



BOWHILL

Education

A TRIP to Bowhill provides the opportunity for learning outside the classroom and for activities linked to the Curriculum for Excellence. We aim to provide a practical enhancement of what teachers can do in the classroom, an educational but enjoyable experience in a safe and secure environment that complements what is learnt in school.

If you are looking for indoor activities, Bowhill is well suited to supporting the study of the Victorian period, not only with the historic House itself, but also with our Victorian Kitchen. Further scope is provided if you wish to focus on the world-renowned Buccleuch art collection. Outdoors, we have the beautiful Bowhill Estate with its established woodlands, lochs and diverse wildlife. Outdoor learning sessions would be led by a member of our dedicated Ranger team.

We are eager to provide experiences tailored to your group's particular needs and interests, and are happy to create bespoke activities using the resources that Bowhill and its Estate provide. To illustrate the types of sessions that are possible here, there are some examples below.



Victorian and House Activities

Historic House

A tour of the historic interiors of Bowhill House can emphasise many aspects of Victorian life. An experienced and knowledgeable guide will showcase the trappings of the aristocracy and lifestyles of the wealthy, as well as room use and the development of technology such as central heating and gas lighting.

Victorian Kitchen

Investigate the lives of servants in the 'engine room' of Victorian Bowhill. A closer look at food storage and preparation, as well as some familiar - and not so familiar - kitchen appliances and activities.

Portraits and Paintings

Bowhill is the home of some of the most important art in private hands in Britain. What can we learn about life in the past from paintings? Can we read the 'messages' the artists have hidden in their work? Are these images real or imagined?

Ranger Activities



Pond Dipping

A chance to learn about the ecosystem in and around the Bowhill Loch while offering the opportunity to develop identification, survey and recording skills. This session is easily adapted for various age groups and quickly enthruses most pupils.

Woodland Plants & Trees

This session looks at the woodlands of Bowhill, taking a closer look at plant and tree biology while learning about woodland ecology and management. Bowhill Estate illustrates a variety of woodland ecosystems along with hundreds of years of forest management. Easily tailored to suit any stage, this session can be very useful in re-enforcing and illustrating topics covered in class.

Team Building & Problem Solving

Our team building days consist of team building games as an icebreaker, a team orienteering challenge to really bring the team together, followed by a problem solving exercise in the afternoon. A great chance to use the natural environment to bring pupils out of their shell and working together. Sessions can be tailored to suit the group abilities, interests and topics and are suitable for all age groups.

Costs

The cost for an educational visit to Bowhill, regardless of duration, is £3 per child plus VAT (in real terms £3.60 per child).

Access Information

Please let us know if any of your pupils have any access requirements. With the exception of one room, the entire House is accessible to wheelchair users. Our toilet facilities are also fully accessible. Some parts of the Estate are also wheelchair accessible, and most of our activities are carried out in wheelchair friendly spaces. We have worked extensively with ASN pupils and we would be happy to discuss your requirements with you.

Transport subsidy

We want to make your visit to Bowhill as affordable and easy as possible. With this in mind, we are able to offer a subsidy towards the cost of bus travel up to the value of £100. Full details of this offer can be found on our website.

Booking Information

To make a booking, or discuss options for an educational visit, please contact Helen Currie hcurrie@bucleuch.com or Matt Thompson mthompson@bucleuch.com, or for Ranger led activities, Rory Powell rpowell@bucleuch.com.



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