



Nature Tots Forest School at Centre for Wildlife Gardening Information Pack 2019-2020

About Nature Tots Forest School

Nature Tots is a Forest School programme for pre-school children age 18 months to 5 years. We engage and inspire young people and their carers to connect with nature through hands-on outdoor activities around wildlife.

During Nature Tots, children will explore their natural surroundings, discovering the animals and habitats around them. Activities include minibeast hunting, pond dipping, cooking, stories, music and nature crafts. Nature Tots helps children develop their confidence and emotional well-being, and skills in independent learning, problem solving, working with others and creativity.

Parents/Guardians

Parents and children participate together. All children remain the responsibility of parents and carers throughout the session and must be supervised at all times. Any one adult must be accompanying no more than three children under 5.

Staff

Our staff leading the sessions are all Forest School Level 3 practitioners, are DBS checked and are first aid trained.

Facilities

There are toilet and baby changing facilities onsite. There are tea and coffee making facilities onsite for parents/guardians.

Snacks for children are not included but during each session there will be a story and an opportunity for the children to have a drink and snack so you may wish to bring something suitable for your child.

Food may sometimes be provided as part of the Nature Tots activity, please let us know on the booking form if your child has any dietary or allergy requirements. Please also let us know on the booking form if any of the children or accompanying adult have any access needs.

For allergen information: Please note that cats are present in the garden; in the kitchen there may be traces of peanut. Please ask about any other allergen concerns you have.

What to wear

Children (and adults) should be dressed appropriately for the weather. We go outside come rain or shine. If the weather is heavy rain, cold or windy, we have shelter in the classroom or covered area outside, but we'll still venture outside to explore. We will assess the site and weather conditions each morning, if it is deemed too dangerous (storms or high winds) we will cancel the session, refunds will be paid accordingly, or sessions rescheduled. Children should wear clothes suitable for messy play. It is advisable to bring a change of clothes in case your child gets wet or muddy to prevent them getting cold or uncomfortable. Bringing a spare pair of socks is always a good idea!

Cost and booking

All prices listed are inclusive of VAT, prices are subject to booking fee.

Taster session: The first session is a free taster. You must still book on for your taster session. There are usually three taster sessions available during each session, this varies depending on how many other children are booked. Taster sessions are on a first come, first served basis. You may only book a taster session once. Taster sessions are for 1 adult and up to 3 children. If after your first free taster session you wish to come back to Nature Tots, you must book one of the below two options.

Half termly rate: The cost is £36.00 per six-week half termly sessions. If you would like to join mid-way through a half term, you can pay £36.00 for the remaining sessions, pay the **Pay as you go** rate for each remaining session, or wait until the new half term begins. There is a sibling discount rate of £27.00 which is available for siblings of a full paying child.

If you cannot attend a session, please let us know by emailing Abi on amarch@wildlondon.org.uk so the Forest School leader who is running the session knows how many people to expect. If you miss a session you will not be reimbursed, nor can you carry that session over to the following term.

This option is advised if you know you can make at least four of the sessions during the half term as it is more cost effective.

Pay as you go rate: The cost is £10.00 per session to attend sessions on an ad-hoc basis. The cost for additional siblings is £7.50.

If you have booked a session but then cannot attend please cancel through Eventbrite on the link on your booking confirmation. Pay as you go tickets can be refunded up to 1 day before the session you have booked. If you do not cancel in advance we cannot refund the ticket, nor can the ticket be used for another session.

This option is advised if you know you cannot attend at least three of the sessions during the half term as it will work out cheaper than paying for the full half term.

To book any Nature Tots sessions between September 2019-July 2020, follow the relevant link in the table below.

	Centre for Wildlife Gardening – Monday, 10.30am-12.00pm
Free taster session <i>Sept 19 – July 20</i>	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nature-tots-forest-school-at-centre-for-wildlife-gardening-taster-session-tickets-69743930975
Pay As You Go <i>Sept 19 – July 20</i>	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nature-tots-forest-school-at-centre-for-wildlife-gardening-pay-as-you-go-tickets-67914711731
Autumn Term 1 <i>Week beginning 9th Sept 2019</i>	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nature-tots-forest-school-at-centre-for-wildlife-gardening-half-term-90919-141019-tickets-69714950293
Autumn Term 2 <i>Week beginning 4th Nov 2019</i>	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nature-tots-forest-school-at-centre-for-wildlife-gardening-half-term-41119-91219-tickets-69720412631
Spring Term 1 <i>Week beginning 6th Jan 2020</i>	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nature-tots-forest-school-at-centre-for-wildlife-gardening-half-term-60120-100220-tickets-69720611225
Spring Term 2 <i>Week beginning 24th Feb 2020</i>	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nature-tots-forest-school-at-centre-for-wildlife-gardening-half-term-240220-300320-tickets-69720773711
Summer Term 1 <i>Week beginning 20th Apr 2020</i>	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nature-tots-forest-school-at-centre-for-wildlife-gardening-half-term-200420-010620-tickets-69721098683
Summer Term 2 <i>Week beginning 8th Jun 2020</i>	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nature-tots-forest-school-at-centre-for-wildlife-gardening-half-term-80620-130720-tickets-69721385541

Nature Tots dates for Sept 2019 - July 2020

<i>Mondays 10.30am-12.00pm</i>		
Autumn Term 1 9th September 16th September 23rd September 30th September 7th October 14th October	Spring Term 1 6th January 13th January 20th January 27th January 3rd February 10th February	Summer Term 1 20th April 27th April 4th May 11th May 18th May 1st June
Autumn Term 2 4th November 11th November 18th November 25th November 2nd December 9th December	Spring Term 2 24th February 2nd March 9th March 16th March 23rd March 30th March	Summer Term 2 8th June 15th June 22nd June 29th June 6th July 13th July

About Centre for Wildlife Gardening

Centre for Wildlife Gardening in Peckham, south London, is an idyllic wildlife garden and award-winning visitor centre in quiet residential street. It is the perfect place to learn and relax in a welcoming outdoor environment.

It is a favourite spot for local families, school children, gardeners and wildlife watchers; having grown beyond recognition since the Trust created it in the late 1980s from an old council depot.

The centre's demonstration wildlife garden has a range of mini-habitats including four ponds, chalk bank, wildflower meadow, woodland copse, herb garden, stag beetle sanctuaries, insect hotels, and raised beds demonstrating permaculture.

Location and Transport

Address: Centre for Wildlife Gardening, 28 Marsden Road, London, SE15 4EE

By Train: Nearest stations are East Dulwich (approx. 0.4 miles away) and Peckham Rye (approx. 0.6 miles away). See map for locations relative to the Centre for Wildlife Gardening.

By Bus: Nearest bus stops are Elsie Road, Ondine Road, East Dulwich Road Goose Green (Stop H) and East Dulwich Road Goose Green (Stop G). See map for locations relative to the Centre for Wildlife Gardening and bus numbers.

By Bike: Please ask a staff member and they will show you where bikes can be safely parked.

By Car: There is free street parking on Marsden Road and surrounding roads but no public parking inside the gates, we cannot guarantee what street parking will be available on any given day.

