

COUNTRYSIDE LIVE ORGANISERS

Countryside Live at Lee Valley Park is run by

The Countryside Foundation for Education and Lee Valley Park Authority



The Countryside Foundation for Education (CFE) is an independent educational charity, established in 1986. Since that time it has become a leading national force in promoting awareness and understanding of the countryside as a living, working environment. This national organisation is based in Mytholmroyd, West Yorkshire.

Educational Resources

CFE produces educational resource packs for both primary and secondary schools, targeted at teachers, to help them bring the countryside into the classroom for a wide range of pupils.

The CFE are keen to make outdoor education as easy for teachers as possible and as valuable as possible for children. To this end we have developed a range of lesson plans which can be used to enhance a classroom visit to the countryside and assist further classroom based study on your return.

The CFE aims to increase awareness and understanding of the countryside as a living, working environment and has, to-date, produced two resource packs for schools. "The Lychford File" is the primary school pack and "A Case for the Countryside" is the secondary school pack.

All of these resources are available to download, free of charge, from the CFE website www.countrysidefoundation.org.uk under the Resources button.



Estate Open Days

We run "Estate Open Days", enabling thousands of school children to visit estates and learn more about countryside issues "first hand". For further details visit the CFE website under the 'Events' button.

Farms for Schools



"The National Association of Farms for Schools" (FFS) is a CFE programme. FFS is made up of farm members and aims to ensure that school trips to farms are safe, enjoyable and educationally worthwhile. We produce marketing materials, newsletters and training for members, and generally keep them informed of the Association's activities and educational developments. Visit their website www.farmsforschools.org.uk

Teaching Trees

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The Teaching Trees website has been developed by the CFE on behalf of the Royal Forestry Society, Yorkshire Division. Teaching Trees is a project which encourages the educational use of woodlands. It contains downloadable teacher resources and interactive children's activities. Educational school visits to Woodlands are also provided. Visit the website – www.teachingtrees.org.uk

Field to Fork



The Field to Fork website has been developed by the CFE under the Going for Green initiative Green Code Programme for Schools. The website features the Green Family, who form the link between all the Going for Green teaching materials. The Green Family is taken out of its home town and into the countryside. The family stays on a farm and learns about the origins of their food.

The site has three distinct but overlapping sections, there are teachers' notes explaining how the particular activities might be used, interactive activities, and worksheets that can be printed off for use in the classroom. Many are ideal to be used as preparation for a farm visit. The notes also indicate activities that are complementary to each other.

The site looks at a whole range of fun activities covering the whole of The National Curriculum. It is easy and attractive to use and should give confidence to any teacher to introduce food and farming into their classroom. The Field to Fork website can be found under the "Resources" Button on The CFE website: www.countrysidefoundation.org.uk

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Lee Valley Regional Park

The **Lee Valley Regional Park** stretches an incredible 26 miles along the leafy banks of the River Lee, from Ware in Hertfordshire, through Essex, to the Thames at East India Dock Basin.

Regional sports centres, urban green spaces, heritage sites, country parks and nature reserves provide a unique leisure experience for everyone. Whether it's athletics, golf, horse riding, ice skating, fishing, cycling, bird watching, camping or simply exploring the countryside, the Lee Valley Regional Park is a hidden gem just waiting to be discovered.

The Regional Park can offer a host of opportunities for schools including:

- Our dedicated **Youth and Schools Service**, designed to help teachers, lecturers and youth group leaders utilise the Lee Valley Regional Park's huge potential as an educational resource.
The service offers a series of half-day educational programmes for primary schools, designed to help meet the requirements of the National Curriculum for key stages 1 and 2 and to link to some QCA schemes. There is also a brand new programme of activities for students with special needs incorporating more flexible sessions with a range of sensory and art options.
- **Lee Valley Park Farms** - a traditional style farmyard with a wide variety of rare breed farm animals as well lots of small pets. A short walk to neighboring Holyfield Hall Farm will also allow you to see the cows being milked.
- **Sports Activities** including Athletics, Horse Riding, Ice Skating, Golf and Orienteering

This year, the Lee Valley regional Park Authority is delighted again to be hosting and supporting Countryside Live.

For more information of what the Regional Park has to offer please visit: the website at <http://www.leevalleypark.org.uk/>

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would like to thank**

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Countryside Live Children's Country Fair
a worthwhile and memorable experience for children