



LEARNING & *Discovery at* WILDER DODDINGTON



We want everyone to feel inspired by nature, to be curious about how nature connects to our health and the health of the planet.

▲ Students preparing to explore the Fishpond

Wilder Doddington OUR VISION

Wilder Doddington is an innovative 400-year project to rewild, bringing nature back to the estate.

We believe that everyone, young and old, should have the opportunity to discover and connect with nature. We know that regular connection to nature has positive effects on health and wellbeing and is vital to encourage people to take action to help wildlife and the environment.

Our learning programmes allow people to do this while they explore our developing landscape. Wilder Doddington offers a range of visits tailored to each school or group's particular needs.

Our primary programme seeks to inspire and create opportunities for awe and wonder, building confidence and self-esteem alongside curriculum-based learning.

A Level programmes cover topics across ecology and geography, making full use of the resources at Wilder Doddington including its skilled team and partners.

Alternative Provision programmes support individualised learner development by engaging students in activities in the transforming landscape.

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Primary SESSION

Session

Half Days



▲ Exploring wilder habitats

All sessions can be adapted to EYFS, KS1 and KS2, unless otherwise stated.

● **Terrific Trees** ✨

Focusing on these giants of nature we will explore them with our senses and find out what lives in, on and around them.

● **Plant Detectives** ✨

Learn about the lifecycle of a plant whilst exploring Doddington. Find a wide variety of species across the landscape. Look closely at the plants and see their different parts.

● **Woodland Workshop** ✨ 🌿 🐾

Explore the woodland, try your hand at practical skills such as fire lighting and shelter building. Learn how we can use the woods whilst respecting nature and supporting the creatures who live there.

Due to the location, transport is required and group sizes and toilet facilities are limited. Please contact us for details.

● **Nature's Inspiration** 🎨

Use natural materials to create art inspired by nature, out in the Wilder Doddington landscape. Students produce an individual piece of art to take back to school.

● **Interesting Invertebrates** 🐾

Explore different habitats across the estate and discover the wide variety of invertebrates that live within them.

● **Fascinating Freshwater (Suitable for KS2 only)** 🐾

Discover the wonderful world beneath the surface of the pond. Learning about how different adaptations allow species to survive in this underwater world.

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● **Wilder Habitats** ✨ 🐾

Find out how the Doddington Estate is rewilding its landscape and explore the different habitats this is creating. Consider how these habitats support a variety of species.

● **Discover Doddington** 🏰

Learn about the history of the Elizabethan house and the estate. Learn about how farming has changed and how the estate continues to develop to meet the needs of current and future generations.

Our taster timetable for a Primary Day visit can be seen overleaf ▶

KEY: ✨ Plants
 ✨ Seasons
 🐾 Living things & their habitat
 🌿 Physical Education
 🏰 History
 🎨 Art

Within all sessions we will help students to develop:

1 *Confidence being outdoors*

2 *Spoken Language*

3 *Vocabulary*

4 *Nature Connectedness*

5 *Understanding of nature and the landscape*

PLUS:

Transferable skills such as observational skills, teamwork, sharing and resilience.

Taster timetable for a PRIMARY DAY

Session (Time)	Activity
Arrival 10am	<p>Meet with your Wilder Doddington Leader Introduction and Safety Briefing.</p> <p>Snack break (if required).</p>
Morning	<p>Activity Session 1 Chosen from our session summaries.</p>
12.00 Lunch (45 mins)	<p>Lunch Time for a picnic lunch on the lawn, free play and toilet visits, managed by school staff.</p>
Afternoon	<p>Activity Session 2 Chosen from our session summaries.</p>
2.15pm	<p>Departure Toilets and depart at 2.30pm</p>



Schools also bring groups to Doddington to develop their Lincolnshire Agricultural Society Schools' Challenge project.

Please talk to our team about relevant Schools' Challenge course bookings or engagement visits for groups not directly curriculum related.

TO ENQUIRE OR MAKE A BOOKING
PLEASE EMAIL:
WILDER@DODDINGTONHALL.COM

Did you know we also offer Teacher CPD opportunities and can host inset days?

GET IN CONTACT WITH OUR TEAM FOR MORE DETAILS.



Nature-based Learning AT WILDER DODDINGTON



▲ Grasshopper

Wilder Doddington is packed with a huge diversity of wildlife across its 1,900 acres. The site is grazed by a range of livestock including Lincoln Red cattle, Mangalitza and Tamworth pigs and Exmoor ponies.

This is a unique opportunity to engage students in a changing landscape that is managed with nature in mind, whilst still producing food and creating lots of employment opportunities that support the local social landscape.

We can adapt the delivery according to learning level and can explore increasingly complex concepts of land use. These include healthy soils (physical, biological and chemical), sustainability, food production, food self-sufficiency (we produce high quality nature-friendly forage-fed beef, venison and pork), economics, climate adaptation, and water management for flood and drought resilience. In addition, we use these topics as a backdrop for multiple academic subjects from sciences through history, physical and human geography to art and journalism.

Our focus is on nature connection and wellbeing as well as meeting curriculum requirements. We offer a range of visits tailored to each school and group's particular needs.

Young Wildlings, our Primary programme seeks to inspire and create awe, delivering learning and at the same time helping to build confidence and self-esteem.

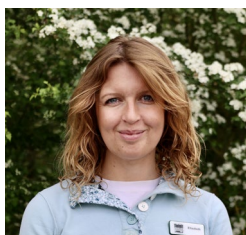
Wild Learning, our Secondary programmes provide greater in-depth study, particularly those targeted at A Level courses. These make full use of Wilder Doddington's wide range of physical resources and our skilled team of experts.

Wilder Horizons, our Alternative Provision (AP) programme, is developed alongside learners and schools. At Doddington we understand its bespoke nature and our outdoor environment provides a safe, welcoming space where learners can experience a more holistic approach to learning. We can provide customised courses that help learners to build confidence, skills and aspirations.

The **Wild House**, our state-of-the-art learning and engagement facility, includes two large classrooms, a lab, offices and a volunteer hub. At the heart of the estate in its own dedicated space, it has been designed to Passivhaus Premium standards. This means it is highly efficient and generates more energy than it uses.

The Wilder LEARNING TEAM

Our learning delivery team has a wealth of experience, with team members having previously worked in outdoor learning, heritage and culture, food production, academic research and lecturing, community engagement, wildlife conservation and reserve management.



**ELIZABETH
DUCKWORTH**

Education Delivery Officer

Elizabeth moved into the outdoor delivery of nature-based learning programmes after eight years of teaching across KS3, GCSE and A Level. She has experience supporting learners with additional needs and those within alternative provision, adapting the National Curriculum into hands-on, sensory experiences.

At Wilder Doddington, Elizabeth delivers the Wilder Connections programme, helping students connect with nature, engage first-hand with nature recovery and experience the wider environment in a meaningful way.



**LISA
BRUMPTON**

Project Support Officer

Lisa has over 10 years' experience working in the culture service for Lincolnshire County Council. This has included delivering historical and art-inspired workshops and tours to participants from schools and other educational settings. She also has experience of delivering engaging, curriculum-based learning sessions for English Heritage.

Lisa encourages students to get involved and get creative while discovering the landscape and nature around them. At Wilder Doddington she supports education delivery, manages bookings, helps to coordinate volunteers and assists visiting groups, ensuring that visits to the wilding project are welcoming, well organised and memorable.



**ROSIE
MOLTON**

*Education Delivery Lead &
Designated Safeguarding Lead*

Rosie facilitates sessions for groups and individuals of all ages. With over 10 years' experience in outdoor learning, predominantly with the Field Studies Council, Rosie has a wealth of experience delivering sessions to schools, colleges and SEND students both inside and outside the classroom.

She also leads the learning team, ensuring sessions are shaped to meet participants' needs and help young people connect with nature, engage with rewilding and experience the wider environment first-hand.



**MATTHEW
CAPPER**

Conservation Adviser

Matthew is our Conservation Adviser, helping to deliver Doddington's ecological vision. He has many years' experience in nature conservation, including managing several RSPB reserves.

Passionate about connecting people with nature, he has led education and engagement activities for organisations such as the National Trust, Severn Trent Water and the Peak District National Park Authority. He was the RSPB's People Engagement Manager for Northern England and more recently Head of Public Engagement and Communications for the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust. His love of wildlife has taken him around the world as a nature guide for a leading wildlife tour company.