

How to get to Ogden Water.

Ogden Water is situated off the A629 Keighley Road approximately 3 miles north of Halifax. The site is accessible by public transport from Halifax and Bradford (one bus per hour)

General information.

- ☺ Male, female and wheelchair accessible toilets are situated opposite the visitor centre.
- ☺ A small shop selling crisps, pop and souvenirs is open most days during the Summer months.
- ☺ Groups working with Countryside and Forestry Unit staff can use our classroom to eat lunch subject to availability. A marquee is available as an alternative if weather is bad when the classroom is in use.
- ☺ For groups who don't wish to work with site staff, the class room is available for hire. Please contact Dave Wilson or Robin Dalton on 01422 249136 for details.

Charges (from 1/04/06).

£2.60 per head for Calderdale schools for a 1.5 hour session.
£3.60 per head for other schools.

What to bring.

Please ensure that pupils bring appropriate footwear and a warm, waterproof coat. If the weather is hot, it may even be necessary to bring sunhats, sun lotion and insect repellent! Bring lunch if eating at Ogden. All equipment needed during the visit will be supplied by us.

How to book.

Please telephone Julie Swift on 01422 393273 to organise your visit or send an e-mail to julie.swift@calderdale.gov.uk



Educational visits to Ogden Water Local Nature Reserve



'Ogden Water covers a variety of different habitats from high windswept moorland, to babbling streams and mature woodland containing open glades. The diversity of wildlife found here is immense and is readily available for visitors to discover. Ogden Water is one of the first Local Nature Reserves in Calderdale and will continue to offer access for all to this rural haven.'



Workshops.

Minibeasts

Explore the world of the minibeasts on a safari through the woods. Compare and contrast the inhabitants of a variety of habitats including woodland floor, trees (alive and dead) and grassland. Includes the use of simple keys and species recording. Suitable for Reception, Key Stage 1 and 2 - session varies in complexity depending on age group of pupils. Available May, June and September.

Habitats

Compare and contrast a selection of habitats within the Ogden Water Estate through hands-on exploration and environmental games. Session includes the use of simple keys. The aim of the visit is to help pupils recognise that different animals and plants are found in different habitats and that each habitat needs protecting to maintain the diversity of British wildlife. Suitable for Key Stage 2.

Trees

A half day session exploring the trees at Ogden Water. By the end of the session pupils will understand how a tree works, what kind of creatures live in a tree and will have really got to know a tree! Includes environmental games. Suitable for Key Stage 2.

Sensory walks

A special walk which encourages children to explore an area in a very 'hands on' way, using activities which encourage the use of all the senses. Walks are tailored to fit individual requirements. Suitable for Reception, Key Stage 1 and 2. Available April, May, June, September and October.

People's effect on the environment

Geography workshop suitable for Key Stage 3 and above. Workshop will include a two-three mile walk which will give pupils the opportunity to look at woodland management, water collection, wind farming, visitor management, sheep farming and moorland management.

Seasonal change

A selection of environmental games aimed at reception and Key Stage 1. Closely linked with the Science curriculum, Life Processes and Living Things. Available April - May and September - October.

Teddy Bear's Picnic

The Teddy Bear's Picnic is an Earth Education experience for infant classes. The programme is designed to nurture respect for the living world through first hand contact. It enables young children to have some understanding of how living things obtain their needs of life from the environment and what these needs are. The half day session includes lots of games and hands on activities and includes a teddy bear's picnic. Available May, June and September.

Customised visits

If the topic you are currently working on with your class is not covered by the workshops offered, why not give us a ring as it may be possible to devise a half day visit to enhance your pupils learning experience.

Risk assessments and session plans

Prior to your visit, you will receive a copy of the session plan outlining the activities to be covered during the workshop plus a risk assessment of the activities and the site.