



Pre-visit

Before bringing a class to Hartsholme Country Park and Swanholme Lakes Local Nature Reserve, we strongly recommend that a pre-visit is arranged, to complete a risk assessment and familiarise the group leaders with site's facilities. Please note, the Park Rangers can provide a risk assessment for you to follow as a guide, however the risk assessment for your school visit and any other activities taking place must be completed by you as the group leader.

Clothing/weather

Children must be suitably dressed for outdoor study in hot, cold or wet weather. Activities normally take place whatever the weather.

Additional facilities

- Toilets
- Picnic areas
- Lawns for informal games
- Play area

For further information about the education service at Hartsholme Country Park and Swanholme Lakes Local Nature Reserve contact:

The Visitor Centre, Hartsholme Country Park, Skellingthorpe Road, Lincoln, LN6 0EY. Tel (01522) 873735
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Hartsholme Country Park And Swanholme Lakes Local Nature Reserve

Education Information



Bring learning to life on a guided or self led visit to Hartsholme Country Park or Swanholme Lakes Local Nature Reserve.

The rich mosaic of habitats is an ideal location for creative and practical field trips. There are over 200 acres of woodland, meadow, heathland and wetland where children can learn about the natural environment.

Hartsholme Country Park

The country park is dominated by Hartsholme Lake, a reservoir which once provided drinking water for the people of Lincoln.

In the 1890's Hartsholme Hall (now demolished) was built overlooking the lake, and the land around was landscaped and planted with exotic trees. Habitats within the Country Park include woodland, meadow, lake and ponds.



Supervision

The supervision and safety of all pupils is the responsibility of the teacher and not the Park Rangers. We recommend a maximum pupil to teacher ratio of 1:10.

Classroom

Within the Visitor Centre a classroom is situated (on the 2nd floor) which can accommodate an average class size. It also provides a place to leave coats and an area to use in case of bad weather. Cost to hire the classroom is £11.00 per hour. Maximum table seating 20 persons.

Visitor Centre

The Visitor Centre has displays about the wildlife and history of Hartsholme Country Park and Swanholme Lakes Local Nature Reserve. Exhibits include live links up to Herons and Blue Tit nests.



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How to book a visit

To book an activity and for more information call the Park Rangers on (01522) 873735 or E-mail hartsholmecp@lincoln.gov.uk. Alternatively you could come into the Visitor Centre, open from 11.00 am till 4.00 pm.



Payment

All payment for activities and equipment must be made at least 1 week in advance of the date of the visit, unless agreed by prior arrangement by Hartsholme Country Park staff. An invoice will be sent to you for the appropriate payment. Payment can also be made by card or cash.

First Aid

All staff are first aid qualified. However we ask that schools bring their own first aid box and have at least one trained first aider with their group.

How to find us

Hartsholme Country Park and Swanholme Lakes Local Nature Reserve is 3 miles south-west from the centre of Lincoln.



On foot: There are a number of entrances to both sites. Ask the Park Rangers for more details.

By road: The main entrance for both areas is on the Skellingthorpe Road (B1378). It is signposted from the A46 (Lincoln by-pass) and from Tritton Road.

By public transport: A regular bus service (6) runs from the City centre.

Parking

Parking for coaches, mini-buses (on request) and cars is situated off the main Skellingthorpe Road entrance and is free of charge.

Ranger led activities

Available Tuesday to Friday between 10.00 am and 4.30 pm at a cost of £91.00 for groups of up to 30 (schools) 20 (private parties). Additional children at £3.70 per child can be discussed.

Mini-beast hunt (available between April and September) KS 1-2
Orienteering KS 2-4
Pond dipping (available between April and September) KS 1-2
Sensory KS 1-2
Terrific trees KS 1-3
Shelter building KS 1-3
Woodland art KS 1-2
History Hunt KS 1-3

Self-led activities

Available Monday to Friday (some weekends by prior arrangement) between 10.00 am and 4.30 pm at a cost of £27.30 for the hire of the activity box (£26.00 returnable deposit required). All hired equipment to be collected from the Visitor Centre.

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Swanholme Lakes Local Nature Reserve

Adjacent to Hartsholme Country Park is Swanholme Lakes an area of sand and gravel workings now reclaimed by nature. Today, it is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) in recognition of its importance for wildlife. Habitats include meadow, lowland heathland, lakes and other wetlands.

Activities

Hartsholme Country Park and Swanholme Lakes Local Nature Reserve offer a choice of Ranger-led and self-led activities, which develop an awareness of the natural environment. Activities are linked to the National Curriculum, available between Key Stages one and four.

Short guided walks are also available on a variety of subjects

