

THE OUTDOOR LEARNING CENTRE

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ENGAGE ADVENTURE WELLBEING



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@THEOUTDOORLEARNINGCENTRE



OUR MISSION

To inspire curiosity, to encourage a love for nature, and to empower individuals through hands-on learning experiences in the outdoors. We aim to instil resilience, teamwork, creativity and life long learning by providing inclusive, immersive, and relevant outdoor experiences.

OUR VISION

To give every child and young person on the Isle of Man an outdoor learning experience and to foster the understanding of the positive impact nature can have on their learning and health & wellbeing.

MEET THE TEAM



GREG
Head of Centre



ADAM
Outdoor Instructor



ALISON
Programmes' Coordinator



HARRY
Outdoor Instructor



SAM
Sports Development Officer



KHERREE
Outdoor Instructor

OUR SITE



The Outdoor Learning Centre facilities include:

A fully functioning Day Centre which includes a kitchen, dining/classroom area with toilets and shower facilities, makes a good place to hire for groups.

A beautiful cabin with an amazing classroom space and stunning views of Injebreck Reservoir, and the Carraghan hillside.

A campsite, with simple toilet facilities, is discreetly placed to maintain the area's natural beauty. Near the campsite, there is a small, shaded picnic area with wooden benches and tables, perfect for a relaxing meal.

Our Bunkhouse is now open and ready to welcome guests! It features 28 bunk beds, a fully equipped self-catering kitchen, a spacious dining room, and a comfortable TV lounge, everything you need for a relaxing and enjoyable stay.

OUTDOOR SPORTS



Objective

Inspiring and adventure driven programmes that ignite a passion for the outdoors, encourage personal growth, and build a strong sense of resilience to challenge through the thrill of adventure journeys.



Session specifics

Duration: **2 hours**

Per session per instructor **£50**

- **Mountain bike** (minimum height of 140cm) - 1 instructor up 8 participants, 2 instructors up 15 participants
- **Stand up paddle boarding** - 1 instructor up to 8 participants, 2 instructors up 16 participants
- **Canoe session** - 1 instructor up 8 participants, 2 instructors up 12 participants

The young person must be water confident and be able to ride a bike.



Session outcomes

- Participants will be encouraged to work as a team and practice their communication skills while out on the activities.
- Young people will build mental and physical strengths, during these sessions, they will get to push the limits of their comfort zones, learn new skills and develop mental resilience



BUSHCRAFT & PRIMITIVE SKILLS



Objective

Inspiring, inclusive, and adventure-focused programmes that nurtures a deep connection to the natural world, promotes personal growth, and equips individuals with practical skills and resilience to thrive in the outdoors.



Session specifics

Duration: **2 hours**

Per session per instructor **£50**

1 instructor up 12 participants, 2 instructors up 20 participants, 3 instructors up 28 participants

Give young people real-life wilderness experience in a variety of settings both on and off-site.



Session outcomes

- Participants will learn the importance of survival, mastering new skills and overcoming challenges in practical wilderness skills; building shelters, making & cooking simple food, fire lighting and using bushcraft tools
- Building mental resilience, confidence, adaptability and problem-solving abilities



CREATIVITY & WELL-BEING



Objective

To enhance creativity and well-being by engaging in outdoor activities that encourage self-expression, personal reflection, and connection to the natural environment.



Session specifics

Duration: **2 hours**

Per session per instructor **£50**

1 instructor up 12 participants, 2 instructors up 20 participants, 3 instructors up 28 participants

Inspiring and supporting young people to connect with nature to encourage mindfulness and creativity. To use a range of methodologies and resources.



Session outcomes

Our activities promote mindfulness and a deeper connection with nature through woodland walks, wilderness crafts, and creative outdoor activities using natural materials. Participants are encouraged to enjoy free play and forest exploration, building dens, discovering wildlife, and exploring at their own pace. These hands-on experiences foster creativity, confidence, curiosity, and a lifelong appreciation for the natural world.



ON-SITE ACTIVITIES



Objective

Our on site activities provide a taster to outdoor learning and give participants opportunities to build confidence, work as part of a team and learn new skills on our.



Session specifics

Duration: **2 hours**

Per session per instructor **£50**

1 instructor up 16 participants, 2 instructors up 32 participants, 3 instructors up 42 participants

Self-led - £Free of charge (training required, supervision ratios must be adhered to)

Access to our **Adventure Course, Orienteering** and **Problem Solving Field**



Further self-led information

- Self-led training and sign off required & up to date first aid essential
- Ratios are 1:16 plus one support staff
- No inside space provided, access to shelter and bathroom available
- Booking still essential



ACCREDITED & TARGETED LEARNING



Objective

Young people will have pathways to training and accredited programmes that develop skills, learning, routes into employment and further outdoor learning opportunities.



Session specifics

- Deliver The Duke of Edinburgh's Award to targeted groups
- Work with colleagues across government to provide training and employment opportunities
- Provide schools with bespoke programmes that meet young people's learning goals including work placements
- Deliver programmes that promote 'work ready' skills such as communication, problem solving and leadership
- Working in partnership with local organisations to develop programmes that promote conservation and the environment



Session outcomes

- Young people achieve valuable accreditations and qualifications
- Young people feel empowered and better equipped for the future
- Young people are inspired to pursue careers and further training within the Outdoor Education sector

Work in this area is bespoke so please contact us to discuss.



FACILITIES & ACCOMMODATION



The Day Centre

Half day from £50.00

Full day from £90.00



The Cabin

Half day from £35.00

Full day from £60.00



The Campsite

£4.50 per person per night



The Bunkhouse

£200 per night up to 18 beds

£300 per night up to 28 beds

HOW TO BOOK

Email olc@gov.im to make a booking enquiry

Booking forms can be found at youth.sch.im and look for
The Outdoor Learning Centre menu

CANCELLATIONS POLICY

Cancellations or amendments must be made as soon as possible, cancellations within 5 working days of your booking may be subject to charges.

ADVERSE WEATHER POLICY

In the event of adverse weather the Head of Centre will make contact to discuss your booking.

CONTACT INFORMATION

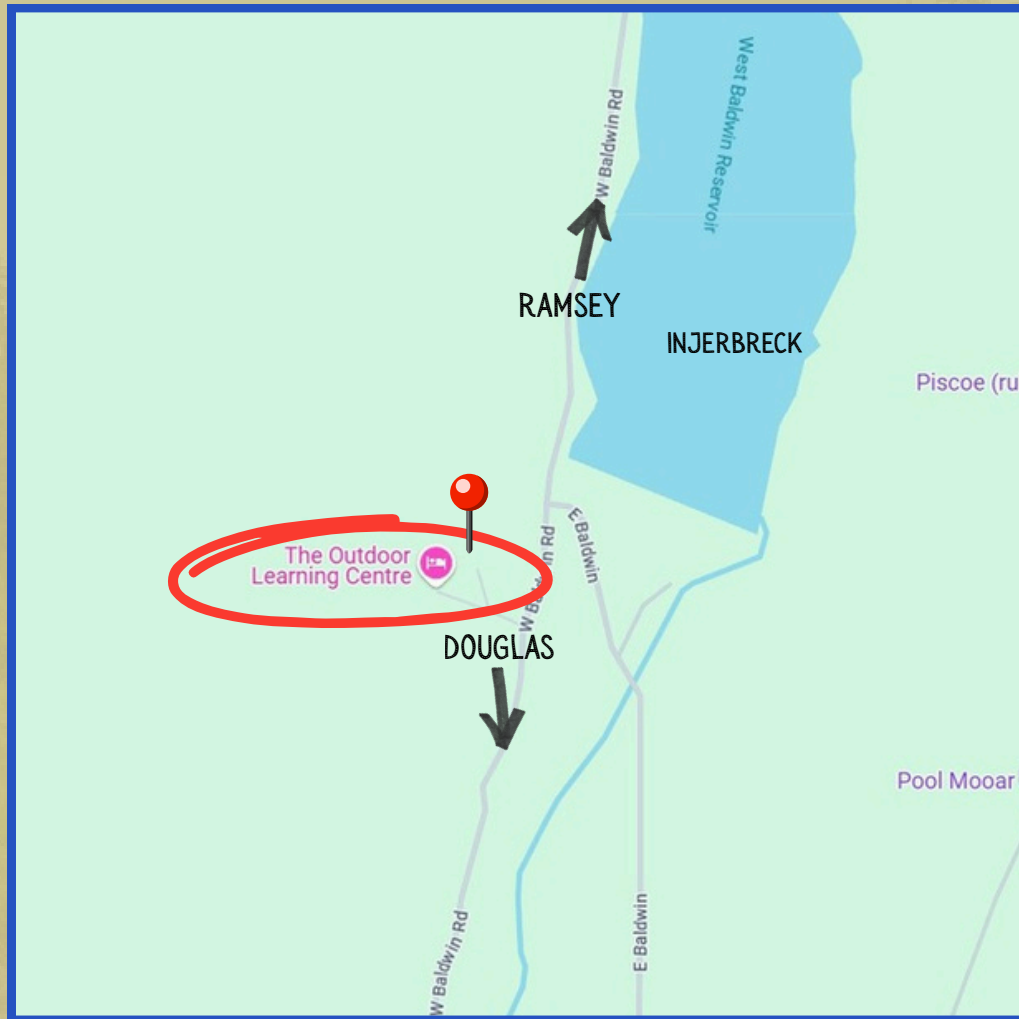
For any enquiries or further information please don't hesitate to email, or phone us on...

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OUR PARTNERS



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MOUNTAIN-BIKE INSTRUCTORS' AWARD SCHEME

