



CASTLE HOWARD

2023



Context

Exciting new enrichment programme, which will challenge and inspire children beyond the classroom environment. The programme extends to all year groups in different forms: encouraging children to do further research into a subject, helping children develop social and interpersonal skills through varied activities, and applying their learning and knowledge across the curriculum.

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Institute for **Outdoor Learning**



Council for
Learning Outside the Classroom

Bushcraft company aims

- Arriving at **safari-style tented camps**, students will become fully enveloped in the wilderness, **sleeping under the stars**, and **cooking** over open fires. Away from screens and technology, our activities encourage team building and give students the chance to develop new skills and interact with their peers in a fun, creative environment.
- Whether they are learning first-aid techniques, building shelters or tackling a SOS scenario, our outdoor adventures are as real as you can get.

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The Bushcraft Company are passionate about giving every student the chance to experience a real outdoor adventure before they leave school.

It's an opportunity to put technology to one side, make lifelong memories and sleep under the stars. Our unforgettable Bushcraft Camps don't just give students the taste of adventure but inspire a lifetime of it.

Situated just 15 miles north of York Castle Howard is perfectly located for schools in the North of the country.

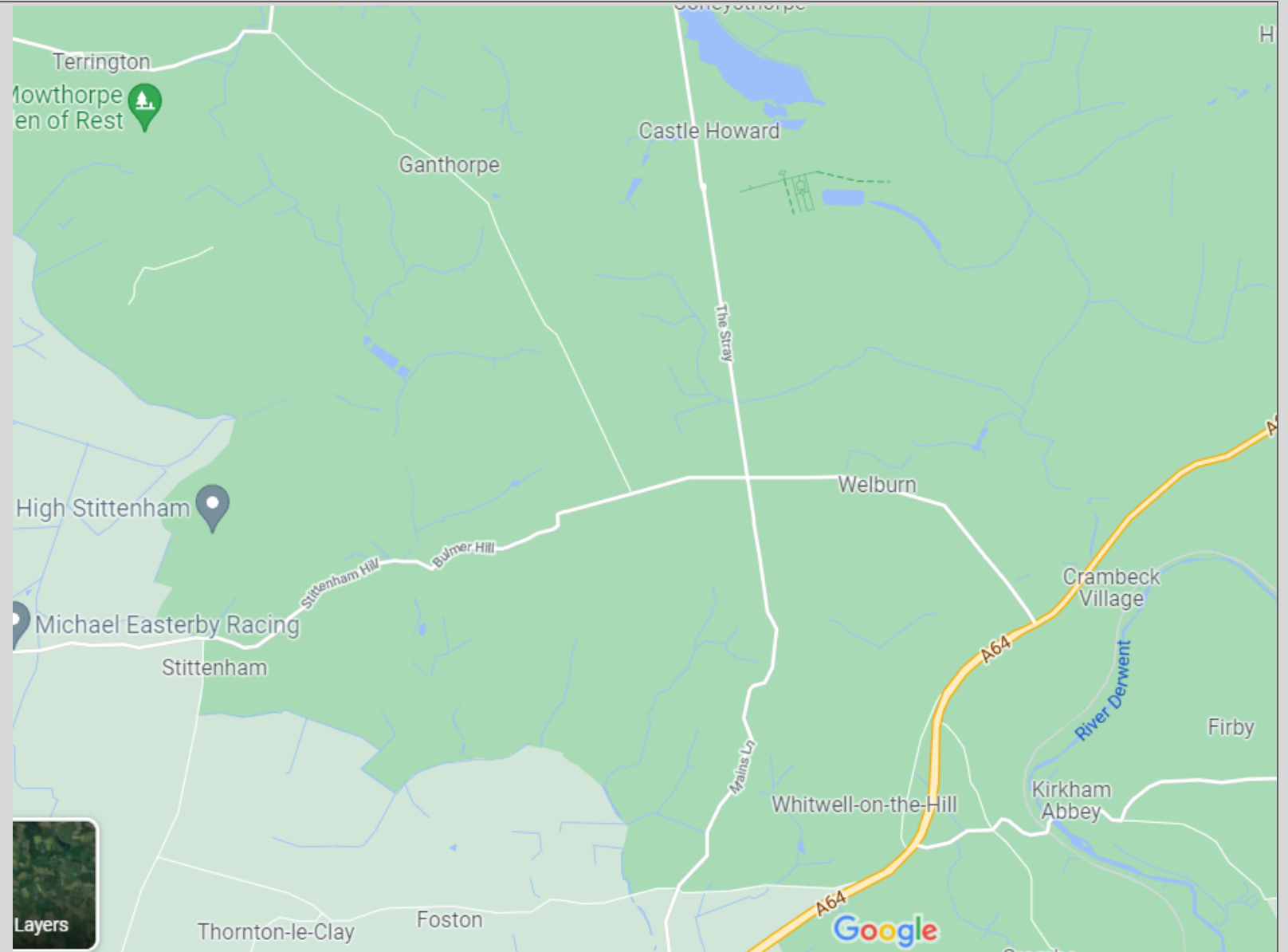


Castle Howard, York YO60 7DA

2 hours by coach

Set in the beautiful
grounds of an 18th c
stately home

Private and exclusive





Activities

07:30 - Cooked Breakfast

08:30 - Activities, Morning
Snack & Drink

12:30 - Cooked Lunch

14:00 - Activities, Afternoon
Snack & Drink

18:30 - Cooked Supper and
Pudding

20:00 - Evening Activities,
Hot Chocolate &
Marshmallows

21:30 Bedtime

DAY ONE

Arrive

Introduction to Camp

Our instructors will discuss the key elements of Bushcraft and explain what the students can realistically achieve living in the wild. They will then have a safety briefing and familiarise themselves to their new surroundings.

Camouflage and Concealment Exercise

Students will take part in a fun camouflage and concealment exercise, employing team tactics and making the most of their surroundings to camouflage themselves and evade capture.

Lunch

Shelter Building

The students will learn why we need shelter when we are living outside and the types of shelter from different societies and nationalities across the ages. Tribes will build their own shelter, using natural woodland materials.

Cutting Tools Workshop

Students will learn about the different tools used in the field of Bushcraft, both primitive and modern, and reasons for their use. They will be taught safe handling techniques and to understand how to effectively manage risk.

Supper

Night-time Routine

The students will settle in to their safari-style camp and around the campfire exchange stories and songs. They will be provided with hot chocolate and marshmallows to roast over the open campfire.

Students sleep in bell tents or shelters

Sleeping arrangements

- On a Bushcraft camp the students will sleep in single sex tent groups, in our large safari-style bell tents. Two members of our staff will always be on duty throughout the night and will be located at a central point on the camp with a lantern for visibility. They will also help with the bedtime and morning routine. All our bell tents are custom made, with a canvas inner and a waterproof cover, so students will stay warm and dry.
- Spare blankets will be available if the weather turns cold. School teachers will sleep in allocated Teacher Tents, within viewing distance of the students. Children will sleep in large bell tents, with access to toilets and 24hr staff for emergencies.
- After Easter, children will have the opportunity to share their ideal sleeping groups.
- Please let us know **of any** issues your child may have, e.g. sleepwalking or bedwetting.



A typical safari style bell tent

Catering for 10-12 children

Food at Castle Howard

Residential visits include freshly prepared seasonal meals, with a hot breakfast, packed lunch and choice of evening meal. Food is sourced locally wherever possible and we can cater for any dietary requirements.

Every meal at camp is freshly prepared on-site by your field cook, using locally sourced ingredients wherever possible. On every trip, the students will also have the chance to cook their own food, using traditional Bushcraft methods.



Food at Castle Howard

They cater for all dietary requirements, including all allergies, religious choices, vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free and dairy-free diets. They are also a nut-free company.



Food at Castle Howard

- Every morning, there is a cooked breakfast with toast and cereal or full English breakfast.
- For lunch, there is a choice of sandwiches or hot food such as spaghetti hoops on toast.
- For the evening meal, there are 2 options, (wood-fired pizza, spaghetti bolognese, salmon, venison casserole, beef fajitas).
- Puddings: crumble & custard, Eton mess and plenty of hot chocolate and marshmallows!
- Your children are able to have pieces of fruit and drinks of juice /water throughout the day as and when needed.

Kit list

- Large rucksack / holdall (avoid wheeled suitcases if possible).
- Clothing for each day of your trip to include:
 - Tracksuit
 - Hard-wearing trousers (no jeans)
 - Base layers / vests / T-shirts
 - Warm fleece / jumpers
 - Socks / underwear (we advise bringing 2 pairs of socks for each day)
- Waterproof jacket
- Pajamas to sleep in
- Roll mat and sleeping bag
- Sturdy shoes or boots, eg. Walking boots, or old trainers for activities.
- Trainers for evenings.
- Sun cream, sun hat
- Named water bottle
- Toiletries including toothpaste, toothbrush, roll-on deodorant, all preferably in a named wash-bag.
 - • Towel
 - Torch and spare batteries.
 - Plastic bag for dirty clothes (black bin bag)
 - Warm hat / gloves



Frequently asked questions.....

- **Will I need any money?** No.
- **Can I take a teddy?** Yes.
- **Can I share a safari with my friends?** You will be guaranteed to be able to share with at least 1 friend.
- **How many people will share a tent?** 4-14!
- **Can I take sweets?** No-you won't be hungry!
- **Do we wear our own clothes?** Yes and to travel in.
- **Can I take a phone?** No. Please do not bring electrical equipment or technology on to camp, to avoid the risk of expensive items being lost or damaged.
- **Can I wear earrings?** No
- **What happens if it rains?** Our camp will have a large structure called a big hat, kungsornen or yurt. These can accommodate the group where activities can take place if we have inclement weather. The majority of the time, all activities continue whatever the weather, as the extensive tree canopy often shades us and takes the worst of poor weather.

Frequently asked questions.....

- **What about toilets?**
- Our toilets are flushing porta-style toilets, similar to those you may find at a festival. Each camp has separate boys, girls and staff toilets and are regularly cleaned by the Bushcraft team throughout your adventure.
- **Will there be female members of staff at camp?** Yes, there is always at least one female member of staff on camp, present at all times.

Forms

- Please return the following forms to school:
- Parts 3 and 4 of the E1
- The medical form if your child needs medication during the trip, including travel sickness pills.
- The dormitory form with your child's name on too!