

Education Visits

The landscape, managed by Severn Gorge Countryside Trust, lies in and around the Ironbridge World Heritage Site and in walking distance of Ironbridge and the museums of the Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust.

This heritage landscape complements the built heritage of Ironbridge and has a wide range of woodlands, meadows and heathlands with 25kms of public paths.

Farm visits: We manage a herd of Soay sheep which resemble small goats.

Guided walks: The woodlands are a fascinating landscape with geology, heritage and archaeology and support an amazing array of wildlife within natural habitats.

John Muir Award: Discover, Explore, Conserve and Share. An Introduction to the Award may be delivered over 1 day. Or you may wish to lead your students in a particular woodland.

Map skills: A Permanent Orienteering course, Haywood, (opposite Coalport YHA and China Museum) is available. Four woodlands have a range of geo-caches.

Practical conservation tasks are available for your students throughout the year. All personal protective equipment, tools and training are included in this FREE volunteer activity.

School activities: Focussed on your area of study.

Suggestions for Primary topics of study:

Key Stage 1 and 2 Science:

Unit 1B	Growing plants
Unit 2B	Plants and animals in the local environment
Unit 2C	Variation
Unit 3B	Helping plants grow well
Unit 3D	Rocks and soils
Unit 4B	Habitats
Unit 5B	Life cycles
Unit 6A	Interdependence and adaptation
Unit 6B	Micro-organisms

Key Stage 1 and 2 Geography:

Unit 6	Investigating the local area
Unit 8	Improving the environment
Unit 14	Investigating rivers

Key Stage 1 and 2 Art and Design: Unit 2B Mother Nature. Using collected ground material.

Secondary

Key Stage 3 Science, Geography

Colleges and Universities

Site visits are available to study different aspects of the landscape. Higher education students may read our site management plan, habitat management work records, wildlife and survey reports eg fungi, plants, trees, birds, mammals, Lepidoptera, Invertebrates. You may wish to extend the visit to take in other areas of the Ironbridge Gorge to look at aspects of WHS heritage and sustainable development. We are keen to encourage the next generation of countryside and heritage managers and ecologists to think about the inclusion and sustainability of nature within this important landscape.

Access and facilities

The landscape which makes up the Gorge is sometimes steep and where this is the case, steps have been installed to improve access. There are flat walks such as the Severn Valley Way from Jackfield to the Cooling Towers, and the Silkin Way between Blists Hill Victorian Town and Coalport.

Toilets: Central Ironbridge, Museum of the Gorge car park, Museum of Iron car park.

Is there a charge?

Guided activity sessions: £30 per hour Guided walks: £25 per hour (not Thursday/weekends)

How do I book a visit?

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When is the best time to visit the landscape?

January – December: geology, archaeology, history

March – July: habitats and plants

May - October: pond/river surveys, bug hunting, butterflies, dragonflies and their life cycle

How many pupils?

We can accommodate a group of up to 30 students at one time. Packed lunches are advisable.

What should you wear?

Old outdoor and waterproof clothes, sturdy shoes or wellingtons, suitable for the weather conditions.