

Wild North Discovery

More than thirty years sharing skills, knowledge and enthusiasm in the natural world from bushcrafts and wild food foraging to wildlife watching and ancient crafts, with young and old alike.

Activities run from half a day to a full week for two or more people and include family friendly activities. Join one of our programmed event activities based from Kielder Castle or book your own for a day and time that suits you. More information on www.natureholiday.co.uk 01388 529154

Bushcrafts

Our bushcraft site is close by Kielder camp site; you can book adult survival training in the following skills or organise one of our family friendly sessions:

- Fire lighting in difficult conditions
- Fire by friction
- Camp fire cooking
- Wild food foraging
- Debris survival shelters
- Tarp shelters and knots
- Medicinal and other useful bushcraft plants
- Making natural cordage
- Water collection and purification
- Animal tracking and stalking

You can mix and match these to put together a half day, full day or longer tailored to your needs.

You can also book a family friendly half day or full day of bushcrafts.

Prices:

Half day: £60 for the first two people and £15 per additional person

Full day: £120 for the first two people and £25 per additional person

Family friendly bushcrafts: £60 for a family of up to four. £15 per additional person. Children aged 5 to 16 years.

Wildlife safaris

Red squirrel safari

Track down one of Britain's best loved animals, the red squirrel. Much threatened by its American cousin, the grey, Kielder is one of its last strongholds in England. We'll explore its forest home looking for the clues it leaves behind and also hopefully spotting the elusive creature itself.

Duration: 2 hours

Price: £30 for two people £10 per additional person

Forest wildlife safari

Uncover the tracks, trails and signs left behind by Kielder's secretive inhabitants from red squirrels and deer to its bird and insect life. Find out how these animals live and interact with their forest environment and the challenges they face in their everyday lives.

Duration: Half day

Price: £60 for first two people £15 per additional person

Kielder Castle annual events programme

We also run the events programme for the Forestry Commission at Kielder Castle. The event this year are:

Booking essential is essential for all the following events: 01388 529154
enquiries@natureholiday.co.uk

10th April Forest wildlife safari

1.30pm-4.30pm

£15 per person. £30 Family (2 to 4 people) not suitable for young children

Discover the secret life of the forest - join professional naturalist, Bruce Ferguson and uncover the tracks, trails and signs left behind by its secretive inhabitants from red squirrels and deer to its bird and insect life.

14th April Dark Skies Star Gazing

9.00 pm to 10.30 pm

£5 per person, £15 family of four. Not suitable for young children.

Discover the beauty of the Dark Skies of Kielder. We'll start with an introductory indoor session using an amazing software programme that allows you to view all the wonders of the night sky in real time. Afterwards, weather permitting, we'll go out and using the naked eye, binoculars and a telescope, view some of the wonders of the universe.

17th April Family bushcrafts

1pm-4.30pm

£30 per family (2 to 4 people) £10 per additional person. Maximum of two children per adult. Children should be 5 years or over.

Build a shelter, light a fire, cook a meal, make something to take away. Eat before you arrive AND bring food for BBQ. Bring water-proof clothing and sturdy footwear.

18th April Red Squirrel Safari

10am to 11.30pm

£5 per person and £15 family of four. Age 6+ accompanied by adult. Maximum of four children per adult.

Search for red squirrels and discover their way of life in a changing world. Join professional naturalist, Bruce Ferguson, to track down one of Britain's best loved animals, the red squirrel. Dress for the weather, strong footwear and midge repellent.

1st June Family bushcrafts

1pm-4.30pm

£30 per family (2 to 4 people) £10 per additional person. Maximum of two children per adult. Children should be 5 years or over.

Build a shelter, light a fire, cook a meal, make something to take away. Eat before you arrive AND bring food for BBQ. Bring water-proof clothing and sturdy footwear.

16th July Wilderness Survival Skills - Bushcraft essentials

9.30 am-4.30 pm

£30 per person. 16+ (Parental consent required for under 18s)

Learn the basics for survival in a forest environment with top northern bushcraft teacher, Bruce Ferguson - shelter, fire, food and water. Bring a packed lunch, water-proof clothing and sturdy footwear.

6th August Family Bushcrafts Survival Challenge

10.30 am - 4.30 pm

£30 per family (2 to 4 people) £10 per additional person. Age 8+ accompanied by adult. Maximum of two children per adult.

A family survival adventure – stick together, solve the problems, learn the skills, stay alive. Bring a packed lunch.

7th August Red Squirrel Safari

10am to 11.30pm

£5 per person and £15 family of four. Age 6+ accompanied by adult. Maximum of four children per adult.

Search for red squirrels and discover their way of life in a changing world. Join professional naturalist, Bruce Ferguson, to track down one of Britain's best loved animals, the red squirrel. Dress for the weather, strong footwear and midge repellent.

15th August A Night Safari at Kielder Castle

21.00 till 22.30

£5 per person, £15 for a family of four. Age 8+ accompanied by adult. Maximum of four children per adult.

Hunt for the elusive night life of the forest including bats, owls and creepy crawlies of all descriptions.

21st August Forest wildlife safari

1.30pm-4.30pm

£15 per person. £30 Family (2 to 4 people) not suitable for young children

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22nd October Family bushcrafts

1pm-4.30pm

£30 per family (2 to 4 people) £10 per additional person. Maximum of two children per adult. Children should be 5 years or over.

Build a shelter, light a fire, cook a meal, make something to take away. Eat before you arrive AND bring food for BBQ. Bring water-proof clothing and sturdy footwear.

27th October Forest wildlife safari

1.30pm-4.30pm

£15 per person. £30 Family (2 to 4 people) not suitable for young children

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28th October Dark Skies Star Gazing

6.00 pm to 7.30 pm

£5 per person, £15 family of four. Not suitable for young children.

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