

Chichester Harbour Education Centre



for land, for water, for all

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Harbour
Conservancy

Chichester Harbour Education Service

*The Harbour, a superb
outdoor classroom*

Chichester Harbour is a unique blend of land and sea, combining large open waters with narrow creeks and inlets. It is a beautiful and fascinating environment, with a wealth of learning opportunities.

The Harbour is a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), a nationally important landscape.

Our Education Service is for schools, colleges, universities and community groups.



'The children are still buzzing from the excitement of the day. Superbly organised and wonderfully enthusiastic staff who kept the children engaged throughout.'



Our Education Centre

Connecting children to nature

Where to Find Us

Chichester Harbour Education Centre is located at Dell Quay, just south of Chichester. Our unique, well-equipped classroom on the quay has beautiful views of the Harbour and a stunning back drop of the South Downs National Park.

The Education Team

Our Education Officers will help you to book and plan your visit. We have a team of highly qualified teachers and volunteers who are available to guide your group. Our staff have many years of experience in teaching and outdoor learning.



What we offer - Primary

Hands-on, curriculum linked outdoor experiences

**Understanding the World -
Pre-School,
Early Years Foundation and Year 1**



Beaky's Wildlife Area

'Beaky's' is a small nature reserve at Dell Quay, which we've specifically designed for younger children. Easy to walk to from the Education Centre, this contained site is home to many trees, plants and animals, with raised ponds, mini-beast areas and interactive interpretation boards to explore.

Science - Living Things and Habitats KS1 and 2

We run fun and engaging field trips for children to investigate and compare a wide range of living things in a variety of habitats. Our programmes ensure lots of time spent outdoors, with walks and hands on experiences in the beautiful harbour landscape.

Geography - Coasts and Rivers KS1 and 2

Our programmes on Coasts and Rivers are an ideal way to help develop your pupils' geographical knowledge, understanding and skills.

Coasts

We use two stunning coastal sites, East Head and the shoreline at Dell Quay, with activities to study, measure and record coastal features and processes.

Rivers

Our Rivers Programme combines outdoor learning to collect data in a Harbour stream, followed by interactive classroom activities to look at flooding and run-off.

'Our children absolutely love their days at the harbour'





Junior Conservancy Workshop



Junior Conservancy is a unique workshop where pupils debate a real environmental issue.

- The day begins at our Centre in Dell Quay with a range of activities to help pupils to get into role and prepare their viewpoints.
- After lunch we travel to a local authority council chamber to carry out the debate.

This workshop is free to local schools.

History

The Harbour is an ideal location to study and bring to life history topics. We offer history workshops on Roman history, The Oyster industry or Harbour history through the ages.

Art and Photography

Chichester Harbour offers an inspiring and powerful visual stimulus for art and photography.

We have funding to offer art and photography workshops for free to local schools.

See our online programmes for more information at www.conservancy.co.uk



What we offer - Secondary

East Head and West Wittering beach - geography and environmental management in action

Geography

West Wittering beach and East Head are excellent sites to study coastal landforms, processes and management, with many opportunities to learn and apply fieldwork skills. We supply all the equipment for our fieldtrips, as well as any worksheet proforma that your students will need. We can accommodate group sizes up to 120 students.



GCSE

Students will be studying an accessible, fascinating and dynamic part of the UK coastline. Our field trips explore first-hand the constant change to coastal landforms. Our GCSE programmes involve a wide range of data collection, both quantitative and qualitative, for analysis back at school. Ideal experience to support GCSE fieldwork requirements.

'A' Level

Chichester Harbour offers excellent study sites for fieldwork and to inspire ideas for your students' Individual Investigations. East Head is an ideal place to see coastal processes, systems and management in action. There are fieldwork opportunities to explore both human and physical geography.



KS 3

We offer fun and engaging fieldwork programmes, which explore coastal curriculum topics and give students a 'taster' experience of GCSE Geography.



Biology and Ecology

'A' Level

We offer field trip programmes to study Biodiversity and Ecosystems, with a variety of sampling techniques and data collection, for analysis back at College or School.

Fieldwork programmes can be tailored to meet Core Practical Requirements.

East Head spit is an ideal location for studying sand dunes and saltmarsh. There are abundant areas of saltmarsh within the Harbour, as well as coppiced woodland and freshwater habitats.

Teacher training and graduate level

We offer student teachers outdoor education experiences to inspire and develop skills and confidence to use the outdoors for learning. Please contact us for more information.

Outreach in Local Schools



If your pupils would like to know more about the Harbour and its wildlife our team can visit your school with workshops and presentations.

These in-school visits are free for local schools, with sessions for KS1 and 2.

Boat Trips

Chichester Harbour Conservancy runs a solar-powered boat, *Solar Heritage*. This is a special way to experience the Harbour from the water.

Get Afloat Fund

Free boat trips are available to schools and community groups

'Our Year 2s had a fantastic time - the adult helpers commented on the high quality of support from your team and how well organised the day was. We'll be back next year!'



Booking your Visit

Planning your visit

Please ring or email us to discuss your trip or needs. You are welcome to visit the Harbour Education Centre and sites for a preliminary look round or as part of your risk assessment.

Booking information

After a booking is made, we will email your confirmation and risk assessments. A field trip programme will be sent out before your visit, confirming times and locations. This includes visitor guidance and worksheet masters.

Field trip timings and information

We offer full or half day visits, with full days beginning at approximately 10am and lasting between 4 and 5 hours. We can cater for up to 60 students per day at the Education Centre and larger groups at West Wittering beach.

Wet weather

We try to get out in all weathers so please dress for the outdoor environment. However, in some conditions we may have to stay indoors but, in most cases, we can bring in live material for visitors to see. Please note all activities at East Head and West Wittering Beach are outdoors.

Booking costs for field trips and school visits

Our charges are very reasonable. Please see our website or contact us for the current rates.

Minibus

Our 14 seater minibus is available for use with field trips and transport to the centre. Please contact us for more information.



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