

## Year 8 Cross-curricular geography fieldtrip to Ashridge Estate, Berkhamsted

- Post code of site  
HP4 1LX
- OS grid reference  
181:SP970131
- The name of any contact people at the site  
Kate Jarvis (Education Officer), Emily Smith (Ranger)
- The number of students you can take and the age range of students  
We took 180 Year 8 students
- The location of coach parks and toilets  
Coaches can park easily at the main entrance to the estate. Toilets are located next to the café.
- The activities you do when there  
We have done a range of activities in the past including orienteering, fieldsketching and management. This year we decided to run a series of cross-curricular workshops which involved students looking at the landscape in different ways. These included a walk with the National Trust ranger to discuss management, an independent investigation which involved fieldwork, mission explore, creative writing and creating a piece of artwork out of natural materials – instructions for these can be found in the pupil booklets.
- Pupil booklets  
See attached
- Follow up activities  
Students wrote up their independent investigations and entered a photo competition for the best photo.
- Any possible problems and plans  
The area can accommodate 180 students fairly easily in a small area i.e. within earshot, it is an area of woodland however, and we had a few students who couldn't resist walking on fallen tree trunks and fell off.
- Is there any info on evolve?  
Yes
- Do's and don'ts for the trip
  1. Do contact Kate Jarvis before you go as there is a form to fill in.
  2. Do take plenty of staff; the area is very flexible and can accommodate a range of outdoor workshops but you ideally need 1 member of staff to run each workshop (6 times on a carousel) and then 2 members of staff for each group of 30 girls to manoeuvre them around the different sites.
- Maps

<http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/ashridge-estate/>