



Contrasting locality

YHA Castleton

**Key Stage 2
Geography**

From £40.00

2 days (1 night) full board



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Contrasting localities

Package description

The children investigate the village - who lives there and why. Through survey work and exploration of the village and the surrounding area the children discover the link between the landscape, the geology and the growth of the settlement as a contrasting UK locality. The activities include panning for local minerals, a trip underground, role-play, fossil hunting and a search for an earthquake. These activities can be combined with any of our other Key Stage 2 teaching packages (History, Science and Environment, Personal and Team Development, Art) to create a multi-day residential.

Green Feet Award

All our programmes are designed in and around the hostel locality and hence require no transport once you have arrived. If you wish to travel to us by public transport (for cost and environmental reasons) we can meet you and collect your bags at the station and you can walk in unencumbered. The children will receive a Green Feet Environmental Award certificate and earn a discount on future visits (Courtesy of the National Park SDF fund).

Learning modules

Please select the modules you wish to explore from the selection below

- The Three Rocks Walk
- Gem Panning
- The Village Survey
- Castle Visit
- The Hats Game Role Play
- Fossil Hunting and Casting

There are a number of optional activities including the River Study, Water Game, and the Village Time line, Mapping Skills etc. We will finalise a programme to suit your group needs.

Price

From £40.00

Price includes

- Full board accommodation
- Learning modules
- 1 free leader place for every 10 paying participant
- Free planning visit

Learning modules

Please select the modules you wish to explore from the selection below.

Module 1

The Three Rocks Walk

The walk explores the area around the village; the children discover the three different types of rock found under the unique Castleton landscape. They look at how they have been used and how they have determined the settlement of the village for the last 2000 years. The trip includes a visit to old mining relics, a trip underground and a visit to the infamous Castleton earthquake.

Module 2

Gem Panning

The children search for gems and minerals in the local cave mud by pan washing. The activity, besides being good mucky fun, brings home the link between the village industry and the underlying geology. Everyone ends up with a bag of minerals to take home.

Module 3

Village Survey

This is a fieldwork exercise involving data collection. The children fill in a special blank map of the village to show the use of the land and buildings before transferring the data onto a separate grid for comparison with their home locality.

Module 4

Castle Visit

Visit to Peveril Castle, next door to the hostel, built by William Peveril, son of William the Conqueror. As well as being the reason for the village position it gives a remarkable Ariel view of the village and the surrounding valley.

Module 5

Hats Game Role Play

Through a simple role-play the children explore some views of local residents and visitors and unravel some of the issues of conflict in the locality. They end up voting on who to keep and who to ban from the village in order to solve the conflicts.

Module 6

Fossil Hunting

The children hunt for fossils in the locality and then make casts of their discoveries. The activity reinforces the influence of the rocks on the landscape and settlement, and its messy fun too!

Useful information

Fun & games

Please contact the Centre Manager for further details of these fun, motivational activities.

- The Gamesmaster Challenge - team challenge activities
- Gem Panning – a hunt for local gems and minerals
- Bingo – a full size bingo machine (and you get to wear the callers jacket!)
- Parachute Games – to test group co-ordination!
- And a variety of other group challenges and craft activities

Explore

Make the most of your stay by exploring the local areas and maybe further a field. We can advise on all the best group visit sites locally. Please contact us directly for further information.

Services

The following services are available:

- Free planning visit for group leader
- Free leader places (1:8 ratio)
- Assistance with risk assessments
- All day access to all facilities
- All permanent staff CRB checked
- Alternative wet weather activities
- Exclusive hire of your building, with your own group and leader room
- All teaching materials supplied

Facilities

The following facilities are available:

- Licensed bar
- All tea/coffee and drinks breaks are included in the programme cost.
- Access in most buildings for people with disabilities
- Games, TV/Video/DVD projectors etc.
- Drying facilities, loan waterproofs etc

Meals

We are passionate about the meals we produce and that's why all our food is prepared using **fresh, seasonal ingredients, sourced**

locally where available, prepared and cooked to order. We offer **flexible meal times** to fit in with your itinerary and with prior notice, we are happy to cater for any special dietary requests.

Financial Support

YHA helps to fund places for disadvantaged children, so they can join their friends or classmates on a residential visit with YHA.

Our short application process makes applying for funding assistance easy. Applications are considered on the basis of the number of children in the group who are entitled to free school meals, or in a family that receives income support and/or housing benefit. Funding is subject to availability.

For more information or to download an application form visit www.yha-breaks4kids.org.uk or call 01629 592 696.

Booking Information

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