



Severn Valley Country Park

Educational Activities for Kids at Severn Valley Country Park – Overview

At Severn Valley Country Park we provide a wide range of educational activities for kids. Our activities are all fun and entertaining and each of them link to the curriculum to help schools achieve their targets and objectives.

You can find out more information on how our activities link to the curriculum by looking at our [Teachers Guide](#).

Each activity is led by an experienced and knowledgeable member of our team and expertly prepared by our support team.

The following gives a short overview of each of our activities and you can obtain further details by clicking on the appropriate link below.

[Pond Dipping](#)



Pond dipping is a great method of sampling the rich diversity of life within a pond habitat and one of our popular educational activities for kids. Children of all ages and abilities can investigate different habitats and discover the different creatures that live within them.

[Mini-Beast Hunts](#)



Finding mini-beasts is very easy and great fun for all age groups which is why it is one of our most popular educational activities for kids. Children can act as nature detectives for an enjoyable but informative session looking at creatures in different habitats, and finding out how and where they live.

[Scavenger Hunt](#)



This is a simple activity in which children are given a list of things to find and collect. It is one of our shortest but most entertaining educational activities for kids. The list can include shapes or colours as well as naturally occurring objects such as feathers and leaves.

[Orienteering](#)



While participating in an enjoyable physical activity, children can study various subjects such as geography, natural history and of course map reading, which makes this one of our most versatile educational activities for kids.

[River Study](#)



The study of a river system, along with its flora and fauna is both interesting and informative, and forms one of our popular educational activities for kids.



We also work closely with Severn Valley Railway to deliver a range of curriculum based school programmes which combine with steam train travel.

The programmes are designed to enhance and consolidate children's learning. They are suitable for all ability levels across EYFS, KS1 and KS2, where possible each of the programmes can be tailored to meet specific needs and study areas. Each programme includes return train travel from Kidderminster in reserved seats and free parking for coaches and minibuses.

The programmes directly connected to Severn Valley Country Park are listed below:

Habitats

Take the train to the Severn Valley Country Park where you will be met by an experienced park ranger.



Children are then encouraged to develop their identification and recording skills whilst gaining an understanding of a variety of wildlife and their habitats. Using sweep nets, log searching, or pond dipping children can collect and study animals from various habitats. This allows them to observe and then consider the adaptations that they have made to live under different conditions.

Choose from two habitats from:

- Meadow
- Woodland
- Pond life

From Bridgnorth Station

<http://www.shropshiresgreatoutdoors.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Habitats-Bridgnorth.pdf>

From Kidderminster Station

<http://www.shropshiresgreatoutdoors.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Habitats-Kidderminster.pdf>

Mini Beast Hunts



Take the train to the Severn Valley Country Park where you will be met by an experienced park ranger. Using identification sheets, children are encouraged to develop their recording skills in conjunction with an understanding of a variety of wildlife and their habitats. They will be amazed at the number and variety of creatures they will find! Using sweep nets and log searching, children can collect and study mini-beasts from various habitats.

Choose two minibeast activities from:

- Meadow
- Woodland
- Pond Dipping

From Bridgnorth Station

<http://www.shropshiresgreatoutdoors.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/MiniBeastHunt-Bridgnorth.pdf>

From Kidderminster Station

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River Study Field Trip



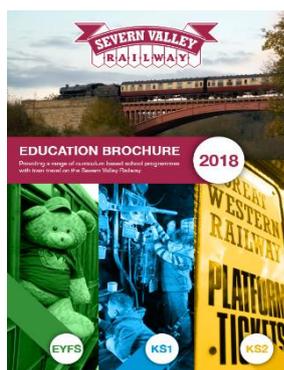
The study of a river system, along with its flora and fauna is both interesting and informative, and forms one of our most popular educational activities for children. Take the train to the Severn Valley Country Park where you will be met by an experienced park ranger. Pupils will learn about the different features of a river, whilst investigating the powerful effects of water erosion, and the opportunities for wildlife this creates. All of which can easily be seen along the banks of the River Severn.

From Bridgnorth Station

<http://www.shropshiresgreatoutdoors.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/RiverStudyFieldTrip-Bridgnorth.pdf>

The programmes run from May to July, and throughout September. Booking for these sessions are made via Severn Valley Railway directly to allow them to check availability on the trains.

To discuss your requirements and to make a booking please call the Severn Valley Railway Education team on 01746 862387, 01746 860901, 01746 860909 or via email: education@svrlive.com



Full details of all the programmes run by the Severn Valley Railway can be found in the 2018 Education Brochure. Click link below for details

<http://www.svr.co.uk/pdf/Brochures/Education%20Brochure%202018.pdf>



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