



DOUGLASWOOD SCHOOL RESIDENTIAL PACKAGE 2026

Step outside the walls of the classroom and into the vast open world where knowledge meets adventure.

Option 1: Full On-site catering

Option 2: On-site catering + meal at Forbes of Kingennie on night 2



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About Us

Ancrum Outdoor Centre is Dundee City Council's very own in-house adventure activity provider and adventure safety advisory service. Our team deliver high quality outdoor learning and adventure programmes to all Dundee school establishments throughout the year and support children and young people overcoming life challenges leading to more successful outcomes back in school and home.

We are delighted to offer our P7 school residential experience at Douglaswood Scout Centre. Competitively priced with great value for money, its local for schools in Dundee and in our neighbouring local authorities and with transport included in the cost, this really is the best residential package on the market.

Through our continued partnership with the Dundee District Scout Council our residentials are based at Douglaswood Estate which is only 20 minutes from Dundee. This great and secure residential estate is completely self-contained. Being so local has greatly improved the inclusivity and reduces unnecessary long travel journeys to get to the venue.

Occupancy

The two lodges, Carolina and Larg accommodate 31 and 34 people in total respectively (including pupils and staff). Schools with 36-60 pupils would have sole occupancy of the whole estate. Groups with under 30 pupils may expect another school group of similar size during these same dates but we will always discuss this option with schools who book in with us. Each school will have their very own exclusive adventure programme and will not be mixed with other schools using the estate at same time unless by direct request of a group of head teachers seeking to use this as a transitional residential experience for a cluster schools.

Full accommodation details and photos are below and for further information enjoy the walk-through video clips

The Estate

Click on the photos to see a walk through of the buildings and the estate



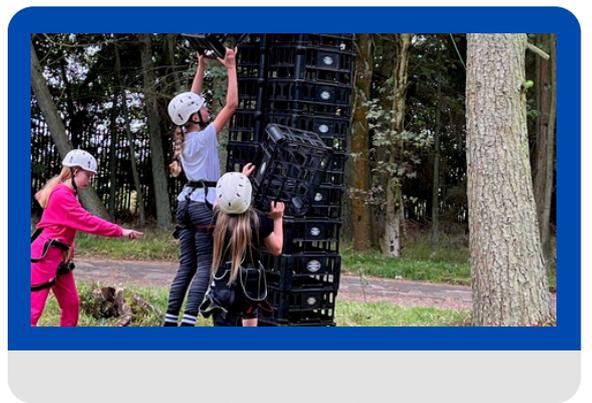
Carolina Lodge



Larg Lodge



The Campfire

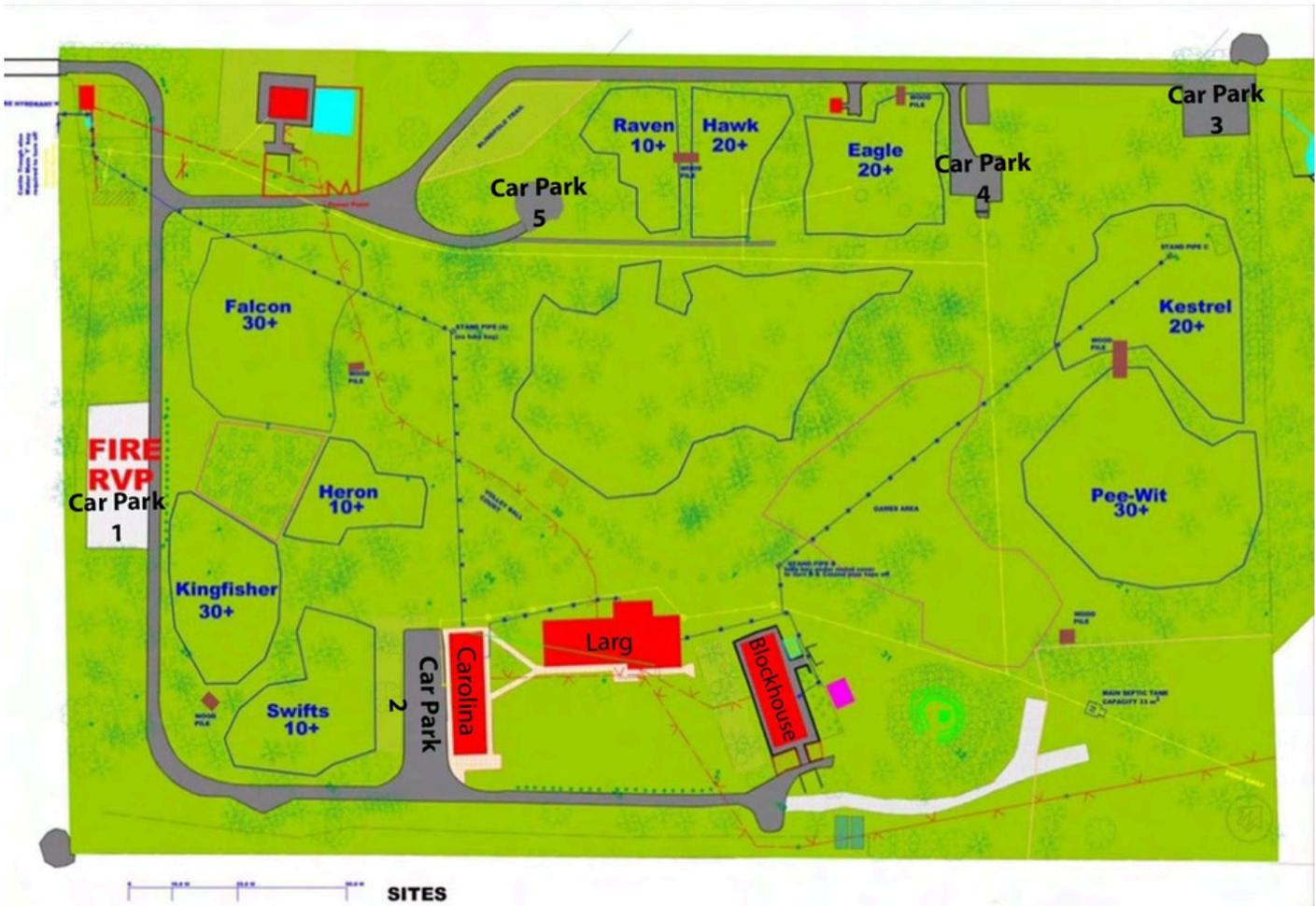


Douglaswood Estate

Why choose Ancrum?

- **We are dedicated to ensure that every child, young person and attending staff get the most from our residential package.**
- **We have a number of the highest qualified and experienced outdoor education staff in the UK working for us who share their talent and experiences across our whole team.**
- **We shall design and tailor your package as you wish.**
- **We make sure that all participants have fun and positive experiences**
- **We shall be on hand from the day you make your first enquiry to answer any questions, queries, visit or speak to staff at short notice, attend assemblies and/or parents' evenings on request**

Location & Map of Site



Accommodation

Carolina Lodge

4 bedrooms accommodating 29 in total (27 kids and 2 adults) with kitchen dining room and activities area



Larg

5 bedrooms accommodating 34 in total (32 kids and 2 adults) with kitchen, dining room, large activities room



Outdoor Activity Space

Lots of open space to set up activities and a camp fire too.



Potential

Helping People Achieve Their Potential

Learning in the outdoors is not just about the activities. It is about inspiring the new generation to learn more about themselves, work together as a team, tackle challenges head on, build confidence and so much more.

At Ancrum Outdoor Centre, we follow the Institute for Outdoor Learning's outcomes in every residential we run, in order to help develop skills in the following areas:

- **Enjoyment of the outdoors**
- **Confidence and resilience building**
- **Health and wellbeing**
- **Social and emotional awareness**
- **Environmental awareness**
- **Physical activity skills**
- **Increased motivation and appreciation for learning**
- **Broadened horizons**

It is so much more than just a school trip, the experience and skills that children gain on an outdoor education residential will resonate throughout their life.

Land Based Activities



Zip Line



Crate Climb

Archery



Mobile Climbing



Water Activities

Giant SUP



Powerboating



Paddleboarding



Canoeing



Zorb



Sample Programme

Day One

09:45 hrs Arrive at Douglaswood Residential Centre -
welcome / introductions

**10:30 to
16:00 hrs** Multi Activity Day (incl zip line, orienteering,
crate climb, team challenges, archery, mobile
climbing wall)

16:00 hrs Larg Hall - meeting / room allocation

**16:20 to
17:50 hrs** Free time

18:00 hrs Dinner

**19:00 to
20:30 hrs** Campfire Activities

20:45 hrs Hot chocolate talk

21:00 hrs Lights out

Sample Programme

Day Two

08:00 hrs **Breakfast**

09:30 hrs **Depart for Dundee Sea Cadet Centre,
Camperdown Docks**

**10:00 to
15.45 hrs** **Wet N Wild Watersport Activity Day**

16:15 hrs **Return to Douglaswood Residential Centre**

**16:30 to
17.50 hrs** **Free time**

18:00 hrs **Dinner (Option 1 Onsite, Option 2 Offsite)**

**19:15 to
20:50 hrs** **Evening entertainment - indoor / outdoor
activities**

21:00 hrs **Hot chocolate talk**

21:15 hrs **Lights out**

Sample Programme

Day Three

07:30 to 08:00 hrs Luggage to box trailer

08:00 hrs Breakfast

09:00 hrs Dorm room inspection

09:40 hrs Depart for Arbroath

10:30 to 14:15 hrs Coast and Caves Exploration Day or Burn Walk

14:20 hrs Depart for return to school

15:00 hrs See ya later alligator!



FAQs

Are all your staff qualified and can we see their qualifications?

Yes, all our instructors are highly qualified and their qualifications are held on live electronic DCC staff qualification database and copies can be sent out as required.

Are you licenced through AALA?

Yes, we do hold a licence through AALA and are regularly inspected to ensure the high standards are maintained.

Can you provide risk assessments?

Yes, we can on request. All of our risk assessments are reviewed annually by our technical advisor and regularly checked by our activities manager in case of recommendations for current best practice or site specific changes.

Do all your staff have a PVG?

Yes, as part of our recruitment process, our management team ensures that all our staff have undergone an enhanced PVG to make sure that they can work with children and vulnerable people. Our staff will also be familiar with Leisure and Culture Dundee's child protection policy and are acutely aware of who our designated child protection officer is. On top of this, all of our staff have done additional children protection modules for specific activities.

What are the group ratios?

Our group ratios depend very much on the activity and the venue. A standard group ratio is 1:8 for our activities.

What are the minimum age requirements?

All our activities and venues have different minimum age ranges, which get regularly reviewed by our management team. We can tailor activities to different age groups by going to different venues.

What specialist equipment do you provide?

We will provide all specialist activity equipment such as buoyancy aids, helmets and wetsuits.

What if my child doesn't like the food?

We cater for a range of dietary requirements that we confirm in advance. No child will go hungry!

Do you have any fire tests?

On arrival, all the groups get shown around the centre and shown the fire meeting point and all exit routes out of the buildings. On the evening of the first night, we do a fire test so that people are familiar with the process.

What happens if there is an incident or accident?

All staff are highly trained in first aid and there is a member of staff on call 24/7 should any issues arise. There is a local doctor and pharmacy just a 10 minute drive away should it be required for any reason. Records are kept of any issues and a close liaison between teachers, instructors and parents would occur to ensure things are dealt with according to wishes.

Can my child phone home?

Teachers discretion - there is always a contactable member of staff 24/7 at the estate should you need to get in touch. If there is a family emergency then we request parents contact the centre and the message can then get to the pupil through the teachers and instructors.

Is the centre open to the public and can I visit in order to see the place prior to the booking?

No, only the students on residential and teachers/staff involved in the residential are allowed on the estate. We welcome and recommend that teachers who wish to come and visit contact the centre prior to booking, do so. If you visit we will ensure that a member of our team greets you and shows you around while discussing any questions you may have.

Can we follow updates on social media?

Yes, permission dependent, we often post updates and photos on our social media channels.

My child has a fear of heights/water ...

Our instructional staff are exceptional at encouraging and managing all abilities and are prepared for every eventuality.

**If you have any further questions please call 01382 435911
or email ancrum.centre@leisureandculturedundee.com**