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Welcome - Please sign in and help yourself to the refreshments



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The background of the slide is a photograph of a forest. A large tree trunk is visible on the right side, with a light-colored tent pitched against its base. The foliage is dense and green, creating a natural, outdoor setting.

THE
BUSHCRAFT
company

Tadcaster Grammar School

2 Day Residential at Castle Howard

Year groups 7 | 15/07/2026

Castle Howard

2 Day Residential

Situated just 15 miles north of York Castle Howard is perfectly located for schools in the North of the country.

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WEBSITE:

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Your Residential Adventure

The Bushcraft Company offer residential adventures with a difference, taking students into the wild and giving them real back-to-nature experiences they will never forget.

During your time on camp, you will be living in the wild and sleeping under canvas. With a wide range of activities focused around Bushcraft, you will develop new practical skills and learn more about our woodland environment, all in a fun and engaging manner as the Bushcraft team take you through an unforgettable journey of self discovery!

A Typical Day

Below is an idea of how the day unfolds, please note timings may vary on delivery:

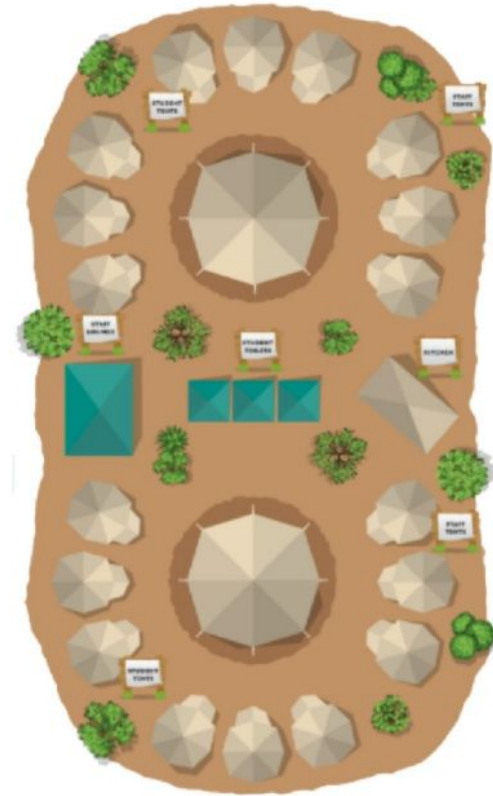
- 07:30** - Breakfast
- 08:30** - Activities, Morning Snack & Drink
- 12:30** - Cooked Lunch
- 14:30** - Activities, Afternoon Snack & Drink
- 18:30** - Cooked Supper & Pudding
- 20:00** - Evening Activities, Hot Chocolate & Marshmallows
- 20:30** - Our night time team will help settle the students for bed. Bed times TBC on site.

Centre Information

This is the base for your adventure and will be exclusively for your group. On camp you will find safari style bell tents (10-12 students), a staff area and other structures to keep you warm and dry.

On arrival you will walk to camp and your main baggage will be transported for you by the Bushcraft Team. Please have a rucksack ready for your walk to camp with a water bottle and water-proofs.

You will work in tribes (up to 16 per tribe). Each tribe will work as a team through various activities, supported by a Tribe Leader, who will ensure everyone contributes to the team effort, achieving shared goals and leaving the woods with a great sense of achievement and a passion to learn more.



Please note this is an artistic impression of a double camp.



SAMPLE 2 DAY ITINERARY



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Day One

ARRIVE

Safety Brief & Welcome

Our instructors will discuss the key elements of Bushcraft and explain what the students can realistically achieve living in the wild. They will then have a safety briefing and familiarise themselves to their new surroundings.

LUNCH

Shelter Building

The students will learn why we need shelter when we are living outside and the types of shelter from different societies and nationalities across the ages. Tribes will build their own shelter, using natural woodland materials.

SUPPER

Evening Games

The students will embark on a series of exciting night-time stalking exercises through the forest, challenging them to use the full range and scope of their senses and to work collaboratively in an unfamiliar setting.

Fire Lighting

The students will learn the basic principles of fire and the fire triangle. They will be shown a variety of ways fire has been made over the years, and put this knowledge into practice, lighting fires in tribes using these methods.

Cutting Tools

Students will learn about the different tools used in the field of Bushcraft, both primitive and modern, and reasons for their use. They will be taught safe handling techniques and will make their own tent peg.

Night-time Routine & Bed

The Students will settle in to their safari-style camp and around the camp fire exchange stories and songs. They will be provided with hot chocolate and marshmallows to roast over the open camp fire.

Students sleep in bell tents (10-12 per tent) or the shelters they have made.



DAY TWO

Breakfast

Trap Making

The students will be taught why it is important to find food in remote settings and how this has been achieved over the ages. Our instructors will demonstrate trapping methods, before each tribe designs and builds their own trap.

LUNCH

Strike Camp, Leave No Trace

It is always important to make sure you leave the woodland as you found it, so we will introduce you to our Leave No Trace procedures before you make your way home.

Bushcraft Challenge

The teams will participate in a series of fun but challenging initiative exercises that will really put them to the test, both mentally and physically. This is a great team building activity and demands trust and communication.





Kit List

Below you can find out recommended kit list for the students and staff. We must stress that it is not necessary to go out and buy new and expensive kit for a trip with us as you may be able to borrow some items from friends or family. Please remember to pack enough for a fresh change of clothing each day and be prepared for all kit to come back very muddy!



ESSENTIAL ITEMS TO PACK

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Large rucksack or holdall (for main luggage) | <input type="checkbox"/> Small rucksack to carry the essentials |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Warm sleeping bag (season 3 is recommended) | <input type="checkbox"/> Roll mat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tracksuit or hardwearing trousers | <input type="checkbox"/> T-shirts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jumper or fleece | <input type="checkbox"/> Waterproof jacket and trousers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Socks and underwear | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 pairs of footwear (eg. walking boots and old trainers) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wash bag including toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, face wipes | <input type="checkbox"/> Towel(s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medication (labelled with name and clear instructions on application/dosage required) | <input type="checkbox"/> Water bottles or hydration system |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol hand gel | <input type="checkbox"/> Torch (with fresh batteries) - a head torch is ideal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Insect repellent | |

OPTIONAL ITEMS TO PACK

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Whistle | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bag liner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pillow and pillowcase | <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic bags for dirty/wet clothing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rucksack liner | <input type="checkbox"/> Wellington boots |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Warm hat and scarf | <input type="checkbox"/> Gloves |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thermal layer | <input type="checkbox"/> Sun cream |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sun hat | |

Please don't bring any food on to camp - see fussy eater policy.

To avoid the risk of expensive items being lost or damaged, please do not bring electrical equipment or other expensive technology or items with you.

The Bushcraft Company is not responsible for any lost items on camp. We will endeavour to locate any missing items, however we are not liable if the item is not found. Lost items found on camp after your departure will be sent back to Head Office and kept for 3 months. If we locate your item, the customer service team will contact you to arrange collection or postage.



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Key Advice:
Pack light and pack smart -
prepared for all weathers.

- the not to forgets!



Frequently Asked Questions

What is a Bushcraft Camp?

Our camps are located on private estates. Each camp typically accommodates up to 60 students and is the base for each adventure. Camps are exclusive to each school, so you will not share with another group. The camp contains the student's bell tents, toilets, central yurt and school staff area. The camp is a large circle with a yurt top or parachute at the centre, where our staff will be based at night-time and ensure a central campfire is always bright.

Are the bushcraft instructors DBS Checked

Yes, every member of our team has to pass through our enhanced DBS procedure and will be checked for their suitability for a role with The Bushcraft Company.

What happens if it rains?

All our camps have large structures called a big hat, kungsornen or yurt. These can accommodate the group where activities can take place if we have inclimate weather. The majority of the time, all activities continue whatever the weather, as the extensive tree canopy often shades us and takes the worst of poor weather.

What kind of food will we eat during camp?

You will be offered three hot meals a day, along with snacks and drinks, all cooked by the chefs on camp. Typical meals may include spaghetti bolognese, wraps, pizza, BBQ burgers. We can cater for a range of allergies and dietary requirements as long as we have sufficient notice. Please do ensure you make the school aware of any requirements you may have at least 4 weeks before camp.



What qualifications/certifications do the bushcraft instructors have?

All our team have a great deal of experience of running camps of this nature. Our instructors receive extensive in-house training prior to working on camps and additional qualifications from national governing bodies for specialised activities, including archery. All Camp Leaders are first-aid trained, and Field Cooks have food hygiene qualifications.

How many members of staff will be on the camp with the children?

All our camps operate on a ratio of 15 children to 1 Bushcraft instructor – school staff will be in addition to this. We recommend that you bring enough staff to cover 1:10 ratio during transport.

For every camp, there will be 1 Camp Leader and 1 Tribe Leader per group of 16/17.

Will there be a member of staff on duty at night?

Every night there will be at least two members of staff on duty and they will be based at the centre of the camp. The children are informed who those staff members are, and where they will be each evening should they require any help throughout the night.

What are the toilets like?

Our toilets are porta-style toilets, similar to those you might find at a festival. The toilets are emptied multiple times a week and cleaned daily by the Bushcraft team.

Will there be female members of staff at camp?

Yes, there is always at least one female member of staff on camp, present at all times.

Where do we sleep?

The children sleep in single-sex groups of 10-12 students per bell tent/shelter. School and Bushcraft staff will be based on the same camp in their separate areas. A typical teacher area has 3 bell tents, suitable for 2-3 adults.



OTHER HELPFUL INFORMATION

DIETARY & MEDICAL INFORMATION

The Bushcraft Company aims to cater for a wide range of dietary and medical requirements. Before camp, The Bushcraft Company will work with the school to ensure we have all the relevant information we require. This will include dietary and medical information for all students and staff attending.

Please ensure you communicate any specifics to the school in advance of the trip as we require at least 2 weeks notice to fulfil any particular dietary and medical requirements.

If dietary information isn't provided 4 weeks ahead of your trip, the school is liable for any additional food costs incurred on camp.

THE COUNTRYSIDE CODE

Respect other people

Please respect the local community and other people using the outdoors. Remember your actions can affect people's lives and livelihoods.

Protect the natural environment

We all have the responsibility to protect the countryside now and for future generations. Make sure you don't harm animals, birds, plants or trees and try to leave no trace of your visit.



We kindly ask that you do not bring snacks/supplies on to camp as these will be provided. This also helps us ensure we have all allergies covered whilst the group is on camp.

Contact details for the bushcraft company

Website: www.thebushcraftcompany.co.uk

Phone: 03332 000612

Email: info@thebushcraftcompany.com

Enjoy the outdoors and be prepared

For many, this may be the very first time camping out in the woods. We want you to enjoy the great outdoors and being aware of the countryside code and the woodlands will help with this. Please do feel free to look at some of the resources listed below for further information ahead of your adventure.

If you have any specific questions not answered in this information back, Please speak to the trip leader at your school.

Amy Nichol
Account Manager

Our pans for the visit:

8.00am - 8.30am 15/7/26: Arrive to school as normal on Wednesday 15th (Non-uniform, come dressed and equipped ready for the visit)

8.40am: Year 7 registered in form groups.

8.50am: Brief group meeting in Toulston hall

9.00am: Form groups sent with their bags to their designated coach (x1 coach per x2 form groups + 2/3 staff members)

9.30am: Travel to Castle Howard, Bushcraft (approx. 40 minute journey)

Enjoy our two day experience

4.00pm 16/7/26: Leave Castle Howard Bushcraft and return to school.

5.00pm: Coaches arrive back at school (Parents to park in the main staff/school car park and walk through to collect the young people from the bus park)



Consent and medical information for educational off-site visits & adventure activities (UK)

For activities within the UK

* Indicates required question

Email *

Your email address

Please ensure that the pre visit Google form has been completed (scan the QR code or use the link below)

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSea3FCFIH-8KNKI6qQMoRUXqr1YzMfXbtFX8P77CYLhn05xVg/viewform?usp=sharing&oid=110294470416434073055>



Key messages:

- Please ensure that you have completed the appropriate visit G-form.
- (This will have been checked with you on your arrival and registration to this evening's meeting)
- If you have specific or additional medical information that needs to be shared please speak to a member of the team tonight.
- PLEASE SUPPORT US WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE SELECTING FRIENDS FOR THEIR TENTS - EACH TENT TAKES 10/12 STUDENTS (THE STUDENT G-FORM WILL BE SHARED THIS WEEK) - They can select either 3 friends or they can select to fill a tent.
- If you have any additional questions please feel free to speak with a member of the team or email me directly.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENDANCE

Key messages (continued): Some questions answered...

- Tents are single sex only.
- There are many accessible toilets across the site.
- A torch/head torch would be a very useful piece of kit to bring along.
- Any medications will be held by one member of staff for the duration of the visit - these will be collected in on the morning of the visit.
- No mobile phones are allowed on this visit (If students wish to take photographs of their experience disposable cameras can be used)
- ... Staff will be around and involved in activities taking photographs that we will collate and share with the group.
- As visit leader I will communicate with school and /or parents directly to communicate return times or any changes to shared plans.
- An idea of final plans, activities, return timings etc etc will be shared with parents prior to the visit.
- Many more questions were answered - PLEASE ask if you have any more...