

Hilltop- Information for families

June 24th - June 26th



Location



- Hilltop Outdoor Centre, Beeston Regis, Sheringham NR26 8TS
- Hilltop is situated approximately 2 miles (3km) south of Sheringham amidst "Old Wood". Access is from the A148 main road between Cromer and Holt. Access by road is clearly signed "Hilltop" from the A148 (Holt to Cromer Road).



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About Hilltop Outdoor Centre

Hilltop Outdoor Centre in Sheringham is a high quality, family run, independent Outdoor Education Centre. Hilltop offers a superior, high quality and unique experience to an array of visitors from School Residential Trips to Team Building Courses and Children's Birthday Parties.

Hilltop has two uniquely themed homely centres on the one site. We are based in the Rustic Woodland Lodge. The Rustic Woodland Lodge, accommodates approximately 85 children and staff. Staff/Leader bedrooms are in close proximity to the children's bedrooms - these are either twin or single bedded with either en-suite facilities or dedicated facilities close by. Children's bedrooms are cosy and comfortable with typically 4-6 children per room, many of the children's rooms are en-suite.



Wonderful location



Set in 26 Acres of picturesque woodlands overlooking the coast ,Hilltop offers modern & comfortable facilities for guests and provides an array of exciting Adventure Activities such as Climbing Walls, High Ropes Courses, Zip Wires & Archery – Along with the new Air Jump; the 1st activity of its kind in England! Hilltop offers a caring, family environment for visitors ensuring each visitor has a successful stay with us by recognising each guest is unique and has different requirements. We always strive to meet (and regularly surpass) these requirements.



Pre Visit made May 2024 to see the site and facilities. We met the lead adult- Amanda .



Eating arrangements

Lovely sized canteen with well-presented tables, chairs and dos and don'ts! Top food hygiene rating. Ability to eat outside Al Fresco if sunny. Food on offer is very child friendly whilst healthy. All ingredients are locally sourced and cooked on site. The centre has a nut-free policy.



Range of foods to suit every need

Day	Breakfast	Lunch	Evening Meal
Mon 24 th			Beef Burger and Chips Apple Crumble with Custard
Tues 25 th	Cereal & Toast Bacon, Scrambled Egg & Hashbrown	Margherita Pizza & Salad Homemade Cake / Biscuit	BBQ Chicken with Jacket Wedges Ice Cream
Wed 26 th	Cereal & Toast Continental Breakfast	Wrap with a Selection of Fillings and Salad Homemade Cake / Biscuit	

Example Menu

Sleeping arrangements



Pupils will be divided into compatible groups by site staff on arrival to the site with most pupils in dormitories. Staff are all sleeping very close by in different rooms. Snettisham and Heacham pupils are sleeping in different buildings with own staff. Each floor has showers, toilets and wardrobes. Pupils must bring their own bedding eg sleeping bag.



There are lots of activities!



The hilltop tree walk stretches through the site and takes 3 hours to complete. Full safety equipment is worn. At every stage, there is the option to move down to a lower level. There is an incredible zipwire, at least 20m long. So much to do! They have a Challenge by Choice ethos.



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A sample activity schedule would include

- Tree climbing
- Caving
- Tree Top Trail
- Archery and crates
- Big Zipper
- Coastal Hike
- Climbing wall
- Optional swim



Tuck Shop

There is a well-stocked tuck shop with edible items such as chocolate bars, sweets, drinks, as well as Hilltop merchandise - stationery, key-rings, t-shirts, water bottles. Prices range from £1 to £10.

Children can bring up to £10 in a named, sealed purse.

Safeguarding and training certificates are on display
Safety features are evident.





Staff and Groupings

Hilltop staff are fully present day and night during the trip. They are first aid trained and lead adventurous activities.

Teaching staff will use their knowledge of friendship groups and talk to the children to decide on the best groupings for the activities and for the dorms

The arrangements are finalised on the first day after arrival. We will be flexible with groupings if needed

Clare Enters, Catherine Clemente, James Agate from Heacham Junior School and Hannah Greenhalgh, Nicky Scott from Snettisham Primary School are attending and Louise and Emma will make day visits.

Transport is available in an emergency.

We will update you on dojo throughout our stay.



Supervision

A teacher from your school is with each **group all day alongside the centre's qualified** and motivational staff!

Day is organised by the centre from breakfast right through to mid evening, then **it's bedtime**

Teachers supervise at bedtimes

Behaviour expectations are high – same rules as school – chill out spaces are used if children are over excited.

Health and Safety



Pre-visit taken place by those leading the visit.

Risk assessment is completed for all activities.

Risk assessments are sent to our Educational Visit Coordinator and the Headteacher before they are sent to the local authority for final approval.

All the instructors are first aid trained.

First aid and medical provision.

Each school will have a fire drill on first day.

Security



On a site with around the clock staffing (DBS).

Secure site

Buzz in entry only

Certified staff and grounds

All external doors fitted with locks and emergency escape buzzers

Hilltop staff stay on site throughout the visit too.

Sheringham has emergency medical unit if needed.

What next...



Make sure you have bought suitable clothes to pack for the full trip

Make sure your child doesn't take their mobile phone

Ensure any snacks packed are nut-free - the site has a nut-free policy.

Optional money (up to £10) in a secure and named purse

Pack a swimsuit and towel for optional swim

Be really positive about the trip - maybe the first time away for some!

Make sure you talk to your child about behaviour - in an extreme case you may need to collect your child