



Youth & Community Groups

Information Pack

Residential Bookings



Goblin Combe Lodge



About Us...

Groundwork South is an independent charity and part of a Federation of charities mobilising practical community action on poverty and the environment across the UK.

Groundwork manages a range of outdoor learning centres, where youth and community groups can have a breadth of inspirational learning and development experiences. We find that everyone thrives and thinks more creatively in an outdoor setting. Everyone benefits from being better connected with the natural environment, and it helps to improve the health and wellbeing of all those involved.

We support voluntary and community groups, local youth organisations and uniformed youth services by providing affordable and inspirational outdoor learning spaces.



A Local Offer...

We are thrilled to have recently reopened Goblin Combe Lodge, campground, and woodland to local youth and community groups. This is a great facility, set within a limestone gorge, in 130 acres of natural woodland.

Goblin Combe is just waiting for you to explore.

We know that transport can add significantly to the cost of trips. Goblin Combe offers you a locally based facility, situated in the heart of rural North Somerset, just south of Bristol.

It is a fantastic setting from which to facilitate a wide range of events and activities.

From summer camps to training events, challenge events, wellness retreats, DofE Expeditions and Residentials, and family away days, or for creating your own adventurous outdoor learning week/weekend.

There's something for everyone!



For an initial, no obligation discussion, please contact: peter.fleet@groundwork.org.uk

For more information about Goblin Combe Lodge facilities, read on...

Facilities

Youth and Community groups have exclusive use of the site, including the lodge and adjoining cottage with its own common room and fully equipped catering kitchen. You also have access to the outdoor fire-pits, the Pavilion (Outdoor Classroom), the yurt, and outdoor games equipment. You can manage your own activities on site, or you can select from some bespoke programme of activities. We partner with providers to run these, and can put you in touch to organise your programme. Activities can be tailored to a breadth of age ranges, ability, and other interests.

These are described with pricing on the 'Booking Information' page.

The Lodge

Our residential guests stay in our eco-lodge which sleeps up to 38 people in bunk bed dormitories.



There are bathrooms on both floors, with 5 toilets, 7 showers, and 7 wash basins in total - inc. a fully accessible toilet and shower.

Each of the 10 bedrooms sleeps between 2 and 6 people. The rooms are split over two floors with a lift providing access to the first floor.



The Cottage



Youth and Community Bookings will have full use of the Cottage, with all facilities at no extra cost. This Grade II listed cottage has a sitting room to relax, eat or work in, as well as a fully equipped catering kitchen, complete with a fridge, freezer, commercial oven, and microwave.



Youth and Community Groups also have access to some great breakout spaces...

The Yurt

Our yurt is situated just behind the lodge on an 8-acre field. It offers a flexible and atmospheric space that's perfect for small group activities or performances for up to 20 people.

Use of the Yurt is included in your booking.



The Pavilion

Our timber-framed Pavilion is a great outdoor classroom, accommodating groups of up to 60 people. It offers the perfect space for talks, performances, workshops, and many other group activities.

Use of the Pavilion is included in your booking.

The Campground

If you are thinking of bringing a larger group, you can extend into our 8-acre campground. It's well sheltered, surrounded by a small private woodland, which features two fire pits.

The campsite can accommodate self-sufficient groups of up to 60 people. Indoor toilet and shower facilities are available, as well as a BBQ and outdoor covered food preparation and washing-up area.

There are some additional fees for camping



Booking Information

Hire Fees: Sole use of all buildings and facilities: £20 + VAT per person per night (min. fee £250 per night)

What your Booking Includes: Your Hire Fee gives you exclusive access to the entire site and all facilities, including the lodge (38 beds), cottage, showers, toilets, kitchen, washrooms, and communal indoor and outside spaces. You can also use the yurt, pavilion, fire pits and BBQ, and will have direct access to the wider woodland from the site.

Hire Periods: We are open all year round. You can book your stay from just 1 night, a weekend or for a whole week. Whilst we accept last-minute bookings, if you wish to secure particular dates, we advise booking well in advance .

Please complete the form on this [web page](#) as fully as you can and we'll get back to you shortly confirming availability and to progress with your booking.

Optional Extras

Overnight camping in the field: We can offer camping on-site; normal price is £3.50 + VAT per person per night (up to 60 people) - We have tents available and the price is negotiable if booking the entire site.

Activities: We can offer these through a local provider and types of activity can vary depending upon numbers. Typically, a group of 30 could enjoy a day of activities for £200. These can be scheduled between 10am and 2pm and tailored to your planned programme.

Your day can be very structured with whole group activities or a selection that your group can dip in and out of as they choose, or a mixture of the two. The day can be jam packed with high energy activity, or offer a slower pace, and more relaxed vibe; the choice is yours. Some of the activities on offer are listed below:

- *Explore and navigate the local woodland and learn about the ecology*
- *Focus your energy and learn to safely whittle*
- *Learn some new knots and make rope bridges to climb and play on*
- *Swing in hammocks and balance on slack lines*
- *lighting campfires in small groups - Understand and managing risk*
- *Den Building - great for team building*
- *Laser Nerf Battle*
- *Survival challenges, great for team building and putting bodies and minds to the test.*

Archery & Photo Orienteering: £200 - This session is managed in smaller numbers for safety reason. It also allows for everyone to get plenty of time to enjoy the sport of archery. Your group is split in half, whilst one group does archery, the other group take on the Photo-Orienteering Challenge on site. Then they swap over.

Catering: If you are not bringing your own caterers, we can advise on self-catering for breakfast and lunch and put you in touch with local delivery services for your evening meals or you can make use of our BBQ facility. Due to managing individual dietary requirements and allergies, we ask that you liaise with any catering providers directly.

[More Information is available on our Website](#)

