

Educational, exciting and fun experiences set in the Brerkshire Countryside

Day and Residential trips for schools, youth groups and further education

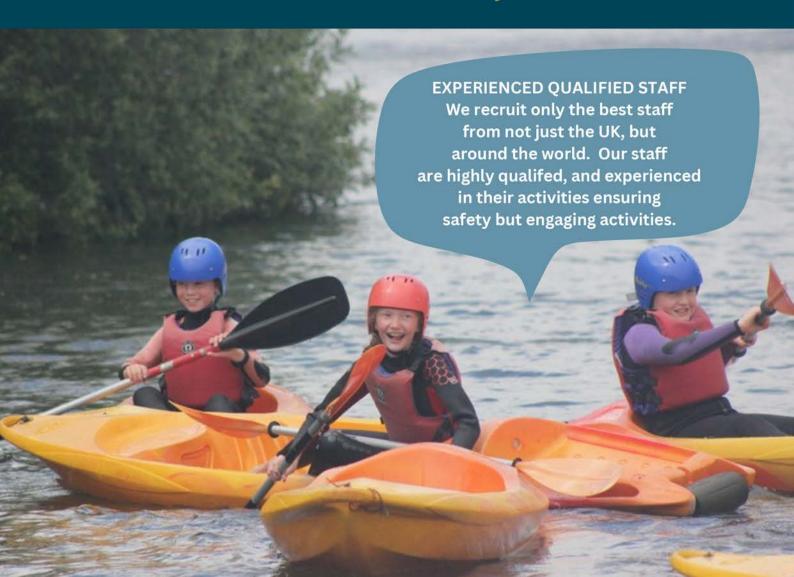
A brief introduction to:



## Why choose Horseshoe Lake Activity Centre?

- Great location
- Secure site for overnight residentials
- Bespoke programs to suit YOU, single session, half day, full day, Curriculum related courses, weekly, residential options, Land and water based activities
- Promoting safety around water mixed with fantastic fun
- AALA, RYA, PU and RLSS Accredited

#### Located in the Berkshire Countryside



Learning outside enhances social, emotional and personal development







#### Why choose a school trip outside?

Our outdoor residentials with accommodation in our bell tents, provide a much more well rounded experience for young people for them to exceed outside a classroom.

All of our day and residiential activities promote:

- -Resilience
- -Confidence
- -Problem solving
- -Team work
- -Social interaction
- -Promoting well-being and mental health

#### **Professional Team**

Our team will be on standby during the entire booking process and build up to the trip to answer any questions you may have.

We also are able to travel to your school, either virtually or in person, to assist with information evenings.



Our dedicated Schools Coordinator, Paul, or one of the team is always around!

Our staff are always on hand to support you through booking, planning and pre trip visit. Groups are always greeted by their activity team, where possible the staff will remain the same throughout the trip. A member of our senior team will always check in with the group at the beginning and end of the day should you have any questions or concerns

Our staff are all
DBS checked, along
with there always
being a member of
staff on duty
throughout
the evening, you
can rest easy
knowing your pupils
are in the best
hands!



## Weekly multiactivity sessions

Our after-school clubs provide a fantastic opportunity for children to continue their learning in a fun, safe, and supportive environment. Through our tailor-made sessions in sailing or paddle sports, participants can develop new skills, build confidence, and enjoy exciting adventures on the water.

Our weekly multi-activity sessions offer students the chance to experience a variety of exciting water-based activities in a supportive and engaging environment. These taster sessions not only introduce new skills but also encourage confidence, teamwork, and a passion for learning across different water sports disciplines. Each week brings fresh opportunities for discovery, growth, and unforgettable experiences on the water

#### Example - Available Monday to Friday 9am - 6pm

| Group                                | Day                     | Week 1<br>02/06 - 08/06 | Week 2<br>09/06 - 15/06 | Week 3<br>16/06 - 22/06 | Week 4<br>23/06 - 29/06 | Week 5<br>30/06 - 06/07 |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Wellington Prep Y9 x 18 + 3<br>staff | Monday<br>09.35 - 11.00 | Paddle<br>Boarding      | Kayaking                | Sailing                 | Raft Build              | Canoeing                |



AALA, Royal Yachting Association, Paddle UK and Royal Life Saving Society accredited activities:

- Sailing Tasters & Courses
- Canoeing, kayaking, katakanuing
- Paddleboarding and Mega SUP
- Bushcraft skills such as fire lighting
- Team challenge and problem solving
- Evening activity program for residentials
- Orienteering
- GCSE Outdoor Curriculum
- DOFE Training & Practical coming in 2025

Critical thinking
Risk awareness
Communication
Self esteem
Creativity
Leadership
Nature and wildlife
Resilience
Problem solving





### See for yourself!

We always welcome teachers to come and visit the site and meet the staff at any stage of the booking process, we run specific teacher days where YOU get the chance to engage in activities and see what the fun is all about!

#### What's included?

- All activities, staff and equipment
- All accommodation
- 2 meals on the day of arrival and departure, three meals on full days. Breakfast is served as cereals, fruit, yogurt and toast to fuel the pupils for the day. Lunch is a freshly made packed lunch, with dinner a nutritious hot meal.

#### Customer service

- · Recognised by local authorities
- All documentation needed for Local Authority and school approval
- Senior member of staff will attend information evenings either online or in person if needed
- Easy, flexible booking process that we work through wit you
- Daily briefing with senior staff so you know what's happening.
- Free teacher places!

#### Accommodation

Our accommodation will be solely occupied by your school. All students sleep in our sturdy raised bell tents. Students will need to bring a roll matt and sleeping bag to sleep on however teachers will have mattress' and bottom sheets provided in their own accommodation (Under refurbishment for 2026)







## Sample

# 3 Day, 2 night residential



| DAY 1   | 10:00  | 10:30-12:00 | 12:00-<br>13:00 | 13:00-<br>14:30  | 14:30-16:00                 | 16:00-<br>17:00 | 17:00-<br>17:30 | 18:00-<br>20:00 | 20:00                       |
|---------|--------|-------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| GROUP 1 | ARRIVE | KAYAKING    | LUNCH           | SAILING          | SAILING                     | SETTLE          | DINNER          | NIGHT           | HAND<br>BACK TO<br>TEACHERS |
| GROUP 2 | ARRIVE | CANOEING    | LUNCH           | RAFT<br>BUILDING | TEAM<br>CHALLENGE<br>(LAND) | SETTLE          | DINNER          | NIGHT           | HAND<br>BACK TO<br>TEACHERS |

| DAY 2      | 08:30-<br>09:00 | 09:00-<br>09:30 | 09:30-<br>11:00  | 11:00-<br>12:30 | 12:30-<br>13:30 | 13:30-<br>15:00 | 15:00-16:30       | 17:00-<br>17:30 | 18:00-<br>20:00 | 20:00                       |
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| GROUP<br>1 | BREAKFAST       | CHANGE          | RAFT<br>BUILDING | CANOEING        | LUNCH           | PADDLE<br>BAORD | TEAM<br>CHALLANGE | DINNER          | CAMPFIRE        | HAND<br>BACK TO<br>TEACHERS |
| GROUP<br>2 | BREAKFAST       | CHANGE          | SAILING          | SAILING         | LUNCH           | KAYAK           | PADDLE<br>BOARD   | DINNER          | CAMPFIRE        | HAND<br>BACK TO<br>TEACHERS |

| DAY 3   | 08:30-09:00 | 09:00-09:30            | 09:30-<br>10:00 | 10:00-11:30 | 11:30-<br>12:30   | 12:30-<br>13:30 | 13:30-15:00 | 15:00-<br>16:00         |
|---------|-------------|------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| GROUP 1 | BREAKFAST   | PACK AWAY<br>OVERNIGHT | CHANGE          | KATAKANU    | DRAGON<br>BOATING | LUNCH           | MEGA SUP    | CHANGE<br>AND<br>DEPART |
| GROUP 2 | BREAKFAST   | PACK AWAY<br>OVERNIGHT | CHANGE          | MEGA SUP    | DRAGON<br>BOATING | LUNCH           | KATAKANU    | CHANGE<br>AND<br>DEPART |

Single session - Half days - Full Day 1 or 4 night residential

The choice is yours

#### GCSE Curriculum Training

In order to achieve the top marks in these sports we recommend a training course (either residential or a number of day courses) which should then be followed by the students gaining more experience as part of a school club or local group. Once the learning from the training course has been consolidated, we can then run an assessment day.

#### Courses

We can offer assessment in many of the outdoor sports available at Horseshoe Lake. It is possible to design assessments and training for isolated, conditioned and competitive conditions for;

- Kayaking
- Canoeing
- Paddleboarding
- Orienteering
- Sailing

### **Duke of Edinburgh Award**

The DofE award requires it's candidates to complete the following.

- **Bronze:** A minimum of 2 days, 1 night; 6 hours of planned activity each day.
- **Silver:** A minimum of 3 days, 2 nights; 7 hours of planned activity each day.

Horseshoe Lake perfectly placed to support and run Bronze & Sliver Awards training, practice or assessment. The awards cover

- Training Basic map reading, emergency procedures, and stove demo, Team building and First Aid
- Practice Navigation skills, Country Code, First Aid, day walking, Lost person, Rucksack packing and Team building

Ensuring all participants have all the skills and knowledge they need to complete there expedition







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