

First Education and School Travel

Our Education and School Travel team specialise in arranging fully bonded, bespoke educational travel tours, residential visits and day trips. We work alongside a wide range of experienced partners such as the Field Studies Council and the Youth Hostels Association. We are also proud to manage the transport provision and logistical support aspects of the DCSF funded Do it 4 Real Summer Camp programme.

Travel Safely by Road or Rail

We provide your group with a safe and reliable travel service as part of the package, you have the option to travel either by coach or where possible by rail.



first travel solutions and Castle Head field studies centre working in partnership

First Travel Solutions is part of the FirstGroup of companies, the UK's largest surface passenger transport company carrying 2.7 million passengers every day.

The Field Studies Council is an environmental education charity committed to helping people understand and be inspired by the natural world. Thousands of students every year experience the FSC through fieldwork and cross-curricular courses at their network of 17 centres across the UK.

Working in partnership with Field Studies Council we use our expertise to manage all aspects of your package travel. From your very first contact with us you will be assigned a dedicated Group Travel Co-ordinator who will be on hand to help you at all stages of planning.

How to book

Simply let us know the dates you would like to make your visit, the size of your group and any special requirements your group may have. We will do our utmost to find your ideal residential experience.

**For more
information**

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Key stage 2 & 3

eco-adventure



Environmental Residential
Packages in the Lake District

FSC

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Key stage 2 & 3 environmental residential packages for primary and secondary schools

5 days/4 nights (Mon-Fri) or 4 days/3 nights Fri-Mon.

Our Eco-Adventure programmes delivered at Castle Head Field Studies Centre are designed to help those participating students explore concepts within the National Curriculum and QCA schemes of work. The programmes help to promote self-confidence in youngsters and develop their team-building skills. Courses can be built entirely around Eco-Adventure or integrated with science and/or geography fieldwork. This package is ideal for covering practical aspects of ongoing theory work and offers a great outside classroom experience.

This type of residential visit can provide many positive experiences for children as widely promoted by the DCSF within the Learning Outside the Classroom manifesto. The team of instructors on-site have unrivalled experience in delivering fieldwork and working with young people. All activities, field sites and buildings are fully risk assessed with copies available for your inspection. We also encourage you to carry out a planning visit in advance of your trip to help with familiarisation of the site. We take pride in the flexibility of the package we can offer you, let us know exactly what content you wish to include and we will work with you to plan a bespoke experience.

Eco-adventure Programme

A typical programme.

Day 1: Welcome, familiarisation and evening session

Day 2: Woodland Discovery... Experience woodlands first hand through bushcraft (shelters, fire lighting) and develop an understanding of woodland habitats through mammal trapping and tree identification.

Day 3: Water Habitat Day... Investigate pond and stream habitats, the invertebrates that live in them and water quality. Use your creative skills to build willow pond creatures.

Day 4: Mountain Environments Day... Explore the mountains and hills of the South Lakes on foot. Investigate the landscape, habitat and the human impact on route.

Evening

- Orienteering
- Night walk
- Egg drop challenge
- Eco-trail and eco-footprinting
- Fire lighting
- Lantern making and parade
- Dusk creature watch

what do we do?

We arrange the transport to and from school, we make all of your package arrangements with the Centre on your behalf and we provide you with one simple booking form, one invoice and a travel pack that includes all relevant risk assessments and licensing... It could not be easier!

Package includes

- Fully managed travel to and from your school to Castle Head Field Studies Centre
- Dedicated bookings coordinator who will handle all aspects of your planned visit
- Safe and secure residential accommodation
- Full Board meals package
- Delivery of an eco-adventure residential programme



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