



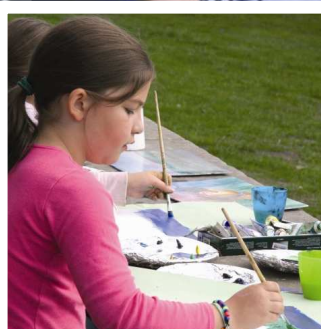
# Go wild!

## YHA Windermere

Key Stage 1, 2, 3  
Science

**From £92.00**

3 days (2 nights) full board



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# GO WILD AT YHA WINDERMERE!

## Package description

An action-packed fun package!

Begin by building shelters in the hostels own woodland: discover about the Lake District landscape in a 'Discovery Walk' to the nearby National Park Visitor Centre, and enjoy a session of pond dipping to find out about life in lakes and ponds.

Discover more about bats with our popular evening talk; enjoy a boat trip on England's largest natural lake, and watch the sharks having their tea at the local Aquarium.

YHA Windermere offers comfortable accommodation and a warm welcome and is set in a spectacular location overlooking Lake Windermere. Children love the large wooded grounds with their own 'Outdoor Classroom', Nature Trails and small Orienteering course.

Extra nights can be added to the package if you wish to extend your stay.

## Learning modules

- Module 1: Exploration Skills
- Module 2: Bat Evening
- Module 3: Discovery Walk to the National Park Visitor Centre
- Module 4: Adaptations of Living Creatures
- Module 5: Cruise on Lake Windermere
- Module 6: Visit to the Lakes Aquarium

## Price

From £92.00

Price includes:

- Full board accommodation
- Activities and materials
- 1 free leader place for every 10 paying participants
- Free planning visit

Available

- YHA Group Membership on application

**Please see the following pages for details of the learning modules available.**

**Information on activities, fun & games, services, (including financial support), and booking information can be found on the pages at the back of the booklet.**

# Learning modules

The following are included in our usual package. Please note that appropriate modules will be suggested for winter months and weather conditions taken into account.

## Module 1

### EXPLORATION SKILLS

This module focuses on teamwork and basic exploration skills, with an emphasis on safety, fun and the environment. Shelter Building is particularly popular but activities could also include map-work, outdoor cooking or team challenges.

**Duration: Half-day (2.5hrs)**

**Supplier: Lake District National Park Education Service**

## Module 2

### BAT EVENING

Discover more about these fascinating and often misunderstood creatures with a talk by a local bat expert. There may be an opportunity for a 'bat walk' with a chance to try out a bat detector. A bat fact sheet is available for children.

**Duration: Approx 1 – 2 hrs**

**Supplier: A local bat expert**

## Module 3

### DISCOVERY WALK

Enjoy a led walk from the YHA to the National Park Visitor Centre at Brockhole. On the way children are encouraged to discover for themselves the physical and human history of the landscape. The module also covers basic map reading skills.

**Duration: Half Day**

**Supplier: Lake District National Park Education Service**

## Module 4

### ADAPTATIONS OF LIVING CREATURES

What would it be like living in ponds and lakes? Children use basic fieldwork techniques, observation and data collection to identify different animals and to help understand animal adaptations and food webs.

**Duration: Half-day**

**Supplier: Lake District National Park Education Service**

## Module 5

### **CRUISE ON LAKE WINDERMERE**

Relax and enjoy a cruise on England's largest natural lake. Depart from Bowness-on-Windermere and end at the Aquarium at Lakeside, at the southern end of the lake. Beautiful scenery all the way!

**Duration: 40 mins**

**Supplier: Windermere Lake Cruises**

## Module 6

### **LAKES AQUARIUM**

An award-winning attraction taking visitors on a unique round-the-world journey to introduce the creatures that live in our seas, lakes and rivers. Children can watch otters at play, eyeball a piranha and walk through the underwater tunnel to see the resident diving ducks! Talks can be arranged to link with the National Curriculum.

**Duration: 1.5 hrs**

**Supplier: Lakes Aquarium**

## Useful information

### Action

These fun, motivational activities can enhance the educational aspect of our residential visit and provide enjoyable variety for your pupils.

- Try our simple orienteering course in the hostel grounds
- Follow one of our 'Woodland Trails' – choose from Wildlife, Bird or Tree Trails
- Have a go at the Woodland Scavenger Hunt
- Explore the hostel grounds with a 'Nature Detective' sheet
- Borrow the binoculars for a spot of bird watching in our own grounds
- Go for a swim! Local indoor Swimming Pool 1 ml
- Outdoor activities (kayaking, canoeing, raft building, ghyll scrambling, climbing, team building etc) are available through a local Adventure company (AALA licensed) at extra charge

### Fun & games

Use your evening to have fun and develop skills that can be transferred back into the school environment. For more information please contact the centre.

- Use our Outdoor Classroom area for games or Story Telling
- Enjoy sketching the panoramic view from the hostel terrace
- Have a go at the hostel quiz or be baffled by the photo quiz
- Measure your environmental impact with our own Footprint Challenge
- Borrow the hostels play parachutes
- Try the Giant Connect 4 or a board game from Reception

### Explore

Make the most of your stay by exploring the local areas and maybe further afield.

- Try our Village Quiz and enjoy a walk around the picturesque Troutbeck Village, famous for its 17th century farmhouses and barns
- Enjoy a scenic cruise on Windermere, England's largest natural lake
- At the southern end of the Lake: visit Stott Park Bobbin Mill, a working museum, with free entry for educational groups.
- Visit the Grizedale Forest Centre (orienteering, sculpture trails, Ranger Service for schools), 11 ml
- Younger children will enjoy The World of Beatrix Potter at Bowness
- Visit Blackwell, a restored Arts and Crafts House on the shore of Windermere, with work by William Morris

## Services

The following services are available:

- Free leader places
- Assistance with risk assessment
- All day access to centre
- All meals provided
- Free hot drinks for staff
- Small shop with gifts and confectionery
- Dining room can be used as a classroom
- Payphone
- Internet Access

## Facilities

The following facilities are available:

- Small bunk rooms
- Drying room with laundry facilities
- Excellent showers
- Small guest kitchen for making drinks/snacks
- Terrace area with picnic tables overlooking the lake
- Large grounds with Outdoor Classroom/Storytelling area
- Private Parking

## Meals

At YHA Windermere we are experienced in catering for the needs of young people and offer a range of freshly cooked local food, always including a vegetarian option, which is both healthy and appealing. Our menus for schools are guided by the School Food Trust. With prior notice we can cater for special diets e.g. diabetic, and can offer flexible meal times to fit in with your itinerary.

## Funding assistance

With our range of seasonal discounts, and with grants towards the cost of your trip such as the "Breaks 4 Kids" fund, your residential with YHA is sure to be unbeatable value for money. For more information visit [www.breaks4kids.co.uk](http://www.breaks4kids.co.uk).

For more details Tel: 01629 592 696.

**Booking  
information**

For booking and further information call:

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