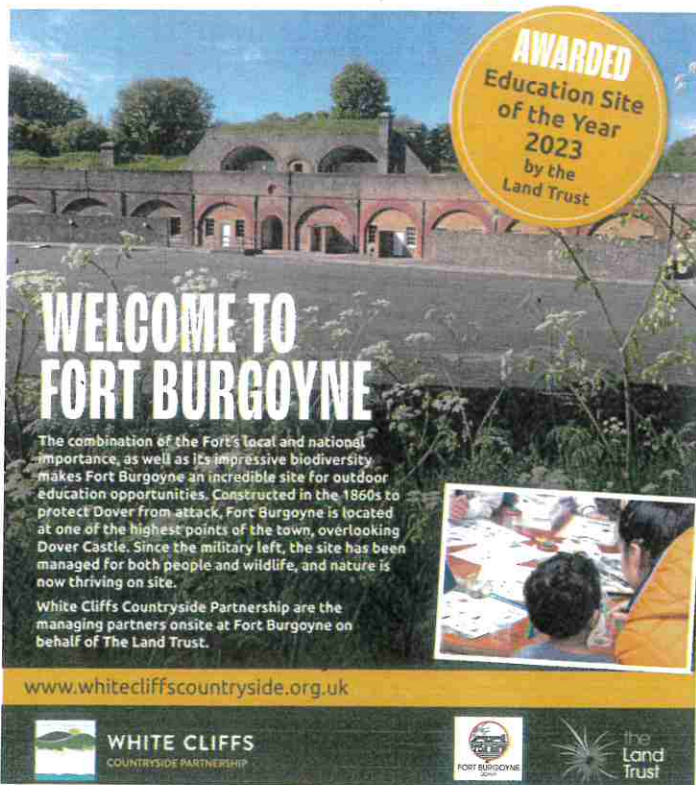


OUTDOOR LEARNING FORT BURGUYNE FREE for-schools within Dover district



AWARDED Education Site of the Year 2023 by the Land Trust

WELCOME TO FORT BURGUYNE

The combination of the Fort's local and national importance, as well as its impressive biodiversity makes Fort Burgoyne an incredible site for outdoor education opportunities. Constructed in the 1860s to protect Dover from attack, Fort Burgoyne is located at one of the highest points of the town, overlooking Dover Castle. Since the military left, the site has been managed for both people and wildlife, and nature is now thriving on site.

White Cliffs Countryside Partnership are the managing partners onsite at Fort Burgoyne on behalf of The Land Trust.

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PROGRAMMES FOR 2024

We have a wide variety of programmes for 2024.

Half day sessions comprise of 1.5-2 hours of outdoor learning and full day sessions comprise of 3-4 hours. Further details about each programme, including national curriculum links can be provided on request.

"We had a fabulous trip up to the Fort. The children gained a lot of experience and opportunities to learn about their local environment."

Charlton C of E Primary School

FORT BUG-OYNE - Half Day - EYFS, KS1, KS2

Discover what it takes to become an insect detective!

Explore the different habitats at Fort Burgoyne imagining them from the point of view of our creepy crawlies, take part in a bug hunt and identify the wide range of minibeasts on site! Additional activities relating to Fort Bug-oyne can include food chains and craft activities.

For the best bug hunt results we recommend these activities in terms 1, 5 & 6.



MAGNIFICENT MAMMALS - Half Day - KS1, KS2

Help our Ranger complete a survey of the mammals which visit Fort Burgoyne.

Activities could include identifying tracks from a footprint tunnel, reviewing camera trap footage, checking small mammal traps for mice, shrews & voles* & visit bat hibernation locations.

Activities are dependent on weather conditions and time of year.



TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC - Half Day - EYFS, KS1

Join Daisy the Fort bear for a fun filled session themed around survival.

Visiting students are welcome to bring their own teddies to join in the fun as they make shelters for their bears & see what natural sources of food and water can be found on site. The session will finish with a story and picnic.

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SPARE A FORT FOR CHALK! - Half Day - KS1

Step back in time and discover how chalk was formed... and how it has shaped our local area.

Students will have the opportunity to take part in chalk experiments to see how chalk differs from other rocks as well as getting creative using chalk paints. Dover is an important area for nationally rare chalk grassland, this session will highlight the amazing diversity of wildlife which thrives in this habitat as well as actions WCCP take to protect and enhance chalk grassland.



'DEEP IN FORT' & 'ATTENTION!' - Full Day - KS2

Explore Fort Burgoyne through the eyes of a soldier who would have lived and worked at the Fort.

'Deep in Fort' and 'Attention!' are two separate programmes which combine the history of the Fort along with creative activities. Students will have an opportunity to complete a log book during their visit with ideas for other activities which can be completed back in the classroom. Electronic copies of 'Deep in Fort' and 'Attention!' can be sent over in advance to decide which programme will be delivered on the day.

BRICK BY BRICK - Half Day - KS2

Take a closer look at the structures around the Fort.

How were they made? What were they used for? How do the structures differ? Using observational drawings, students will have an opportunity to learn more about the Fascinating Fort and discover some of the secrets of its construction.



BRIDGE BUILDING - Half Day - KS2

Develop engineering skills by becoming the designers of Fort Burgoyne's replacement bridge!

Learn about the importance of the bridge at the Fort before having a go at creating a model for a new entrance bridge. Will the bridges meet the design brief?

TRAVELLING TO FORT BURGUYNE

- Being in a unique location at one of the highest points of Dover, it is a climb to walk to the Fort. However, it can be done as many classes have shown! Guidance on the best pedestrian route to the Fort can be provided by WCCP.
- Buses on the number 81 route regularly pass by Fort Burgoyne. The nearest bus stop to the entrance is 'Dover Castle' next to the coach park.
- Parking for minibuses and coaches is available at Fort Burgoyne.



FACILITIES

- Outdoor learning area.
- Indoor learning space for up to 30 children within the Fort's stables.
- Toilets

PRICES

- FREE for schools within Dover district.
- If you are located outside of the Dover district, please contact us for information regarding costs.

HOW TO BOOK

Please contact the team at Fort Burgoyne using the details below to discuss your requirements and potential dates for your visit.

We will send you a booking form, which once completed and returned, we will use to create an itinerary for your visit. Along with your itinerary, all relevant risk assessments will be provided - we do advise groups have a pre-visit and complete their own risk assessments.

If you have any specific requirement please get in contact to discuss further.

Please note the Fort Burgoyne Event & Education Ranger works part time - Wednesday afternoons to Friday.

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