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Accommodation Guide

'Belong in this Place' is the 2018 national Forest School event of the Forest School Association (www.forestschoollassociation.org). This is the first time that we have run the national event as a family friendly festival and we hope it will provide an inclusive, holistic and playful weekend of nature connection for Forest School practitioners and their families.

Bookings and Information:



For full information of ticket types and purchasing please visit the FSA's website here – <https://www.forestschoollassociation.org/national-forest-school-festival-2018/>



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For all the latest event information, including speakers, workshops, activities and demonstrators please follow our facebook page - www.facebook.com/ForestSchoolFestival/

Location – Bradmoor Woods:

Set just a short drive from the bustling market town of Swaffham in West Norfolk, this unique venue has been designed to allow visitors to explore the beautiful woodland and let your imagination run wild!

The site is a mix of woodland, glades and the neighbouring meadow, with quirky structures nested amidst the trees. There are no 'brick built' structures so most of the festival will be under nature's everchanging canopy (plus various tents, tarps, marquees and parachutes!).

The meadow provides ample room for tents and campervans, whilst the more adventurous are welcome to rig a hammock or bivi in the woodland camping area. The woodland structures provide some glamping opportunities for those who would like a truly unique weekend experience.

This accommodation guide outlines the accommodation options for the event.

Further details of the site can be viewed on the landowners website here - www.bradmoorwoods.co.uk/



Travel & Transport:

The venue is about 30 miles west of Norwich or 5 and a half miles east of Kings Lynn, just off the A47 (one of the main roads in Norfolk!).



We would like to encourage people to lift share if they are traveling by car and will put up a group on the event Facebook page to facilitate this.

If you are travelling by public transport:

Buses from Norwich – Nearest bus stop is in Narborough (1.5miles from venue)

Trains – The nearest train station is King’s Lynn or Downham Market which are on a direct line from London via Cambridge. Both are about 20 minutes by taxi or in may be possible to arrange lift sharing from stations via the facebook page.

More detailed travel & direction information will be made available separately before the event.



Event Facilities – Key Information:

Access – If you have a ‘All weekend’ ticket you can arrive from 4pm to 11pm on Friday 5th October evening (main areas open 6pm). Those with a Saturday only ticket (of whole weekend ticket holders arriving late) can arrive from 7am on Saturday morning. All attendees will need to be off site by 8pm latest on Sunday 7th October (main areas close 4pm). Vehicle parking will be on the neighbouring field with a short walk to the camping field (tents) and a bit further to the woodland camping glade (hammocks, bashas and bivi’s). Campervans will be directed to a separate area away from tents – there are no hook up services in the field. Marshalls will be available to direct you during peak entry times. The site is very natural with open glades, meadow and woodland, there are few paths or hard surfaces (apart from the vehicle access track). **If you have any mobility or access needs please make this know when booking.**

Water – There are regular stand pipes for drinking water throughout the site. These will be clearly marked.

Toilets – There is an eclectic mix of facilities already on site – there is a loo block (may be 2 by the time of the festival) of ‘proper’ flushable loos and sinks. This quirky building has been made using reclaimed doors and panels and looks like a fair ground carousel! There are also blocks of more ‘rustic’ long drop composting loos.



Showers – There are four power showers within the quirky ‘fairground’ block. The water comes from a bore hole drilled specifically to feed the site. We may bring in more facilities depending on numbers planning to attend.

The Roundhouse – This amazing ‘Reciprocal Frame Building’ (Mandala roof) was constructed using trees from the site by 3 people and telehandler! We will be using this space for speakers/workshops during the

day and turn it into the bar at evening time as a relaxed chill out space.





Temporary Structures – A ‘village’ of marquees, tents, tarps, teepees, gazebos and parachutes will be dotted around the space to provide shelter whilst we eat, learn, chat, make and play!

Valkyrie, the Broads Cruiser – It’s not everyday you find a boat in the middle of the woods!. This always draws interest from children and adults alike to explore!



Campfires - There will be 2 main fire areas – one within the main marketplace and one within the woodland camping glade. We hope these communal spaces will be places for participants to relax, connect with friends, new and old, share stories, skills & songs and toast the odd marshmallow or two!

Catering – Ticketing options allow for catered ‘Squirrel’ tickets or self catered ‘hedgehog’ tickets if you prefer to cook up your own feast at camp. ‘Squirrels’ will be provided with meal tickets for the duration of their ticket. The ‘Marigold Café’ will be providing freshly prepared, yummy vegetarian food and refreshments for us all weekend. The Marigold Café



will be found in the main marketplace glade. Please bring your own mug/cup, plate, bowl & utensils – we are trying to be as low impact and reduce any waste from disposable food packaging. ‘Hedgehogs’ who are self catering are welcome to prepare their own meals back at their camp (please bring your own camping stoves). Again, we would encourage everyone to be mindful of the amount of packaging and waste they bring to site & attempt to minimise it.



Recycling & Waste – There will be recycling stations within the festival site. Together we can make the event as low impact as possible!

Sinks & Washing Up – There will be sinks set up at various points on the festival site. Washing up liquid and cleaning equipment will be available but please bring your own T-towel...or air dry!

Electricity – There is no mains electricity on site. We will be powering most of the festival with solar power. There will be lighting within the main areas but please ensure you have a torch to find your way back to your camp!



Bar & Alcohol – We will be having an evening bar in the roundhouse supplying locally produced beverages! If you prefer to bring your own refreshments, please avoid bringing glass onto site.

Technology – Phone reception is usually fine but there is no 3 G or wifi in the area! As there is no mains electricity there is also no charging points for phones etc. Maybe bring a solar charger if you need such things!



Accommodation – Standard Camping Options:



Standard Camping fees are included within the 'All Weekend' tickets. There are 3 options under the standard camping option:

- **Standard Camping: Tent** – We have a spacious meadow neighbouring the main area for tents of all shapes and sizes.
- **Standard Camping: Hammock/Bivi** – We have a woodland camping glade for those who prefer to rig between the trees.
WATCH THIS SPACE –as there is the possibility of hiring DD hammocks that will be set up for you ready for your arrival..
- **Standard Camping: Campervan/Caravan** – We will have an area on the field for camping vehicles, separate from the tents.

Please bring all camping equipment and bedding required for you to be comfortable.

Price: No extra charge, included within the 'All Weekend' tickets



Accommodation – Quirky Woodland Structures:

There are a limited number of quirky woodland structures of various shapes and sizes dotted around the woodland. These beautiful structures are low impact luxury for a truly unique weekend in the woods!

All structures have comfy beds with duvet, pillows, and bed covers provided. All made up and ready for a cosy couple of nights. Please bring your own towels.



The Railway Carriages, Silos and Zenia even have woodburners in to make them extra cosy. You will find a box of wood next to each burner for your weekend and can replenish from the woodshed if you need to.

Prices: Varies dependant on structure. Please see summary table and information about each structure below.



Bradmoor Woods Glamping Structures

Structure Name	Image	Sleeps up to	Price
Bird Houses (x 5)		2 people – in 2 single beds or 1 double	£100
Railway Carriage 1		2 people - 1 double bed	£120
Railway Carriage 2		4 people - 1 double bed and bunk beds	£240
Railway Carriage 3		2 adults and 1 child - 1 double bed and 1 small child's bed	£150

<p>Silos (x 2)</p>		<p>3 people – 1 double bed and 1 single</p>	<p>£210</p>
<p>Zenia – the upturned boat</p>		<p>4 people – 2 double beds up a ladder</p>	<p>£280</p>

Woodland Structures: The Bird Houses

Built on an A Frame design the Bird Houses are the simplest structures at Bradmoor Woods. They are supremely comfortable though and are incredibly strong as well as being the perfect low impact woodland structure. A bit less swanky than the others but in them you really are closer to nature.

All of the Bird Houses feature raised beds and are constructed with a solid wooden roof that extends down the sides of the building, forming 2 of the walls. The other 2 walls are made from canvas which has the added benefit of giving a light airy feel to the structures.



Each of the Bird Houses (there are 5 in total) has 2 beds which can be arranged as 2 singles or zipped together to make a double (please indicate which you require upon booking).



Woodland Structures: The Railway Carriages

The Railway Carriages have either a double



bed, a double and a single bed or a double bed and a bunk and sleep up to 3 people in immense comfort.

More than 100 years old, the first converted railway carriage was originally bought from the Station Master at Swaffham Station – it was transported to West Acre (the estate that owns Bradmoor Woods) in the 1970's on its steel wheels. Pulled by four Shire Horses which used to plough the fields at West Acre and was once a welcome location for shooting lunches on the estate.



The Estate have repurposed and refurbished these beautiful original carriages and turned them into fantastic places to stay and sleep in the woods.

All 3 carriages feature solid wood panelling, huge glass windows and classic French enamel stoves to keep you toasty in the night.



Woodland Structures: The Silo's

Perhaps the ultimate repurposed glamping structures, there are currently 2 silos at



Bradmoor Woods that originally served as grain storage on one of the estate farms. Now completely redesigned as sleeping structures, these fantastic metal buildings give a large yurt like experience



Fully insulated and then wood lined, the silos make a great place for families to stay. They each have a double bed, a small single and a large floorspace. They are heated with a French enamel stove.

Woodland Structures: Zenia – the upturned boat



A favourite with all who stay in her, Zenia is constructed with a reclaimed boat hull as a roof. Salvaged from Blakeney, the roof of the hut dates from around 1900, now transformed into an incredible sleeping hut. Definitely for the more agile of us as you climb ladders into the beds which are in the roof!

She can happily sleep 4 people – 2 at either end in 2 double beds – making it perfect for a family or 2 couples who want to share.



The hut also features a classic French enamel stove, which makes 'her' super toasty and warm on cooler nights, a table to sit around and some old theatre seats to watch the woods go by.



Other Accommodation Options:

If you prefer not to camp for the event, there are a variety of Hotels and Bed & Breakfasts in the surrounding area. You may wish to look at

the following websites to help you find somewhere. The nearest large (ish!) towns to the site are King's Lynn (to the west of the site about 5.5miles) or Swaffham (to the East of the site about 12 miles):

- www.airbnb.co.uk
- www.trivago.co.uk
- www.booking.com
- www.expedia.co.uk
- www.bedandbreakfasts.co.uk