



## PINKERY CENTRE for OUTDOOR LEARNING



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# Hello and Welcome

Pinkery is Exmoor National Park Authority's Centre for Outdoor Learning and an integral part of the Learning and Outreach work that ENPA undertakes. At Pinkery we are very proud of what we offer and hope to make the process of booking your stay with us simple and straightforward so that you are able to maximise the potential of your visit.

Pinkery has been operating as an Outdoor Learning Centre for residential experiences since 1969 and has undergone many changes in that time, improving the facilities and the package that we offer. We are always looking to further develop the experience that we provide to visiting groups so please always ask for updates to what we are doing or amendments to meet your specific requirements.

Pinkery is about providing an experience where everyone can grow, where there is the opportunity to explore and develop and create new memories that have a lifelong impact. Through our qualified teachers we are able to link our programmes to the National Curriculum and provide an extraordinary experience.

## Visit Planning

Planning the experience can be difficult and time consuming and so we hope to make this as simple as possible through our online booking form where the emphasis for the detail can be planned by the Pinkery team.

Sometimes the best way to get a real feeling for who we are and what we offer is to come and visit us. We can show you the site, what we have on offer and discuss the Health and Safety and Risk Management procedures we have in place. Alternatively, you may prefer a visit to your site from one of the Pinkery team which we would also be happy to arrange.

Please complete the Pinkery Residential Booking Form online at [www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk](http://www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk) at your earliest convenience.

## Your arrival

In order to maintain the Centre to a high standard, we need some time between the departure of one group of visitors, and the arrival of the next.

Groups **arriving on Monday** will not be able to have any access to the Centre until **14:00pm**.

Groups **departing on Friday** must ensure that they vacate the Centre **by 11:00am**.

Groups **arriving on Friday** will not be able to have access before **16:00pm**.

Groups **departing on Sunday** must do so **by 16:00pm**.

Please organise your transport to accommodate these timings. If these times cause difficulties please discuss them with us in advance. On arrival visitors will find the Centre clean and tidy. We expect that they will leave it similarly when they depart.

## Facilities

Pinkery is an EcoCentre, electricity being generated by our own wind turbine and the largest array of photovoltaic shingles in the South of England, all of which aim of reducing the impact on the local environment.

### Bedroom layout

44 beds arranged in 5x4 and 4x6 bedded rooms, all on the ground floor with en-suite shower and toilet. One room is accessible for people using a wheelchair.

If you would like bed linen provided please ask.

### Dining room and lounge

There is seating for up to 44 people. Please feel free to arrange the tables in whatever configuration suits you best. There is seating for up to 44 people on easy chairs, coffee tables, etc

### Kitchen

The self-catering kitchen contains a commercial sized cooker with electric oven and 6 gas burners, microwave, 2 fridge freezers, toaster and a full range of kitchen utensils, crockery and cutlery for 44 people. Tea towels are provided.

### Washing facilities

10 showers and 11 toilets (9 of which are en-suite to the bedrooms) Please bring your own towels.

### Heating

Full central heating throughout. A boot room and drying room are provided.

### Refuse

Please use the recycling facilities provided. Refuse collection is on Thursdays.

### Car parking

The car park is at the rear of the building, there is space for 15 cars.

## Activities with us

We can help you plan the perfect itinerary with the emphasis on the programme in the areas you want to see. Activities can be self-led or through our team of professionally qualified staff.

The day is usually divided into 4 or 5 sessions of an hour in length, with an additional possible session in the evening. Each Session is then sub-divided into groups of a maximum of 12 pupils (8 for Offsite activities though extra staff can be provided). Activities taking place Offsite are done using the Pinkery Centre minibus at no extra charge. Additional numbers of pupils will need to be transported either in your School minibuses or through hire of a private company. Please tick those activities you would like included in your programme. Activities led by your school staff should be done so by an appropriately qualified/experienced member of staff (if in doubt, please contact the Head of Centre) and are done so under the School's duty of care. Please write down any alternative activities you would like to participate in and we will try to accommodate you.

NOTE: Activities may not be available or need to be changed due to weather constraints and if this is the case you will be offered a similar activity at the Centre's discretion.

## Sample Itinerary

	Morning Activity	Afternoon Activity	Evening Activity
Day One		Arrive, Welcome Talk and Pinkery Pond	School Staff Led
Day Two	Climbing at Castle Rock	Lyn Flood Walk	School Staff Led
Day Three	Mountain Biking and Archery	Gras Sledging and Low Ropes Course	Campfire
Day Four	Moorland Walk	Moorland Walk	School Staff Led
Day Five	Pack Up and Depart		

## Bolt-on Activities

Please feel free to select from the list below to populate your preferred activities.

### Onsite

#### Pinkery Pond Walk

Our signature activity where you experience the transition from farmland to open moorland and learn about the work of Exmoor National Park Authority. You will also discover Pinkery Pond and the tunnel through the dam.

#### Moorland Walk

Discover Exmoor including the open moorland, the river valleys and coast through one of our popular walks led by qualified and knowledgeable staff.

#### Archery

Both Target shooting and Clout Archery, learning to shoot, aiming for the gold

#### Bush craft

Learn to light a fire, do a scavenger hunt and learn about foraging and survival skills

#### Campfire

Enjoy an evening campfire and toast marshmallows over the flames

#### Grass Sledging

Race down the hill on Gras Sledges, dodging cones as you go

#### Low Ropes Course

Successfully navigate across the obstacle course by working together as a team

#### Mountain Biking

Make the most of the environment by cycling across the moor, learning new skills and enjoying stunning views. Available both as an on-site and off-site activity

## Mountain Boarding

Like snowboarding on grass, discover the thrill of this exciting activity

## Orienteering

Learn to navigate using a map and race each other to complete the challenge

## Problem Solving

Work together as a team to solve complex and fun challenges. This can be run by competent school staff

## Team Building

Using more complex equipment, the group will work together to solve problems through successful teamwork

## Shelter Building

Build a shelter to survive the night in and maybe a bucket of cold water thrown over the top (you are welcome to sleep in the building still though!)

## Stream/Pond Dipping

Discover the flora and fauna lurking in our streams within easy reach of the Centre. This can be led by School Staff

## Offsite

### Camping Expedition

Complete a walk and camp out under canvas in Exmoor National Park

### Canoeing/Kayaking

Paddle across the stunning Wimbleball Lake or around our beautiful coastline, learning the skills as you go

### Climbing

Climbing in the iconic and spectacular Valley of Rocks give a real sense of exposure and thrill of doing the real thing

### Coasteering

Scrambling along our amazing coastline, jumping from the rocks and exploring the rocky shore, this makes for an incredible experience

### High Ropes Course

Suspended high up in the air, test your fear of heights as you complete these aerial challenges

### Raft Building

Learn to build your own raft with basic equipment and see if it survives the test as you paddle onto the Lake

### Stand-Up Paddle boarding

This exciting activity allows you to test your balance and skills whilst journeying across the water at either Wimbleball Lake or around our spectacular coastline

### Surfing

Learn to surf on some of the most beautiful beaches the country has to offer



# Meals

All of the catering at Pinkery is provided externally. Where possible we make sure that ingredients are homemade and locally sourced.

Full Catering consists of a cooked breakfast, a made packed lunch and an evening meal as well as Squash, Tea, Coffee, Hot Chocolate and Biscuits for the group to have access to.

Cooked Breakfast includes Toast and Preserves and Cereals plus an assortment of sausage, bacon, egg, beans, tomatoes etc.

Lunches include a Sandwich or rolls (please specify your preference), a piece of fruit, Crisps, a chocolate bar.

The evening meal is divided into 2 parts - Main Course, and Pudding. Below are the Options available for each category. Please specify your preference. Where a meat option is chosen, a similar vegetarian alternative will be supplied for any vegetarians providing we are given prior warning. Please choose a maximum of 2 evening meals choices and 1 pudding. For example, With 33 pupils and 2 staff you might choose 25 Lasagne, 10 Jacket Potatoes and 25 Chocolate Puddings.

If there is anything in particular you would prefer then we will try to accommodate you. Just ask.

Main Course with appropriate sides such as Peas, Beans, Potatoes, Garlic Bread, Salad. Please specify any special requests.

Jacket Potato, Assorted Fillings	Spaghetti Bolognese	Chicken or Vegetable Pasta Bake	Chicken Curry and Rice	Lasagne	Fish Pie	Fish Fingers	Sausage and Mash	Chicken and Ham Pie
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Pudding with custard or Ice Cream where appropriate

Fruit Crumble	Jelly	Chocolate Pudding	Cheesecake	Rice Pudding	Fruit Salad	Apple Pie	Lemon Meringue
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Please follow the link to access the catering booking form.

# Kit List

## DO BRING

Old, warm clothes  
Trousers- Jeans may not be suitable for some activities  
T-shirts  
Jumper  
Underwear  
A waterproof coat \*  
Wellington boots \*  
At least 2 pairs of Outdoor Shoes  
Warm hat and Gloves  
Toiletries  
Towel  
Trainers/slippers/sandals for indoor wear  
Torch  
A small rucksack  
Lunch box and drinks bottle  
Pyjamas  
Sleeping Bag and Pillow Case

## THINK ABOUT BRINGING (depending on season, and personal preference)

Sun hat  
Sun cream  
Walking boots  
Camera

**PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT ALL PROPERTY IS CLEARLY NAMED**

*\* We can lend you these items if you haven't got them*