

What next?

We aim to make booking your residential trip to Exmoor National Park as easy as we can. Our team of qualified teachers have years of experience across all age groups and can support you in creating the best package for your needs. We very much welcome visits beforehand to our Centre, however if this is not possible one of our team would be more than happy to visit you in school at your convenience.



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FAQs

1. How do you make it Covid-19 Safe?

We only accept groups as exclusive hire so you will not share the building. We have robust systems and risk assessments in place to ensure that you feel comfortable and safe at all times. Please ask for more details.

2. Can we stay overnight?

If you require a longer stay an overnight is possible and we have 10 well heated bedrooms to make your stay comfortable. Discounts are available for longer stays.

3. What do we do for meals during our stay?

We are more than happy to provide catering and have some delicious and wholesome meals to choose from. We also understand the value in being self-catered, so it is up to you or even a combination of the two.

4. How much does it cost to stay at Pinkery?

As we design each package as a bespoke stay at Pinkery the price will depend on your requirements. The cost comprises basic hire of the Centre and all staffing for the chosen sessions. We are happy to work with you to create a package to meet your budget. As a guide off season day visits start from £15 per person.

5. Can we only come in the summer?

No. We are open year-round and have fantastic inside spaces to enable teaching and learning to happen no matter the weather and support your programme. There is huge value to be added at all times of the year and discounts available.

How do we get there?



The Pinkery Centre is located between the villages of Simonsbath and Challacombe and is right on the border of Devon and Somerset. It is easily accessible by car, minibus or coach



and has ample parking. Even though you are close to two villages, with the breath-taking views around the Centre you will feel like you are intrepid moorland explorers. In addition, we may be able to provide support with travel through funding or use of our own minibus.



Pinkery Pond



Covid Recovery Residential and Day Offer



About Pinkery



Pinkery is Exmoor National Park's Centre for Outdoor Learning. Built as an upland farmhouse, the original building has been expanded to create a unique moorland residential Centre, over 400 metres above sea level set in its own wild combe situated in the heart of Exmoor National Park. As part of Covid-19 recovery where many pupils have not had both outdoor experiences or opportunities for normal residential provision, Pinkery is an ideal venue for a structured and supported trip that will enable greater reengagement and support the wider schoolwork around catchup.

By providing an experience where everyone can grow, there is the opportunity to explore, develop and create new memories that have a lifelong impact. Our experienced staff can link our programmes to your needs and provide an extraordinary experience. Sessions can be based at Pinkery or across Exmoor, making the most of our incredible environment.



What Can Pinkery Offer for Covid-19 Recovery?

Pinkery is about exploring the natural environment and being inspired. We pride ourselves on our bespoke packages, we will create your individual programme based on your specific needs, requirements and budget to make the absolute best of your stay.

We can put together a programme that suits you with a focus on activities, outdoor education, curriculum support or a mix of all.

Outdoor Learning

Pinkery is ideally located for you to explore and learn in the unique environment of Exmoor National Park. Whether undertaking History, Geography or science our education team can ensure a bespoke response to your curricular needs. This might include: River study, Habitat study, Climate study, Environment impact work and Art workshops.

Adventurous Activities

We offer activities on site including our low ropes course, mountain biking, archery, problem solving, bush craft and grass sledging. We are Europe's first Dark Skies reserve, with opportunities for an evening of breath-taking stargazing.

Themed PSHE days and focused COVID recovery programme

Using some of the above activities we can theme days to include team building, cooperation and leadership. These may be useful to help galvanise a group and support reintroduction to school friendships and working relationships, develop prefects, support vulnerable pupils and raise self-esteem. New for 2021 we are able to offer a wellbeing day visit where through workshops, activities and exploring the amazing surroundings we look at strategies to support positive mental health and the rejuvenating power of the outdoors.

John Muir Award

This is an environmental award scheme that encourages people to connect with, enjoy, and care for wild places like Exmoor. It's non-competitive, inclusive and accessible. You can use this award as the framework for your weeks visit as you discover, explore and conserve the National Park. Students gain a real sense of achievement from working with us to achieve their certificate.



Study Break

Pinkery is great as a place to bring groups to study and interact away from the distractions of the normal school environment. This could be to develop self-confidence and teamwork, or for revision sessions. Access is available to a teaching space with supporting technology available on request. This can support the recovery agenda and when balanced with outdoor sessions prove highly motivational for students.

Pinkery is an ideal location for a study break. We took a group of Year 11s and ran catchup revision sessions alongside outdoor activities. The children returned more focused and enthused.'

SAMPLE RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMME						
	09:30-10:45	11:15-12:30	13:15-14:30	14:30-15:45	16:00-17:15	19:30-21:00
Day 1	In school/ In Transit	Arrive at Pinkery	Orienteering	Discover National Parks and Pinkery Pond Walk		Archery
Day 2	Climbing at Valley of Rocks		Stream Explore and Reed Rafts		Wild Play	Campfire
Day 3	Team Building and Low Ropes Course		In school/ In Transit			
SAMPLE DAY PROGRAMME						
	09:30-10:45	11:15-12:30	13:15-14:30	14:30-15:45		
Day 1	Problem Solving	Bush Craft	Mountain Boarding	Leadership Challenges		