



Summer Adventures 2026

Hill End is a great place to visit and have fun!



In 2025 we had thousands of children staying over night here!

Letters from children

There were so many amazing (and muddy) activities but by far my favourite was the habitats with Rachel. It was so fun finding the different creatures in their natural habitats and seeing how they adapt.

My favourite activity was the den building. We named our den Jim and tried to make it as good as possible (we even included a kitchen to cook and a garden to grow my haribos).

Hill End was the best residential I've ever been on and I'm sure that my friends can agree.

I am writing to thank you for our time at Hill End. It filled up our trip with adventurous positive memories. Really gave me courage away from home.

For many children, this is their first stay away from home, but don't worry...

Hill End site



Our site is the same size as 42 football pitches, our dorms are at the top of the hill!

Camping

Our bell tent village is located in our lower field, with lots of space to play and be free!



There are modern outdoor toilets, showers and washing-up areas.

What to pack

- Sleeping bag (we provide a sheet, pillow and pillowcase if you're in a dorm)
- Roll mat and pillow if you're camping
- Blankets – it can get cold at night even in the summer term!
- Spare clothes
- Plate, bowl, cup, cutlery
- A plastic bag to keep wet or muddy things separate
- Wash bag and any personal items.
- A torch if you'll be out in the dark – there are no street lights at Hill End!



Top tip... Bring your teddy, or perhaps a book if it helps you sleep at night!

**You should expect to
be outside all day...**



- The right clothes – wearing warm layers and waterproof jackets in colder wetter weather, sun screen and hats for the summer.
- Strong shoes, boots or wellies – grass can be quite wet with dew even in the spring and summer.
- A water bottle – this can be refilled on site.

Top Tip! Long sleeves and trousers help protect against any scratches or stings.

Day 1

- Arrive at the site just before lunch
- Settle into your bell tent
- Explore!



Top Tip!

Pack some healthy snacks as you'll be burning off a lot of energy!



1st Evening

- BBQ supper
- 'Nature walk' with our tutor



Day 2

- 'Help yourself' breakfast
- 'Team Survival' with our tutor
- Packed lunch (provided by us)
- Team games with your teachers



2nd Evening

- Delicious supper
- Campfire with hot chocolate and s'mores



Day 3



- 'Help yourself' breakfast
- Clean and tidy the dorm / tent and pack
- 'Habitats' with our tutor
- Packed lunch (provided by us)
- Maps and Trails - with your teachers



It's a really great time

Come ready to enjoy the great outdoors – you will have a fantastic time here whatever the weather!





CATERING INFORMATION

When you visit Hill End on a residential package we supply delicious evening meals, breakfast and lunch, all **prepared and served by Waterside Café.**

The Waterside Cafe at Farmoor Reservoir focuses on high-quality, fresh ingredients and local produce when possible. Community and our brand ethos of "fresh and homemade" is at the heart of the business.

Food choices must be made and submitted 3 weeks prior to your stay using our online form:

<http://tiny.cc/w1imzz>

Please use the information on this leaflet to collect your choices for the BBQ and packed lunches – remember to include children and adults!

Your group will be busy & active, so groups in previous years have found that additional snacks for breaks were useful to bring too.

Remember to bring your own water bottle, plate, cup, bowl and cutlery!

SUMMER STAY AWAY MENU 2026

BREAKFAST

Help yourself from a selection of:

- ~ toast ~ jam & butter ~ boiled eggs ~
- ~ cereals ~ milk ~ waffles, scotch pancakes ~
- ~ pastries ~ selection of fruit ~
- ~ orange or apple juice ~

PACKED LUNCH

Each person will need to choose one of the following sandwiches (white bread), the lunch also includes plain crisps, a homemade sweet treat such as a cookie, and apple or orange juice.

- ~ cheese ~ ham ~ tuna ~ jam ~

EVENING MEALS

The first night of your residential we will serve an outdoor BBQ, and then the second (and third) night, we invite you to choose what meal you would like.

Please see over for full details on the evening meals.



SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

Please remember to tell us about any dietary requirements. There is a field to add these details on our online form.

We will do our best to meet special requirements, but in exceptional circumstances we may not be able to. Please contact Hill End to discuss.

Please note that all special dietary requirements (excluding vegetarian) have an extra charge of £2.50 per person

CAMPFIRE

We provide marshmallows, chocolate and plain digestive biscuits and hot chocolate

The marshmallows are gluten-free & we can also provide vegan/halal on request.

We also provide a 'teacher treat' basket which includes tea, coffee, sugar, milk & herbal tea bags

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN TRAVEL MUG

1st NIGHT - BBQ

Each person will need to choose one of the following below. We also provide bread rolls and sides such as potato wedges, cucumber & carrot batons (please note the meat is NOT HALAL)

~ sausage (pork) ~ beef burger ~

~ vegetarian hot dog ~ vegetarian burger ~

2nd and 3rd NIGHTS

Please choose 1 theme per group per night

JACKET POTATOES

A variety of toppings to choose from: beans, cheese, tuna mayo & chilli con carne. Plus a salad bar

BURRITOS

A wrapped burrito filled with minced bbq beef or beans, and rice. Salad bar and nachos and toppings such as homemade salsa, guacamole & cheese

PASTA

Traditional Pasta bolognese with a choice of beef or tomato pasta (v). Homemade garlic bread & salad

PIZZA

Classic oven baked pizza with a choice of either pepperoni or margherita topping. Homemade garlic bread and a salad bar

SWEET

Choose a pudding: (for the whole group)

~ homemade sponge pudding & custard ~

~ homemade jelly and ice cream ~

~ slice of vanilla cheesecake topped with whipped cream ~

HEARTIER APPETITE

For those groups who would like to order more food/bigger portions we offer a heartier menu costing an extra £10 per person per night

HEARTIER APPETITE MENU

BREAKFAST

~ toast ~ jam & butter ~ boiled eggs ~ cereals ~ milk ~

~ waffles, scotch pancakes or pastries ~

~ selection of fruit ~ orange or apple juice ~

* double quantity toast & muffins provided

LUNCH

choose one of the following sandwiches

~ cheese ~ ham ~ tuna mayo ~ jam ~

the lunch also includes plain crisps, a homemade sweet treat such as a cookie, and apple or orange juice.

homemade sausage roll & piece of fruit

BBQ

2 x BBQ items each

bread rolls and potato wedges, cold pasta salad, cucumber and carrot batons.

~ sausage (pork) ~ beef burger ~

~ vegetarian hot dog ~ vegetarian burger ~

PASTA

buffet style (not served)

tomato based pasta, bolognese & mac n cheese

homemade garlic bread & a salad bar

PIZZA

2 x large slices of oven baked pizza with a choice of either pepperoni or margherita topping

homemade garlic bread & a salad bar

JACKET POTATOES

jumbo jacket, plus choice of 2 toppings which includes beans, cheese, tuna mayo and homemade chilli con carne & a salad bar

BURRITOS

a wrapped burrito filled with extra portions of minced bbq beef or beans and rice

homemade salsa, guacamole, cheese, loaded nachos & a salad bar

Did you know?

Children have been visiting Hill End since the 1920s? You can [click here](#) to watch a fantastic film on our website.



SOUTH SIDE OF FAIRY RING CLASSROOM. (CEDAR WOOD) WYTHAM ESTATE

Next steps...

Any questions, please speak to Mrs Machin or Miss Walker – here to help 😊

Payment and consent:

Payment will be set up on MCAS, option to pay all, or 3x£70.

Packing list:

Look through the suggested packing list and prepare.

Complete data form:

Let us know of any changes leading up to the trip.

Class Dojo:

Download the Class Dojo app, you will receive an invite for updates.