



| Nature Explorers Activity List: please choose four activities and list them on your booking form. | |
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| 1. Gilbert White ‘Father of Ecology’ NC link (History): significant events and individuals in history | Who was Gilbert White and why is he remembered? A visit to the Gilbert White rooms of the museum with activities to introduce children to Gilbert White, his life and his legacy. |
| 2. Bugs & Birds NC link (Science): food webs, habitats, lifecycles, adaptations. | Bug hunting and/or bird watching in the grounds with a choice of focus: adaptations, food webs or lifecycles. Activities vary seasonally but can include river dipping (off site) and butterfly hunting. Can be booked as a double length session if required. |
| 3. Animal Adaptations NC link (Science/Geography): evolution and inheritance, habitats/hot and cold areas of the world, continents. | Why is a penguin different from a hummingbird? Identifying adaptations of creatures from around the world and closer to home, this session makes use of the taxidermy in the museum. |
| 4. Hunting and Tracking NC link (Science): seasonal change, plant lifecycles, habitats, food webs. | We’re going on a scavenger hunt! Find clues in nature that show seasonal changes and hunt for signs of the creatures large and small who call our meadow home. |
| 5. Meet a Tree NC link (Science): plant lifecycles, identifying trees. | Get to know a tree through hands on activities covering tree lifecycles and the role of trees in ecosystems. Find out how tall your tree is and give it a hug! |
| 6. Roots, Shoots, Fruits NC link (Science): plant lifecycles | An introduction to plant lifecycles from seeds through to flowers and fruit. Hands on activities making use of the kitchen garden and flower garden. |
| 7. Natural Art NC link: (Art): using materials creatively | Collecting and using natural forms to create art with a focus on colour, texture, shape, pattern and line. As this is natural art, the artwork is temporary and is returned to nature afterwards. |
| 8. Alphabet Orienteering NC links (Geography/PE): points of a compass/outdoor adventurous activity | Can you find the trail boxes hidden in our grounds? Each one has a different letter of the alphabet with words relating to the history and natural history of the garden. This activity uses either simple map reading (KS1) or compass orienteering (KS2). |
| 9. Story Telling- Wildflowers for the Zig Zag Path NC link (English): listening and understanding skills | An interactive story session using Gilbert White’s writings to learn about the creatures and plants he knew and loved. ‘Sow’ seeds on the zig zag path to create a habitat for some of Gilbert’s favourite creatures. |



10. Explorer Challenge

NC link (PE/Geography): outdoor adventurous activity, points of a compass, using a map.

The Explorer challenge counts as two options being a whole afternoon session involving orienteering, signaling and teamwork. Children work in groups to find hidden objects which relate to the themes of the day.