

Code of Conduct

Forest Schools & Outdoor Learning

RESPECT OUR WILDLIFE

KEEP SAFE

LEAVE NO TRACE

1. Entering the nature site

Camden's nature reserves are normally closed to the public during the week. Please make sure that the gate is locked behind you once your whole group has entered

2. Boundaries

Show children how far they can explore and point or mark out any restricted or ecologically sensitive areas, as agreed with Camden Council

3. Ponds

Remind children to stay at a safe distance from the edge of ponds. Do not throw stones or sticks into the pond and do not collect frogspawn unless agreed by Camden's Nature Conservation Officer

4. Picking up and playing with sticks and stones

Do not pull twigs from living trees or remove sticks or stones from insect hotels. Try not to disturb or obstruct wildlife when moving sticks and stones around.

5. Picking up flower and plants

Do not pick wild flowers or dig up living plants. Use dead or fallen leaves for your learning or play activities.

6. Digging

Dig small holes using your fingers or lollipop sticks. Do not make them too big or deep. Always fill them in again afterwards.

7. Collecting wood

You can collect fallen wood and sticks for shelter building or other activities, but try not to disturb wildlife homes and don't remove sticks from the insect hotel.

8. Eating and drinking

Do not eat or drink anything you find on site, unless you have specifically planned and assessed the risks beforehand e.g. blackberry picking. Remember to wash hands before you have any drinks or snacks. Make sure that any soap you use is natural / environmentally friendly, and take any rubbish away with you.

9. Toileting

Travel toilets / potties may be set up inside a pop-up, but please take away the contents for disposal back at your childcare setting and take down and remove the tent at the end of your session.

10. Tree climbing

When tree climbing is taking place an adult must be present. A visual check must be made for loose and rotten branches, and any risks properly assessed.

11. Leaving the nature site

You should 'leave no trace' when you depart from the nature site – shelters must be taken down and anything you brought onto site should be taken away, including all rubbish. Please do a 'sweep' of the site before you leave to make sure you haven't left anything behind. You must ensure that all gates are locked behind you when you leave

12. Reporting any issues

To report any issues about security, trees, paths, gates etc. or if you need any assistance whilst on site, please contact parks@camden.gov.uk or call the Park Rangers on 0207 974 82 82. If you see any fly tipping or experience any antisocial behaviour, please call Contact Camden: 0207 974 44 44. To report any criminal behaviour, please call the Police.