

# Bears Wood Scout Campsite

Conditions of use – operating procedures

## Photo trails

Picture when available

### Introduction

Photographic clues lead you on a trail around the campsite looking for clues. Write down the letter clues, convert them into the special code and then try to solve the anagram puzzle at the end.

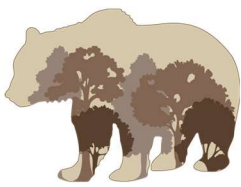
We have two photo challenge trails set up around Bears Wood. There's one for those that are Cub age (8 to 10 1/2) - although perhaps Beavers could do it with some helpful prompting from their leaders!. The other one is for Scout age and above and is a bit more challenging.

Good luck and have fun searching out those clues!

This is a 'self-led' activity, therefore please ensure you read, understand & sign the related 'Conditions of Use' before starting the session. It will then be your responsibility to ensure the session is run in as safe a manner as possible, including managing your participants behaviour throughout.

**Minimum Age:** 5¾ years old

**Most appropriate for:** 8 +



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**Maximum Weight:** N/A

**Minimum Weight:** N/A

**Minimum Age:** 5¾ years old

**Ratios:** Beavers 1:4; Cubs 1:6; Scouts 1:12

**Session Length:** As long as it takes! - normally about 2 hours

### Minimum Training/ Qualification Requirements

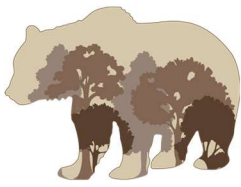
Signed CoU + 18 years old or over.

<p><b>Pre-Use Checks</b></p> <p>Collect the following kit from the office:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 laminated answer sheets (<i>for Leaders use only – don't let the young people see them!</i>)</li> <li>• 1 clipboard per team</li> <li>• 2 pencils per team</li> <li>• 1 printed sheet with the clues per team</li> <li>• For scout age teams – 1 compass per team</li> </ul> <p>Make sure you count how many participants you have doing the challenge so that you can do regular head counts</p>	<p><b>Post-Use Checks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check that you have everything to hand back in.</li> <li>• Check that you have all the participants and that no one has gone missing!</li> </ul>
<p><b>Set Up</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Give each team a clip board with the printed sheet on it and 2 pencils. Scout age teams should also have a compass.</li> <li>• Ensure you have a first aid kit to hand</li> </ul>	<p><b>Pack Down</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carry out post-use checks.</li> <li>• Ensure area is tidy and free of any rubbish.</li> <li>• Take all equipment back to the office.</li> </ul>

### Key Safety Points

***Neither of the photo trails include any areas beyond the orange barrier near the Bears Wood sign. This is deliberate to avoid the car park and entrance areas.***

- Participants must remain within Bears Wood at all times.
- Group leader should do a head count at beginning & end of the session.
- Leader to advise participants that no-one should go off on their own as easier to get lost, subgroups minimum size of 4 or more ideal. **Teams should keep together at all times.**
- Leader to advise participants not to run in wooded areas. OK to run with care on paths & open areas.
- Heavy rain or cold weather can cause the ground to become slippery so extra care should be taken or consider not doing the activity.
- Any site users should avoid driving vehicles up and down the track whilst activities such as this are taking place.
- Please have your own first aid kit available.



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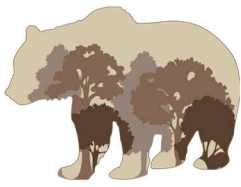
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### BEARS WOOD PHOTO TRAIL – USER INSTRUCTIONS

THIS ACTIVITY MUST BE SUPERVISED BY **AN ADULT LEADER**

*Please read the risk assessment carefully*

1. Collect the following kit from the office:
  - 2 laminated answer sheets (for Leaders use only – don't let the young people see them!)
  - 1 clipboard per team
  - 2 pencils per team
  - 1 printed sheet with the clues per team
  - For scout age teams – 1 compass per team
2. Make sure you know how many participants you have overall – so you don't lose anyone and can do regular headcounts.
3. Divide the participants into teams and issue each team with their kit – as above.
4. Brief the teams on the safety precautions set out above.
5. Brief the teams that they need to locate the various places around the campsite using the photo clues on their sheet.
6. Once located they need to look for a white label – for the cubs trail it will say CUBS and a letter (e.g., CUBS A) and for the Scout trail – SCOUTS and a letter (e.g., SCOUTS B).
7. Teams should write down the letter that they have found where it says 'CLUE' on their sheet.
8. Leaders accompanying teams may want to give them verbal encouragement and helpful hints if they're really stuck!
9. Once all the clue letters have been found the team needs to convert each letter into the code equivalent - using the special code on their sheet.
10. For Scout teams there are 2 additional tasks which will give them clues. For one of the tasks they need to take a compass bearing – you may need to 'remind' them how to do this.
11. Once all the code letters have been written down on the sheet the team now needs to re-arrange the code letters to make a phrase which they should write down.
12. Good luck!!!
13. You may want to award a prize to the team getting all the correct answers in the fastest time.
14. Once you have finished the activity, check that you have all the kit that was issued to you (apart from the printed sheets) and return them to the duty warden at the end of your stay.



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**I have been provided with and have read the risk assessment for this activity.**

**I have read, understood, & agree to abide by the Conditions of Use for the photo trail, as detailed above.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Group/ Unit/ Organisation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Booking Ref:** \_\_\_\_\_