

Lesson in a Box

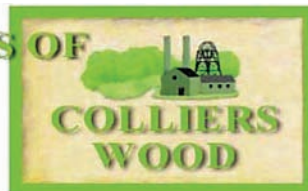
An Introduction for Teachers
and Leaders

Colliers Wood

within the Greenwood Community Forest



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Greenwood is Nottinghamshire's Community Forest, and with a working partnership is transforming the local landscape to make it a greener and healthier place to be. We are creating green spaces on derelict land around towns for recreation and sport, providing new habitats for wildlife, making outdoor classrooms for environmental education and much more on the doorsteps of over a million people living in and around the towns of Nottinghamshire.

Colliers Wood is one of a growing number of forest parks within the Greenwood Community Forest.

As well as these resource kits, the Greenwood Team can offer environmental experience workshops to suit your needs, based on arts, environment and health themes on green spaces and country parks within Greenwood. These are free, fun, informal visits that are linked to the National Curriculum. Please contact us on 01623 758231 if you are interested in taking part in a workshop.

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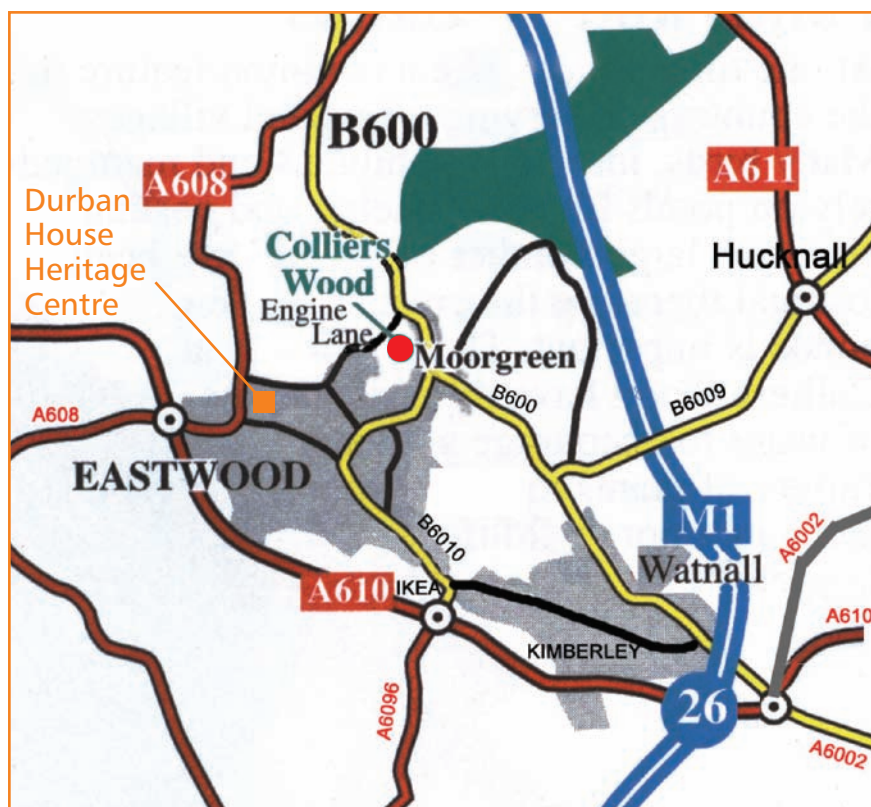
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Colliers Wood is a 12 hectare site on Engine Lane, close to the town of Eastwood. The site is managed carefully to ensure ongoing improvements in habitat diversity and to promote accessibility by the general public.

Colliers Wood offers an exciting variety of curriculum opportunities across the woodland, grassland and wetland habitats. There is an extensive network of footpaths over the whole site available for use by visitors. Visitors with limited mobility should be aware that the site has hilly terrain.

Please do not wander too far off the marked paths, as you may be walking into a sensitive wildlife area.

Colliers Wood is easily reached by road and public transport. The park is open to the public all year round. The site lies off Engine Lane at Moorgreen and is approximately one mile from Durban House Heritage Centre on Mansfield Road. If accessing the site from Durban House, please note there is a 2-metre height restriction barrier approximately half a mile from Durban House at the entrance to the Industrial Estate. There is a car park at Colliers Wood which has a 2-metre height restriction barrier. Contact Traveline on 0870 608 2608 for travel plans.



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The History of Colliers Wood

Colliers Wood is a community woodland within the Greenwood Community Forest created on the former Moorgreen Colliery site. The wood has been designed to restore the landscape common to the area before the mine was developed.

Moorgreen Colliery was sunk by the Barber, Walker & Company in 1868 and was one of five pits owned by the family. Two shafts were sunk and coal production commenced in 1871, reached its peak in 1963 and was gradually decreased until closure in 1985.

Restoration of the site was undertaken during 1997/8 with extensive habitat creation for wildlife forming an integral part of the scheme.

The site is now enjoyed by the local community and supported by the Friends of Colliers Wood, who work with Broxtowe Borough Council to actively encourage and promote continued community involvement.

The area has great local historical value and has close links with the D. H. Lawrence Heritage at Durban House Heritage Centre in nearby Eastwood. Lawrence's father worked at Moorgreen's sister pit of Brinsley and Lawrence used local characters and events as a source for many of his books.

Booking

Lesson in a Box is reserved by booking form (sample attached) available from Durban House Heritage Centre, Mansfield Road, Eastwood, Notts NG16 3DZ. Tel: 01773 717353 or email: culture@broxtowe.gov.uk.

Please refer to "**Educational Visits Policy For Nottinghamshire Schools**" when planning the numbers of staff for supervision of groups visiting the park.

Parking

Car parking for organised groups is available, if booked in advance, at Durban House Heritage Centre and at Colliers Wood, Engine Lane.

Facilities available to schools

Durban House Heritage Centre, which is accessible by wheelchair, has a bistro and a meeting room that can be booked for group use. The D. H. Lawrence Birthplace Museum is also available for organised school visits. Tel: 01773 717353.

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Toilet facilities

These are situated at Durban House Heritage Centre and include toilets accessible by wheelchair. Please inform the centre if you are bringing a school group and are intending to use the facilities.

Equipment and materials

When using the resource kit, please check the contents of the box on the checklist enclosed before use and report any missing items on returning to Durban House Heritage Centre.

For your visit you will need to provide:

- Clipboards
- Paper
- Pencils
- Erasers and pencil sharpener
- First Aid kit

All other equipment is provided for each activity. You may need to photocopy worksheets and make the pond dial in class before your visit.



Working at Colliers Wood

The map provided shows paths in the park and it is important that school groups stay on these, unless instructed to explore further, to avoid trampling through environmentally sensitive areas. The attached map indicates some of the different activity areas.

If working in the copse please arrange for this area to be accessible. There is also a key to open gates for wheelchair access.

Colliers Wood is a public site so please ensure children are aware of "stranger danger" procedures and how to behave when dogs are around.

There is also a wheelchair accessible auditorium capable of seating 50 children on site which can be used as an outdoor classroom.

Doing our bit for the environment

Please take your lunch box rubbish back to school and recycle cans, foil, and paper.

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Trailblazer

Many schools are now taking part in the Trailblazer scheme and a day at Colliers Wood is an excellent way of working towards credits and awards. Further details can be obtained from Nottinghamshire County Council and Nottingham City Council education departments. Schools are encouraged to work towards credits in all strands of the scheme. A day on site lends itself to the PLAN – DO – REVIEW model and children can be involved in all aspects of a visit. One idea for a children's review sheet is included in this section.

After your visit

When using Lesson in a Box, please clean items such as pond dipping equipment and replace any resources used before returning the resource to Durban House Heritage Centre.

Please fill in an evaluation form which can be found in the pack, to help us continue to provide what you need.

After your visit, photographs, children's work, letters, drawings, artwork, photocopies of Trailblazer record books etc will be gratefully received by Durban House Heritage Centre.

Thank you.

HAVE A GREAT DAY.



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Booking Form for a Group Visit

Date and time you wish to collect Lesson in a Box

Date and time you wish to return Lesson in a Box (up to 7 days later).....

Date and time of visit to Colliers Wood:

No in group:

Age range:

No. of leaders/helpers

Group leader:

Name of school or group:

Contact address:

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Post code:

Contact telephone number:.....

During your visit, do you require:	please tick (box)
Parking facilities at Durban House Heritage Centre? If yes, amount of space required and times	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Toilet facilities at Durban House Heritage Centre? If yes, times required	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Use of lunchroom at Durban House Heritage Centre? If yes, times required	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Wheelchair access to Colliers Wood? If so, please sign for the access gate key on collection immediately prior to visit and sign on returning key immediately following visit	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Do you require access to the copse for investigating habitats?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Have you visited Colliers Wood before?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Do you require a risk assessment for Colliers Wood?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no

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Booking Form for a Group Visit

I wish to book Lesson in a Box for a visit to Colliers Wood. I confirm I have read and understood the booking notes in 'An Introduction to Teachers' and will ensure that the group complies with the conditions outlined.

Signed: Date:

Name: Position:

Signed: Date:

(On behalf of Durban House Heritage Centre).

Please sign below on collection and return of Lesson in a Box/access gate key

I have collected Lesson in a Box

I have collected the access gate key

Signed: Signed:

Name: Name:

Position: Position:

Date: Date:

Signed: Date:

(On behalf of Durban House Heritage Centre).

I have returned Lesson in a Box

I have returned the access gate key

Signed: Signed:

Name: Name:

Position: Position:

Date: Date:

Signed: Date:

(On behalf of Durban House Heritage Centre).

Please return to: Lesson in a Box, Durban House Heritage Centre, Mansfield Road, Eastwood, Nottinghamshire, NG16 3DZ. Telephone: 01773 717353 Fax: 01773 713509 Email: culture@broxtowe.gov.uk

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