

Plan your visit

What to bring

Cushion

We have rustic bench seating, you might like to bring a cushion.

A blanket

You might also like to snuggle under a blanket around a campfire even in the summer.

Torch

A torch is a good idea, particularly if your children want to play in the dark.

Please do not bring your own food and drink.



What to wear



Long trousers protect

Keeping legs covered all year round protects from scratches, bites and stings.

How to keep warm

It is always better to take layers off than it is to be cold. Bring a warm top even on hot days as it gets cooler once the sun goes down. In the winter we suggest leggings under trousers, two pairs of socks and at least three top layers. Don't forget gloves and hats.

Waterproof jacket

Always a good idea - this is the UK after all!

Sturdy trainers, shoes or boots

The woodland is relatively flat but uneven with felled tree stumps. Sturdy boots or wellies are strongly recommended.



Keeping everyone safe

Fire safety



Fire safety

Please keep everyone safe around the fires. All fire must stay within the fire pits, please don't let anyone waft flaming sticks. We are happy to give fire safety talks. If we see dangerous behaviour we will ask that it stops and reserve the right to ask people to leave if anyone's safety is put at risk.

Avoid hand sanitiser

Please use the water handwash stations on site in preference to hand sanitiser, because hand sanitiser is flammable.

Woodland safety

Please encourage everyone to keep a distance from other guests and staff

Playing in the woods

We have a giant swing and there are usually dens around. Please note that the dens are built by children, so they are not particularly sturdy.

Please avoid activity areas

Please keep your children away from our rifle shooting and axe throwing areas.

Footpaths

We are trying to keep the wood as natural as possible to retain its charm. The ground is relatively flat but it is uneven and there are some trunks from felled trees to watch out for.

Friendly dogs are welcome

Well behaved and friendly dogs are welcome, but note that there are resident deer and other animals in the woodland so they must remain on a lead at all times. Please pick up after your dog too.



What to expect in the woods

Toilets and hand washing

We do have a toilet and hand washing facilities. Our loo is a composting toilet. Please wee into the front section and place loo paper to the back. You only need to push the 'flush' button if you poo.

Baby changing

We don't have a baby changing unit but we are happy for babies to be in the wood and for alfresco nappy changing.

No phone chargers or electricity

Our accommodation is under canvas and there are no phone charging facilities. Some things take a little longer in the wood than usual.

First aid

All Fat Squirrel Outdoor staff are first aiders and we have first aid facilities.



Bad weather

Rain

The camp area is fairly sheltered so we do not cancel for rain. Our shelter's are waterproof and the cover is fire retardant so it is OK for fires to be inside the shelters on wet evenings, you can sit under cover.

Windy

It isn't safe to be under trees in high winds and we may need to cancel events when the wind is strong. If we need to cancel an event you will be offered an alternative date. If you can't make any of the alternative dates offered we will grant a refund minus an administration fee of 20%.

Snow

For light snow it is likely that events will go ahead - please dress appropriately for being outdoors in the snow. If we need to cancel due to heavy snow you will be offered an alternative date.

Change of plan

Someone in your group has to self isolate

If you can't attend your booked event because of Covid-19 - please let us know and we will offer you an alternative campfire date.

You need to cancel

You can cancel up to 48 hours before your campfire event and we will refund the fee you paid minus a 20% administration charge.

We cannot accept cancellations within 48 hours of your booking.

