

Epping Forest Field Centre

AS / A2 Geography

Individual Student Days 2009/2010

Fieldwork courses for individuals or small groups of students

ISD's can be used to build knowledge about the subject and help students to prepare for their individual investigation or fieldwork skills paper. The courses focus on planning an investigation, sampling techniques and collection of primary and secondary data. In addition presentation and evaluation techniques and limitations will also be considered.

A range of courses are offered which run from approximately 9.30am to 4.30pm and will include classroom and field based sessions. **The cost per day is £26 per student.**

There is no charge for accompanying staff.

Choose from the range of Courses listed including:
Rebranding Places, Extreme Weather, Rivers: Applied Geographical Skills,
River Flooding and Management, Succession, Sustainable Tourism

Further details can be found on our web site or contact the Centre. Details about your visit, including health and safety information, location information and details of what to bring can be found on the FSC website; www.field-studies-council.org/eppingforest.

To book, complete and return the attached booking form.

The Centre's purpose built facilities offer superb opportunities for field study in the heart of Epping Forest.

All of our courses are led by experienced Tutors selected for their knowledge and expertise as well as their relaxed and friendly manner

Epping Forest Field Centre

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Geography courses

see booking form for dates

Extreme Weather (Edexcel): Students will create a weather diary using a variety of qualitative and quantitative ways to assess the weather. The relationship between land-use and flood risk will be investigated through infiltration and interception experiments and students will model a storm event using storm simulator plots.

Rebranding Places (Edexcel): The day focuses on Epping Forest as a rural heritage area. A profile of the forest is created, including the forest environment, and the visitors that use this area. Students consider where the visitors come from and if the current image of the forest is appropriate to the local population. Possible rebranding options are evaluated and suggestions made as to how rebranding will influence visitors.

Unequal Spaces (Edexcel): Students will compare locations, using a variety of courses of data including census data and observations of environmental and housing quality. A study into the inequalities of the local area will include research into access to services and how groups within society are excluded due to factors such as income, age & health. Students will gain an understanding of how inequality studies, using a mixture of qualitative and quantitative techniques can be undertaken. The fieldwork takes place in Debden / Loughton.

Rivers: Applied Geographical Skills (AQA / OCR): Students carry out an investigation on changing channel characteristics, river processes and fluvial landforms with distance downstream and consider how variables interrelate. By the end of the river investigation all students will have developed river fieldwork skills and have used different methods to collect data. Students will develop a thorough understanding of where different landforms are likely to be found in the drainage basin.

River Flooding and Management: Applied Geographical Skills (AQA / OCR): Students will consider the impacts of previous flooding events, observe different flood defences and carry out a cost-benefit analysis for a variety of different flood alleviation options. Fieldwork will be conducted on the physical processes which make the area vulnerable to flooding. Students will then be encouraged to consider what could be done to lessen the risk of flooding in the area. Fieldwork will take place on the Loughton Flood Scheme. Students will consider the causes and effects of flooding in Loughton in 1982 & 2000 and management solutions undertaken.

Human Environments: Applied Geographical Skills (AQA / OCR): Students will visit a number of areas in an urban environment and assess the levels of deprivation (using a variety of indicators, including housing and environmental quality). This will be used to help relate locations of deprivation with other land-use patterns in the area and consider how problems of deprivation could be tackled sustainably in the future. The study will compare two local and contrasting areas- Debden and Loughton.

Succession: Applied Geographical Skills (AQA / OCR): Students will study the change in vegetation over space and time in an ecosystem, and relate this to abiotic measurements they have taken on the soil and micro-climate. Students will consider how the ecosystem is developing and how people are affecting it. This will give students a good understanding of succession and the influences on this process.

Sustainable Tourism: Applied Geographical Skills (AQA / OCR): This study will focus on a tourist honeypot site and consider why tourism has developed there and how it is changing now. Students will assess the impacts of tourism and consider the advantages and disadvantages of the industry. Students will use this information to consider how the area could be managed more sustainably in the future. Fieldwork is undertaken in Epping Forest, focusing on High Beach a popular area for local visitors.

What to do next:

- To make a booking on one of the Individual Student Days please read the booking conditions then **complete, sign and return the booking and visitor information form (for all visitors) with payment** for each individual course. (The last page of this document) Contact us to ensure space is still available.
- Students **must be accompanied by a teacher from the school**, if this is not possible please contact the Centre to discuss options.
- We will accept bookings for small groups from a school on an ISD. If you have more students please contact the Centre to discuss options.
- Payment in full is required (£26 per student per course) to be sent with the completed booking form.
- Cheques should be made payable to the 'Field Studies Council' and sent to EFFC. Please write 'ISD' on the back of the cheque together with the school name. A receipted invoice will be sent.
- On receipt of the booking form you will be sent a confirmation letter. The Tutor teaching the day will also liaise with you and the other visiting groups prior to the course in order to ensure all groups get the most from the day.
- Please access further information about your visit from our website www.field-studies-council.org/eppingforest including:
 - FS01 Location and contact details
 - FS02 who we are
 - FS05 school group leader agreement
 - FS07 info for visiting secondary students (to be given to all visitors)
 - FS09 Health and safety information for secondary groups
- Please **ensure all visitors receive FS07** before their visit as this provides information on what to bring and to ensure that you and your group have a safe and enjoyable time.
- We are unable to accept responsibility for any difficulties arising from not being notified of special needs in advance.
- In order to make the most of the day, it is important that you should arrive on time so the programme can be followed. Students will be required to make their own way to the Centre. Taxis are available from Loughton Tube station.
- **All Courses run from 9.30am until 4.30pm**
- On the day please telephone the Centre and advise staff of your estimated arrival time if you are likely to be delayed.
- Please report to reception on arrival.
- If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the centre on 020 8502 8500.

If you have specific requirements or a topic you wish to cover or the dates shown are not suitable, please speak to us about alternative ISD's and dates that we may be able to offer.

Booking Conditions: Your visit

Your contract will be with the Field Studies Council (FSC)

Deposit

We require full payment to secure your booking, to arrive no later than 28 days before the date of your visit. (Should this letter be received within 28 days of the visit, we shall require the deposit and Visitor Information form within 3 days of receipt of this letter). Please make all cheques payable to the 'Field Studies Council'. This will be deducted from your final balance and is non refundable in the event of a cancellation. A receipted invoice will be sent to you at least 5 weeks before the date of the course. The Centre reserves the right to cancel a booking without notice where a deposit has not been received by the due date.

Confirmation of visitor information

The visitor information form and confirmation of numbers must be completed and returned to us with your payment. The Centre is unable to accept responsibility for any difficulties arising from not being notified in advance of your visit. Any information disclosed will be treated in confidence by the FSC.

Balance of Fee

Full payment is required to confirm a place on the course. A receipted invoice will be sent to you. In certain circumstances an additional invoice may be raised after your course (e.g. broken equipment, additional students).

Cancellation

If you are forced to cancel or curtail your FSC course you may be liable for payment of up to 100% of the course fees. Furthermore the FSC cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage to guests' personal belongings. Consequently we recommend you take out appropriate insurance cover prior to your trip. The FSC has negotiated optional insurance cover at competitive rates with a leading insurer. Please contact the Centre if you would like details.

Cancellation of the Course (By the school)

If it is necessary for you to cancel your booking, please inform the Centre in writing as soon as possible. The Centre will retain the deposit for a cancellation made within 28 days of the course and retain the full fee for a course cancelled within 21 days of the course. Charges can only be waived in exceptional circumstances.

Cancellation of the Course (By the Centre)

Should a course be cancelled by the Centre, and this will only happen in exceptional circumstances, we shall inform the school as soon as possible and try to make alternative arrangements. Should no alternative arrangement be suitable, a full refund of all payments would be made at the earliest opportunity.

Variation of conditions

The centre reserves the right to vary its booking condition as necessary. Bookings will be subject to the conditions prevailing at the time of booking. FSC reserves the right to refuse to accept any booking without stating a reason.

Amendments

FSC reserves the right to alter course programmes after careful consideration, if and as circumstances dictate.

Individual Student Day Booking and Visitor Information Form

To book onto an Individual Student Day, complete and return this form before your visit along with full payment.

Name of Supervising Teacher: (a teacher from the school must be present & listed on visitor information form)	School (Name, Address and postcode):
Telephone Number:	Email Address:

Courses for the academic year 2009/2010 (all run 0930 -1630)	Date	Cost per person	No. students attending
Succession: Applied Geographical Skills	25 Sept 2009	£26	
Human Environments: Applied Geographical Skills	6 Oct 2009	£26	
Rivers: Applied Geographical Skills	13 Oct 2009	£26	
River Flooding and Management: Applied Geographical Skills	14 Oct 2009	£26	
Rebranding Places	21 Oct 2009	£26	
Extreme Weather	12 Nov 2009	£26	
Unequal Spaces	18 Nov 2009	£26	
Rivers: Applied Geographical Skills	27 Jan 2010	£26	
Extreme Weather	4 Feb 2010	£26	
River Flooding and Management: Applied Geographical Skills	9 Feb 2010	£26	
Sustainable Tourism: Applied Geographical Skills	10 March 2010	£26	
Unequal Spaces	18 March 2010	£26	
Succession: Applied Geographical Skills	24 March 2010	£26	
Rebranding Places	30 March 2010	£26	
Extreme Weather	21 April 2010	£26	
Rivers: Applied Geographical Skills	29 April 2010	£26	
River Flooding and Management: Applied Geographical Skills	30 April 2010	£26	
Rebranding Places	20 May 2010	£26	
Unequal Spaces	27 May 2010	£26	

School Year:	
Specification / Unit:	
Reason for visit:	
Predicted Grade(s):	

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Name of visitor	Age (* if adult)	Medication /special needs	Adult responsible

I have read the booking conditions and accessed the details on the website (If you have difficulties accessing this information, please contact us). I have passed FS07 onto all visitors. I enclose a cheque for £26 per student per course as payment (there is no charge for accompanying staff).

Signed: Date: