

# Wild Week at Iver Environment Centre

## Frequently Asked Questions



### When is Wild Week?

10am-4pm each day on either 10<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> of August or the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> August.

### Can I send my child on both weeks?

You can, but activities will be identical on both weeks. You will need to discuss with your child in advance whether they will be bored repeating tasks or not.

### What age group is Wild Week suitable for?

7 – 11 year olds. There is no flexibility on the lower age limit due to the way we have planned our activities.

### How will you ensure my child is safe from Covid-19 during Wild Week?

We have completed risk assessments to be certified covid-19 secure, which are available to all carers on request. We will be having the same children and staff each day for the whole week. This “bubble” of up to 15 children will have exclusive use of the site. Most activities will be outside with plenty of space for social distancing. The activities will be designed to enable distancing without making children anxious – for example chairs will be set up beforehand, equipment distribution will be planned, games will be chosen in advance to avoid close contact. Extra time for hand washing is built into the schedule at regular intervals and guidance on correct procedure is given.

When the weather sends us indoors the classroom will be set up to allow seating at a distance to each other and not face to face. Children will be provided with their own personal stationary to use all week. Ventilation is good, with doors as well as windows in each room. One-way systems and outside queues are in place for toilets and collecting belongings. Drop off and pick up will be staggered with carers remaining in cars (or in the car park if they walk). Cleaning will be enhanced and take place throughout the day, with extra attention paid to touch points and equipment. Though wearing of masks will not be mandatory, we will promote a supportive and respectful atmosphere so children will feel comfortable wearing them should they choose to bring their own.

### What happens if my child is sick or needs to isolate during Wild Week?

It is really important that no one showing any symptoms of Covid-19 attends on any day. We will of course move your child onto another week where possible or provide a refund for the missing time. The same goes for if you have been contacted by Test and Trace, or have a household member showing symptoms. If your child is ill with vomiting or diarrhoea then please wait at least 48 hours afterwards before sending them back.

### Can we get to the centre using public transport?

We don't recommend that participants use public transport to reach us at this time. However if you would like to cycle or scoot over with your children then we can certainly store those vehicles for you during the day.

### What should my child bring/wear?

The British weather is unpredictable and changeable and so we suggest lots of layers each day that can be removed in the heat. Waterproofs and sunhats are vital. Please send them in clothes that you do not mind getting very dirty. A spare set of labelled clothes should be sent in a bag. This can be left at the centre for the week (unless your child needs to change into them). Your child must be capable of changing unassisted.

Sensible footwear should be worn – perhaps with some wellies if the weather is wet. On Wednesday your child may wish to dress as a wizard for the day.

Please bring a refillable water bottle each day. Please do not allow your child to bring any toys or valuables onto site.

### Is food included in Wild Week?

Children need to bring a packed lunch with them each day. There are no refrigeration facilities available so please pack it with an ice block or frozen drink where possible. We will be providing a morning snack of biscuits or fruit each day as well as an afternoon snack cooked by them over the campfire. Please ensure that you inform us of any allergies or dietary requirements.

### How much does Wild Week cost?

The price is £180 for the first child within a household, and then £155 for any additional siblings.

### What activities will you be doing?

Our timetable is still being finalised but will include bushcraft (including fire lighting techniques, simple cooking and den building), orienteering, construction, art, crafts, pond dipping, minibeast hunting, plant dissections under the microscope, lessons in magic, filmmaking and soundscapes, along with lots and lots of games.

### Can I come and look around the centre?

I'm afraid at present we cannot allow visitors onsite for a look around. There is a centre tour from lockdown on our Facebook page, to give you a flavour of it. On the final day family members will be allowed onsite in the afternoon to be given a tour by their child and shown all of the wonderful things that their child has created over the week.

### My child is very nervous, can I stay with him/her?

No. We cannot allow parents to stay with their children. If you think this may be a problem, please let us know on your form so that we can discuss the issue with you and have a phone/video call with your child in advance. We will be sending out a video before the first day to all participants explaining drop off procedures.

### My child has additional needs, can they attend Wild Week?

Iver Environment Centre is an accessible site. Please give us a ring on 01895 270730 to discuss your child's needs and what adjustments may need to be made in order to accommodate them.

### How will you use the photos that you take of the children?

If you give photo consent we will try to record some of the fun during Wild Week. One of these photos will be printed and given to your child as a keepsake at the end of the week. We also might use the photos for social media posts, reports and advertising for Iver Environment Centre. We will not use names or any other identifiers when we use the photos.

### Wild Week is full up. Can I be put on a waiting list?

Yes. If we are fully booked we will maintain a waiting list. To be added please email [iver.environment@groundwork.org.uk](mailto:iver.environment@groundwork.org.uk)

### How do I book?

Week 1 – 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> August : <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/113604915360>

Week 2 – 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> August: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/113629284248>

