BEECHE Public Activities

Spring/Summer 2019

How to find us & opening times

Bromley's Environmental Education Centre at High Elms (BEECHE) is a place where people of all ages and backgrounds can pursue their interests in Science, Nature, Art, Philosophy, Literature and Music in an awe inspiring landscape of woodlands, grasslands and ponds.

Drawing on our rich heritage as part of the Lubbock estate, where Charles Darwin spent many years developing his theories we take a "Head, Hearts & Hands" approach to our educational activities. We believe that education and access to nature should be available to all members of our communities regardless of age or background. It is our mission to provide positive, fun and educational experiences which support wider learning and promote respect and empathy for each other, our communities and our countryside.

Visitor Centre and Shop Opening Times
Saturday and Sunday 11am - 4pm (March to October)
Saturday and Sunday 10.30am - 3.30pm (November to February)

Term time -
*Monday and Friday only: 11am - 4pm
School holidays
Monday to Friday: 11am to 3pm

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*Opening times are subject to change when school sessions or events are in progress.
Please visit our website for more details on opening times.

Bromley Environmental Education Centre
High Elms Country Park, Shire Lane,
Orpington, Bromley BR6 7JH
Telephone: 01689 860571
Email: beeche@idverde.co.uk
Website: www.bromleyparks.co.uk/beeche

By Bus:
Bus no. 358 runs every 10 to 15 minutes and stops at Farnborough Village High Street. Bus no. R8 stops outside the centre at bus stop 'High Elms Nature Centre'.

By Car:
Take the A21 and follow the signs for High Elms turning onto Shire Lane. To access the public car park, turn onto High Elms road. For Sat Nav – BR6 7JH.

By Train:
The two nearest stations are Orpington and Chelsfield. Trains run frequently from mainline London train stations to Orpington, from there its a 30 minute walk or 15 minute cycle ride to BEECHE. From the station follow Tubbendenlane down to Farnborough Village High Street, walk through St Giles church yard to Shire Lane, and onto High Elms Country Park.

Weekend wildlife club

BEECHE WEEKEND WILDLIFE CLUB

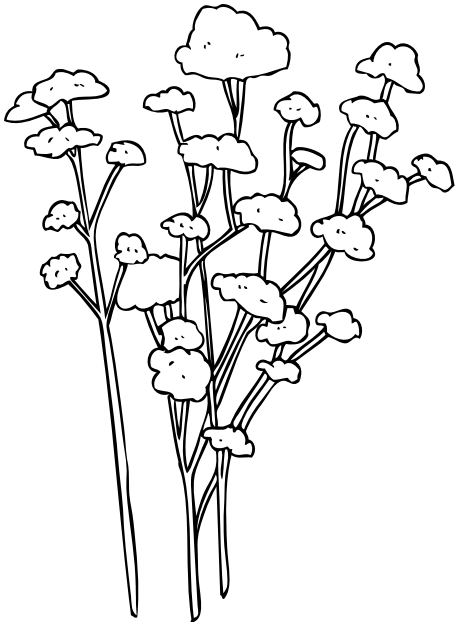
Join our weekend wildlife club and explore the plants and animals that inhabit High Elms, with a different theme each month.

All About Birds
Saturday 26th January 10am - 11am
£5 Child (ages +4) £2.50 Adult

Signs Of Spring
Sunday 24th March 10am - 11am
£5 Child (ages +4) £2.50 Adult

Connect With Nature
Sunday 12th May 10am - 11am
£5 Child (ages +4) £2.50 Adult

Conserving Nature
Sunday 2nd June 10am - 11am
£5 Child (ages +4) £2.50 Adult



Meadows, Plants and Parks
Sunday 7th July 10am - 11am
£5 Child (ages +4) £2.50 Adult

Butterflies, Moths and Bats
Sunday 4th August 10am - 11am
£5 Child (ages +4) £2.50 Adult

ADULT SHORT COURSES

Bromley Environmental Education Centre at High Elms

NATURE ON YOUR DOORSTEP

Learn about the nature of Bromley in our suite of new one day adult courses

11th February - Identification of Trees and Twig in Winter
14th March - Introduction to Badger Ecology and Field Signs
5th April - Introduction to Bat Ecology
27th April - Pond Dipping for Adults
7th May - Identifying Trees in Leaf
4th June - Invasive Species
14th June -Introduction to British Orchids
25th July - Introduction to Wildflowers
6th August - Introduction to Camera Trapping
21st September - Introduction to Bat Ecology
4th October - Introduction to Badger Ecology and Field Signs
29th October - Introduction to Small Mammals
21st November - Gardening for Wildlife
4th December - Garden Ponds for Wildlife

£12 per half day course
£25 per full day course

For course details, timings, and to book visit:
www.bromleyparks.co.uk/bookings
or phone 01689 860571

BIRTHDAY & OTHER PARTIES

BEECHE led birthday parties

Weekdays for up to 30 children £195 + VAT
Weekends for up to 30 children £295 + VAT
Price includes a 2 hour session led by BEECHE staff and an additional half hour room hire for party food/games (not provided by BEECHE).

We offer a range of different parties from pond dipping to den building or parties based upon one of our special themes.
Get in touch with the team to see how we can make your child's birthday extra special this year!

Self-led birthday parties

£25 per hour for a minimum of 3 hours
Price includes use of a room at BEECHE, access to our Forest School area and use of our enclosed paddock.

Speak to our team about running your own birthday party; we can provide you with a helpful guide, ideas for activities and games along with some basic equipment free of charge.

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RANGERS HOLIDAY CLUB

Junior Ranger and Ranger Holiday Club

Our new Ranger Academy & Junior Ranger Academy courses are designed to introduce children to the skills needed to work with wildlife and to thrive in the outdoor environment!

Junior Ranger Academy

This is for our younger rangers, 5-7 year olds.
The one day programme is based around Forest School Principles and will introduce participants to the skills needed to make the most of our wonderful wild places.
Cost per child: £30 per day
18th April, 2nd August, 20th August

Ranger Academy

Introducing a range of field skills such as bushcraft, species identification, surveying techniques and using wildlife equipment such as camera traps.
Aimed at 8-13 year olds.
Cost per child: £30 per day/ £18 per half day
August - 9th, 13th (half day), 15th, 30th (half day)

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WOODLAND EXPLORERS TODDLER GROUP

Woodland Explorer Toddler Group

Every Wednesday at BEECHE 10:00-11:30*
March-October £5 per child
November-February £4 per child
Refreshments included for children and grown ups!

Aimed at toddlers, Woodland Explorers follows the Forest School ethos. This involves giving the explorers the opportunity to play and explore in our woodland at their own level and pace supervised by our instructors.

As we run these sessions on a drop-in basis, there's no need to book, just meet us at BEECHE.

*Occasionally, sessions will either be cancelled due to inclement weather or staff holidays.
In these cases, information will be posted on our Facebook page: facebook.com/highelmscountrypark.
Please check before coming along.

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BEECHE MEMBERSHIP & SHOP

BEECHE Membership

Why not become a member of BEECHE and enjoy the following benefits:
- FREE - Expires at the end of 2018
- Free members only seasonal walks
- 10% off all activities if booked online (minimum spend £10)
- 5% off birthday parties

BEECHE Gift Shop in Visitor Centre

We currently have a gift shop open which stocks the following; gardening equipment and accessories, maps and trails, children's wildlife kits, children's books, wildlife guides, toys and gifts.

We also stock a range of reading material related to science and nature, including historical links with Charles Darwin and the Lubbock family.

Also available at the shop for visitors to the park; maps and information about our public and education programmes and the work of our biodiversity team and Friends Groups.

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BEECHE ROOM HIRE

BEECHE Room Hire

Set within a unique venue, at the heart of the beautiful High Elms Country Park. We provide spaces which can be hired for meetings, conferences, functions and corporate events.

Rooms are available to hire throughout the year and rates start from just £20 per hour plus VAT and from £70 plus VAT for up to 6 hours.

Contact the team for more information or to arrange a viewing:
Email - beeche@idverde.co.uk
Telephone - 01689 860 571

PUBLIC ACTIVITIES
JANUARY & FEBRUARY

January

In January BEECHE is supporting the RSPB Garden Birdwatch so you can learn about the bird species in High Elms Country Park.

Storytime: Home Tweet Home
Join us for a little bird story, make a bird nest and learn how to encourage birds at home.
£4 Child (ages 2-5)
Saturday 26th January 10am - 11am

All about birds
Explore the site with I.D. guides and expert tuition and learn how to encourage birds at home. Bring your own binoculars if you have them.
£4 Child £2 Adult
Saturday 26th January 1pm - 2pm

February - Half Term

Storytime: Home Tweet Home
£4 Child (ages 2-5)
Monday 18th February
10am - 11am
Tuesday 19th February
9:30am - 10:30am

Storytime: The Gruffalo
£4 Child (ages 2-5)
Thursday 21st February
1pm - 2pm
Friday 22nd February
10am-11am

Games & Den Building
£5 Child (ages 5-11) £2.50 Adult
Monday 18th February 1pm - 2.30pm
Learn new woodland games and den building techniques.

New! Roman Campfire
£7 Child (ages 5-11) £3.50 Adult
Friday 22nd February 1pm - 2.30pm
Learn about the world of the Romans and head into the woodlands for a campfire.

Woodland walk & mini beast hunting
£7 Child (ages 5-11) £3.50 Adult
Thursday 21st February 10am - 12pm
Enjoy a spring nature walk hunting for wildlife & learning how to identify common species.

Wild! Obstacle Courses
£5 Child (ages 5-11) £2.50 Adult
Tuesday 19th February 1pm - 2.30pm
Using woodland materials create an obstacle course and challenge the opposition to complete it.

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PUBLIC ACTIVITIES
MARCH & APRIL

March

Weekend Wildlife Club - Signs of Spring
£5 Child (ages +4) £2.50 Adult
Sunday 24th March 10am - 11am

Junior Rangers
18th April 10am - 3pm
£30/child

April - Easter Holidays

Storytime: Superworm
£4 Child (ages 2-5)
Monday 8th April
10am - 11am
Thursday 11th April
10am - 11am

Storytime: Bog Baby
£4 Child (ages 2-5)
Tuesday 9th April
1pm - 2pm
Friday 12th April
10am-11am

Storytime: Easter Story
£4 Child (ages 2-5)
Tuesday 16th April
9.30am - 10.30am
Friday 19th April
10am-11am

Pond Dipping
£5 Child (ages 5-11) £2.50 Adult
Monday 8th April 1pm - 2pm
Wednesday 17th April 1pm - 2pm
Explorer the freshwater pond at High Elms.

Games & Den Building
£5 Child (ages 5-11) £2.50 Adult
Tuesday 16th April 1pm - 2.30pm
Learn new woodland games and den building techniques.

Woodland walk & mini beast hunting
£7 Child (ages 5-11) £3.50 Adult
Thursday 11th April 1pm - 2.30pm
Enjoy a spring nature walk hunting for wildlife & learning how to identify common species.

Easter Craft Workshop
£4 Child (ages 5-11) £2 Adult
Tuesday 9th April 9.30am - 10.30am
Monday 15th April 10am - 11am
Learn to craft your own Easter decorations using natural materials.

New! Ancient Greeks and Herbs
£7 Child (ages 5-11) £3.50 Adult
Wednesday 10th April 1pm - 3pm
Dive into the fascinating world of the Ancient Greeks!

New! Roman Campfire
£7 Child (ages 5-11) £3.50 Adult
Friday 12th April 1pm - 2.30pm
Learn about the world of the Romans and head into the woodlands for a campfire.

Family Easter Challenge
£7 Child (ages 5-11) £3.50 Adult
Monday 15th April 1pm - 3pm
Friday 19th April 1pm - 3pm
Join us for Easter themed games and nature challenges around High Elms!

Children's Bat Walk at Keston Common
£7 Child (ages 5-11) £3.50 Adult
Thursday 11th April 7.30pm - 9pm
Take part in an amazing nocturnal adventure, armed with a bat detectors we will go in search of bats!

PUBLIC ACTIVITIES
MAY & JUNE

May

Weekend Wildlife Club - Connect with Nature
£5 Child (ages +4) £2.50 Adult
Sunday 12th May 10am - 11am

Storytime:
Bog Baby
£4 Child (ages 2-5)
Tuesday 28th May
9.30am - 10.30am

Storytime: Where the wild things are
£4 Child (ages 2-5)
Thursday 30th May
Friday 31st May
10am - 11am

Pond Dipping
£5 Child (ages 5-11) £2.50 Adult
Wednesday 29th May 1pm - 2pm
Explore the freshwater pond
at High Elms and discover the species
that live underwater.

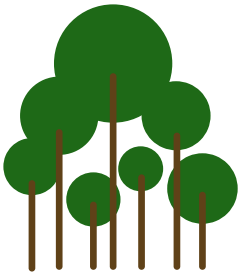
Wild! Obstacle Courses
£5 Child (ages 5-11) £2.50 Adult
Tuesday 28th May 1pm - 2.30pm
Using woodland materials create an
obstacle course and challenge the
opposition to complete it.

New! Roman Campfire
£7 Child (ages 5-11) £3.50 Adult
Thursday 30th May 1pm - 2.30pm
Learn about the world of the Romans
and head into the woodlands
for a campfire.

New! Tree Detectives
£7 Child (ages 5-11) £3.50 Adult
Friday 31st May 1pm - 3pm
Explore world of trees at High Elms
and learn how to identify different
types and find out their ages.

June

Weekend Wildlife Club - Conserving Nature
Join us as we get ready for world environment and
oceans day by celebrating wildlife and learning
how to protect and conserve their habitats.
£5 Child (ages +4) £2.50 Adult
Sunday 2nd June 10am - 11am



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PUBLIC ACTIVITIES
JULY & AUGUST

July

Weekend Wildlife Club - Meadows, Plants and Parks
£5 Child (ages +4) £2.50 Adult
Sunday 7th July 10am - 11am

Storytime:
The Gruffalo
£4 Child (ages 2-5)
Monday 29th July
10am - 11am

Nature walk & magical meadows
£7 Child (ages +5) £3.50 Adult
Monday 29th July 1pm - 3pm
Enjoy a summer nature walk and hunt for wildlife in the meadow

Storytime:
We're going on a bear hunt
£4 Child (ages 2-5)
Tuesday 30th July
9.30am - 10.30am

New! Tree Detectives
£7 Child (ages 5-11) £3.50 Adult
Tuesday 30th July 1pm - 2.30pm
Explore world of trees at High Elms and learn how to identify different types and find out their ages.

Pond Dipping
£5 Child (ages 5-11) £2.50 Adult
Wednesday 31st July 1pm - 2pm
Explore the freshwater pond at High Elms and discover the species that live underwater.

August

JUNIOR RANGERS HOLIDAY CLUB
FRIDAY 2ND AUGUST 10-3PM £30/CHILD

RANGERS HOLIDAY CLUB
FRIDAY 9TH AUGUST 10-3PM £30/CHILD

Weekend Wildlife Club - Butterflies, Moths and Bats
£5 Child (ages +4) £2.50 Adult
Sunday 4th August 10am - 11am

Pond Dipping
£5 Child (ages 5-11) £2.50 Adult
Tuesday 6th August
9.30am - 10.30am
Explore the freshwater pond at High Elms and discover the species that live underwater.

Storytime:
The Gruffalo
£4 Child (ages 2-5)
Thursday 1st August
Monday 5th August
10am - 11am

New! Nature Superheroes
£7 Child (ages 5-11) £3.50 Adult
Thursday 1st August
1pm - 2.30pm
Transform into a nature superhero to help save the habitats at High Elms!

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PUBLIC ACTIVITIES
AUGUST

RANGERS HOLIDAY CLUB
13TH, 15TH 30TH AUGUST 10-3PM £30/CHILD

August

Storytime: Percy the Park Keeper
£4 Child (ages 2-5)
Tuesday 6th August
Thursday 8th August
1pm - 2pm

New! Ancient Greeks & Herbs
£7 Child (ages 5-11) £3.50 Adult
Wednesday 7th August 1pm - 3pm
Dive into the fascinating world of the Ancient Greeks!

Storytime: Argghhh! Spider!
£4 Child (ages 2-5)
Monday 12th August 1pm - 2pm
Friday 16th August 10am - 11am

Storytime: Tidy
£4 Child (ages 2-5)
Monday 19th August 10am - 11am
Thursday 22nd August 10am - 11am

New! Tree Detectives
£7 Child (ages 5-11) £3.50 Adult
Monday 12th August 10am - 11.30am
Thursday 29th August 1pm - 2.30pm
Explore world of trees at High Elms, identify different types and their ages.

Nature walk & magical meadows
£7 Child (ages +5) £3.50 Adult
Thursday 8th August
10am - 12pm
Enjoy a summer nature walk and hunt for wildlife in the meadow

Pond Dipping
£5 Child (ages 5-11) £2.50 Adult
Wednesday 14th August 1pm - 2pm
Monday 19th August 1pm - 2pm
Friday 30th August 2pm - 3pm
Explore the freshwater pond.

New! Butterfly Craft Workshop
£4 Child (ages 5-11) £2 Adult
Tuesday 13th August 2pm - 3pm
Learn about UK butterflies, their lifecycle and how to make a butterfly feeder

JUNIOR RANGERS HOLIDAY CLUB
20TH AUGUST 10-3PM £30/CHILD (5-7 YEARS)

PUBLIC ACTIVITIES
AUGUST

JUNIOR RANGERS HOLIDAY CLUB
20TH AUGUST 10-3PM £30/CHILD

August

Storytime: We're going on a bear hunt
£4 Child (ages 2-5)
Friday 23rd August 1pm - 2pm
Wednesday 28th August 1pm - 2pm

Storytime: The Gruffalo
£4 Child (ages 2-5)
Monday 26th August 1pm - 2pm
Thursday 29th August 10am - 11am

New! Ancient Greeks & Herbs
£7 Child (ages 5-11) £3.50 Adult
Thursday 22nd August 1pm - 3pm
Tuesday 27th August 9.30am - 11.30am
Dive into the fascinating
world of the Ancient Greeks!

New! Nature Superheroes
£7 Child (ages 5-11) £3.50 Adult
Friday 16th August 1pm - 2.30pm
Monday 26th August 10am - 11.30am
Transform into a nature superhero to save
the habitats at High Elms!

Nature walk & magical meadows
£7 Child (ages +5) £3.50 Adult
Wednesday 21st August 1pm - 3pm
Enjoy a summer nature walk and
hunt for wildlife in the meadow and get up to close
to butterflies and other creatures!

Games & Den Building
£5 Child (ages 5-11) £2.50 Adult
Friday 23rd August 10am - 11.30am
Tuesday 27th August 1pm - 2.30pm
Learn new woodland games and
den building techniques.

Children's Bat Walk at Keston Common
£7 Child (ages 5-11) £3.50 Adult
Thursday 29th August 7.30pm - 9pm
Take part in an amazing nocturnal adventure, armed with a
bat detector we will go in search of bats! Wrap up warm.

RANGERS HOLIDAY CLUB
13TH, 15TH 30TH AUGUST 10-3PM £30/CHILD (8 - 13 YEARS)

2019 SPRING/SUMMER CALENDAR

26/01/2019 10:00 Story Session: Home Tweet Home
26/01/2019 13:00 All about birds
18/02/2019 10:00 Story Session: Home Tweet Home
18/02/2019 13:00 Games & Den Building
19/02/2019 09:30 Story Session: Home Tweet Home
19/02/2019 13:00 Obstacle Course Building
21/02/2019 10:00 Woodland walk and mini beast hunting
21/02/2019 13:00 Story Session: Superworm
22/02/2019 10:00 Story Session: Gruffalo
22/02/2019 13:00 Roman Campfire
24/03/2018 10:00 Weekend Wildlife Club - Signs of Spring
08/04/2019 10:00 Story Session: Superworm
08/04/2019 13:00 Pond dipping
09/04/2019 09:30 Easter craft workshop
09/04/2019 13:00 Story Session: Bog Baby
10/04/2019 13:00 Ancient Greeks and Herbs (NEW)
11/04/2019 10:00 Story Session: superworm
11/04/2019 13:00 Woodland walk and mini beast hunting
11/04/2019 19:30 Childrens Bat Walk
12/04/2019 10:00 Story Session: Bog Baby
12/04/2019 13:00 Roman Campfire
15/04/2019 10:00 Easter craft workshop
15/04/2019 13:00 Family Easter Challenge
16/04/2019 09:30 Easter storytime
16/04/2019 13:00 Games & Den Building
17/04/2019 13:00 Pond dipping
18/04/2019 10:00 Junior Rangers
19/04/2019 10:00 Easter storytime
19/04/2019 13:00 Family Easter Challenge
12/05/2018 10:00 Weekend Wildlife Club - Connect with Nature
28/05/2019 09:30 Story Session: Bog Baby
28/05/2019 13:00 Obstacle Course Building
29/05/2019 13:00 Pond dipping
30/05/2019 10:00 Story Session: Where the wild things are
30/05/2019 13:00 Roman Campfire
31/05/2019 10:00 Story Session: Where the wild things are
31/05/2019 13:00 Tree Detectives (NEW)
29/07/2019 10:00 Story Session: The Gruffalo
29/07/2019 13:00 Nature walk and magical meadows
30/07/2019 09:30 Story Session: Bear Hunt
30/07/2019 13:00 Tree Detectives (NEW)
31/07/2019 13:00 Pond dipping
01/08/2019 10:00 Story session: The Gruffalo
01/08/2019 13:00 Nature Superheros (NEW)
02/08/2019 10:00 Junior Rangers
05/08/2019 10:00 Story Session: The Gruffalo
05/08/2019 13:00 Games and Den Building
06/08/2019 09:30 Pond dipping
06/08/2019 13:00 Story: Percy the park keeper
07/08/2019 13:00 Ancient Greeks and Herbs (NEW)
08/08/2019 10:00 Nature walk and magical meadows
08/08/2019 13:00 Story: Percy the park keeper
09/08/2019 10:00 Ranger Academy
12/08/2019 10:00 Tree Detectives (NEW)
12/08/2019 13:00 Story Session: Arggh Spider!
13/08/2019 09:30 Ranger Academy (half day)
13/08/2019 14:00 Butterfly Craft Workshop
14/08/2019 13:00 Pond dipping
15/08/2019 10:00 Ranger Academy
16/08/2019 10:00 Story Session: Arggh Spider!
16/08/2019 13:00 Nature Superheros (NEW)
19/08/2019 10:00 Story Session: Tidy
19/08/2019 13:00 Pond dipping
20/08/2019 10:00 Junior Rangers
21/08/2019 13:00 Nature walk and magical meadows
22/08/2019 10:00 Story Session: Tidy
22/08/2019 13:00 Ancient Greeks and Herbs (NEW)
23/08/2019 10:00 Games & Den Building
23/08/2019 13:00 Story Session: Bear Hunt
26/08/2019 10:00 Nature Superheros (NEW)
26/08/2019 13:00 Story Session: The Gruffalo
27/08/2019 09:30 Ancient Greeks and Herbs
27/08/2019 13:00 Games & Den Building
28/08/2019 13:00 Story Session: Bear Hunt
29/08/2019 10:00 Story Session: The Gruffalo
29/08/2019 13:00 Tree Detectives (NEW)
29/08/2019 19:30 Childrens Bat Walk
30/08/2019 09:30 Ranger Academy (half day)
30/08/2019 14:00 Pond dipping

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