

# 2025



## DOUGLASWOOD SCHOOL RESIDENTIAL PACKAGE



Option 1: £200 pp

Option 2: £215 pp

(including Forbes of Kingennie meal)



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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 achieving more successful outcomes through the vehicle of our adventure programmes.

We are delighted to offer our brand-new school residential experience at Douglaswood Scout Centre. Competitively priced with great value for money, its local for schools 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 your residential will be based at Douglaswood Estate which is only 20mins from Dundee. This fabulous and secure residential estate is completely self-contained. Being so local has greatly improved the inclusivity, allowing Dundee school pupils who may not have attended, to participate in activities and return home if for any reason they do not wish the overnight experience.

# About Us cont'd.

## Occupancy

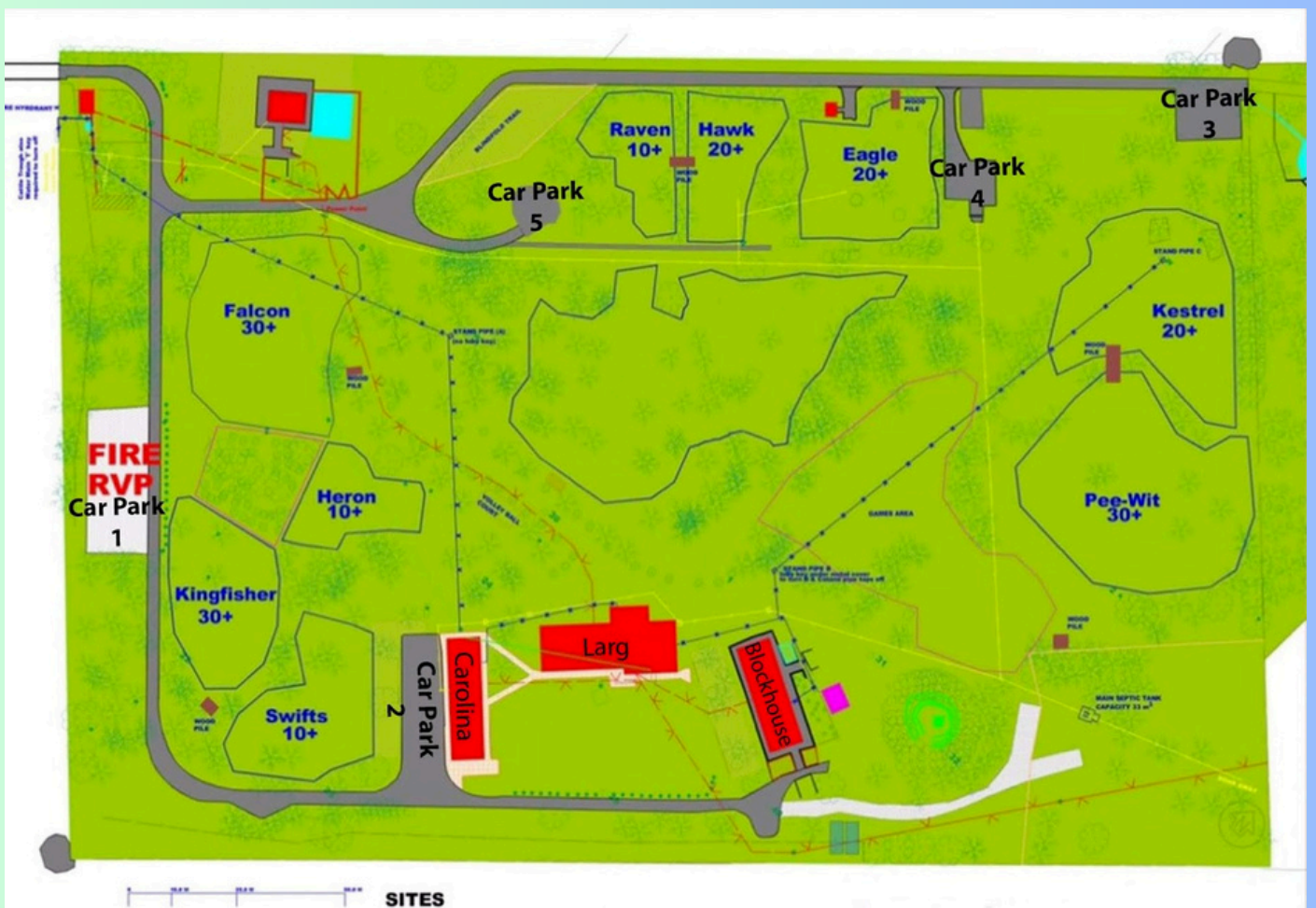
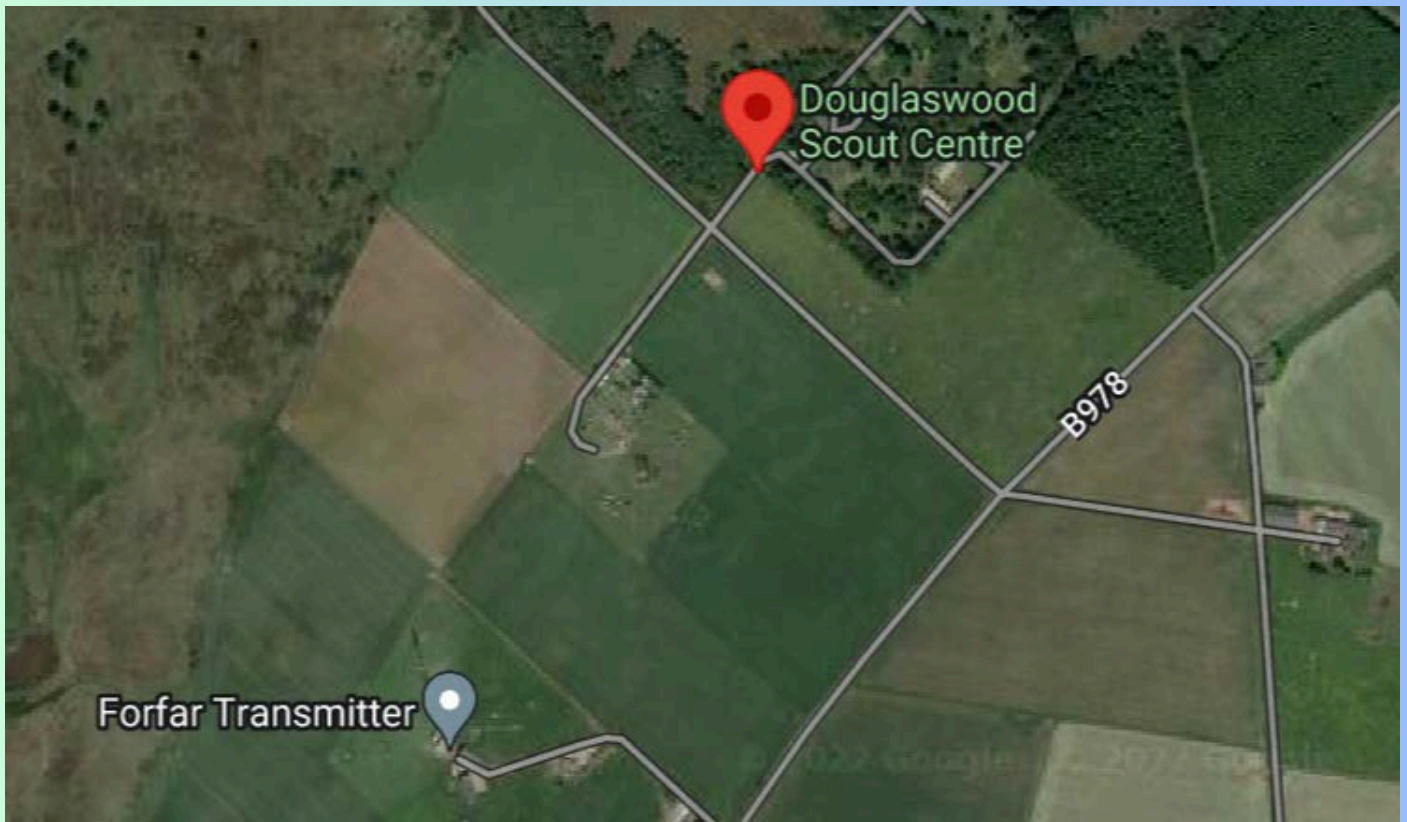
The two lodges, Carolina and Larg accommodate 30 and 35 people in total respectively (including pupils and staff). Schools with 36-65 pupils and staff would have sole occupancy of the whole estate. Groups with maximum 35 people would occupy the Large lodge and expect another school group of up to maximum of 30 people occupying the Carolina Lodge during these same dates. 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

# 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 and Map of Site



# Accommodation

## Carolina Lodge

4 bedrooms accommodating 24 in total with kitchen dining room and activities area



# Larg

5 bedrooms accommodating 34 in total 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



**Mountain Biking**



**Rock Climb / Abseil**

**Archery**



**Bushcraft**



# Water Activities



**Burn/Gorge Walk**



**Paddleboarding**

**Raft Building**



**Sailing**



# Sample Programme

## Day One

09:30 hrs Arrive at Douglaswood Residential Centre to be kitted out with clothing/equipment for Day One Multi Activity Day

10.30 to 16:30 hrs Multi Activity Day at Douglaswood  
Zip line, orienteering, crate climb, team challenges, archery, mobile climbing wall

16:30 to 18:00 hrs Free time – games

18:00 hrs Dinner: Make your own Italiano Pizza

19:00 hrs Evening activity – camp fire games and songs

21:00 hrs Lights out

# Sample Programme

## Day Two

08:00 hrs Breakfast and prepare your own lunch

09:15 hrs Depart for activity venue

10:00 to 16:00 hrs Gorge Walk  
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16:00 to 18:00 hrs Return transport to Douglaswood  
Residential Centre and free time

18:00 hrs Forbes of Kingennie Restaurant meal

19:30 to 20:45 hrs Evening activity @ Douglaswood  
Silent disco and games

21:00 hrs Lights out

# Sample Programme

## Day Three

07:30 hrs Breakfast and prepare your own lunch

09:00 hrs Depart for activity venue

09:30 to 14:30 hrs Wet n Wild Multi Activity Day at Camperdown Docks:

- Sailing
- Rafting
- Stand Up Paddleboarding
- Giant SUP
- Canoe
- Tug Boats

15:00 to 15:30 hrs Return to school

15:30 hrs

See ya later alligator!



## Package and Price

**3 Day / 2 Night Residential**

**Option 1: £200**

**Option 2: £215**

**(with Forbes of Kingennie meal)**

## 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.**



## **FAQs cont'd.**

### **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.**

## **FAQs cont'd.**

### **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.**

## **FAQs cont'd.**

**Can we follow updates on social media?**

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

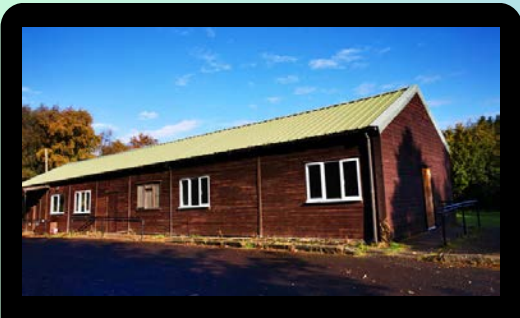
**My child has a fear of heights/water ...**

**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@leisureandculturaldundee.com](mailto:ancrum.centre@leisureandculturaldundee.com)**

# The Estate

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



**Carolina Lodge**



**Larg Lodge**



**The Campfire**



**Douglaswood Estate**