

Longshaw Estate

Site Information



To be read in conjunction with Education Visits or Engagement Events risk assessment

Site Name: Longshaw Estate (Moorland Discovery Centre)

Site details: The Longshaw Estate is a National Trust property open to the general public all year. The Moorland Discovery Centre is an outdoor education centre used by early years, primary, secondary and higher education groups. The estate has a wide range of habitats from moorland, woodland, rivers with a range of well surfaced paths.

Coach Parking: Woodcraft Car Park, (main Longshaw Estate Car Park)

Nb. Coach parking on to the right hand side of the car park.

Meeting point: Moorland Discovery Centre. The Moorland Discovery Centre is to the right of the main carpark behind the hedge.

Car Park grid ref: SK 2664 8005. **Postcode:** S11 7TZ **What 3 Words:** loaded.audio.soccer

Mobile phone signal – ~~Poor~~ / moderate / good

(The mobile phone signal on the estate is good. Within the Moorland Discovery Centre building the signal is poor)

Nearest landlines: Moorland Discovery Centre Education Office 01433 637907

Longshaw Estate Main Office 01433 631757

Nearest A + E: Sheffield Children's Hospital or Sheffield Northern General Hospital

Nearest minor injury unit: Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield

All PDNP/ NT leaders have more emergency contact details of other colleagues/centres etc on laminated cards on their rucksack.

Specific Advice / Information

- School/ other groups are advised (when booking) to bring warm and water proof clothing + outdoor footwear for their visit. The estate is on the top of a hill and it is often windy. Please be advised all participants to bring warm jumps as well as a coat even on fine days.
- In the summer months, there may be midges; staff and participants may wish to apply insect repellent before visiting.

General Description of site (including photographs)

The Longshaw Estate is an upland area of rough grassland, moorland and woodland with streams/river the Padley Gorge area of the estate. The area is high and exposed so can be more prone to the weather sun/wind/rain. Bring sun cream, hats and drinking water in summer (please note we have a supply of plastic cups and jugs so drinking water can be provided at lunch time). The photos below give a general view of the terrain, the route taken by most groups and some specific risks.



The Moorland Discovery Centre and grounds



Our paths are generally solid but uneven with protruding stones and tree roots. There can be puddles and muddy patches in places.



Some paths are accessed by narrow gates



These are the two stream sites used during the river study day. Access into the water depends on the weather and rain fall levels.



Longshaw Pond



Kitchen Garden

Car/Coach Parking

Visiting groups should park in the Woodcroft car park (signposted from the A6187 at Fox House). Parking for groups visiting the Moorland Discovery Centre will be sign posted outside of the classroom grounds.

For additional information and full directions: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/longshaw-burbage-and-the-eastern-moors>

Lunchtime Information

Groups generally eat lunch at the Moorland Discovery Centre. Lunch bags can be left at the centre during activities. There are toilets and handwashing facilities. Groups can eat lunch in the centre or in the centre grounds if the weather is nice. For some visits with pre-arrangement groups may remain outdoors for a picnic lunch. On these occasions there will be no toilet or handwashing facilities, so teachers/group leaders may wish to bring their own hand sanitiser.

Toilet facilities

The Moorland Discovery Centre has 3 toilets (1 with disability access). There are also public toilets by the café.

Distance/timing between important site locations

The distance and timings to sites depends on the programme followed. If a member of your group has mobility issues please contact staff (01433 637907) prior to your visit.

Examples of distances:

Mountain Environment Day - Moorland Discovery Centre to Carl Wark (1.5km)

River Study Day – Moorland Discovery Centre to sites (1km)

Habitats Day – Moorland Discovery Centre to Longshaw Pond (1km)

Any additional specific advice/information

The weather at Longshaw can be considerably cooler than the home location so additional clothing should be brought with you even in the summer months.

Wellingtons should be worn for groups following the Rivers programme.

There is a limited supply of wellingtons and waterproof coats for loan from the Moorland Discovery Centre.

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