reading, observing and writing
Tree Modellers	Outdoor maths
Natural Beauty	Natural art and crafts
Woodland Wonder	Managing woodland
The Card Factory	Card/paper making
Nature Nurtures	Living off the land - Iron age life
Sounds of Music	Making musical instruments
Kite Flight	Kite making