



Slieve Aughty Centre School Tours Programme

Welcome to our Centre!



Programme Descriptions:

Recommended Age Group Junior Infants to 2nd class

Enchanted Forest Fairy Tour: Our staff lead the children on a fairy adventure! Includes fairy face paint and dress up, a guided walk to the fairy forest, stories of the fairy folk and wishing tree tags and fairy dust for all students, fairy game, and paint your own fairy door to bring home.

Farm Friends: Discover life on the farm through arts and crafts, live animals to pet and groom, pony rides, games, and an interactive farm tour. It's a full day outdoors! This programme cannot be combined with another option.



Self-guided Tour: Keep costs down and explore Slieve Aughty Centre alone. You can visit the arts and crafts room to make and do, pet the animals, visit the Enchanted Forest, and go for a long walk on a self-guided nature trail (maps provided). Each child receives an Enchanted Forest Pack including a forest map, wishing tree hanger and fairy dust.

Recommended Age Group 2nd to 6th Class

Natural Wonders: Explore the meadows and forest trails of Slieve Aughty on a fun guided nature hunt. Adjacent to more than 2,000 acres of Coillte forestry, there is plenty to see and do. Boots recommended as we don't let the mud stop us – it's part of nature!

Pony Rides: Our friendly, safe ponies and experienced staff guide students in learning the basics of pony care, including grooming, tack and leading. The children go for a trek or ride the ponies in our outdoor arena with leaders. Riding helmets are provided. Students should wear boots with a heel or wellingtons.



NEW! Bushcraft: Bushcraft is the art of using the resources provided by our natural environment to survive and thrive in the outdoors. It combines the knowledge of how to best use the plants and animals around you with some basic bushcraft tools to efficiently live outdoors. Depending on the age of the children and size of the group, this could mean finding edible plants, building a shelter, understanding what you need to survive, getting "un" lost, and finding water. Bushcraft skills not only teach kids to survive in the wild, they are fun and build confidence!

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Eco-Logic: An excellent option for green schools, discover what it means to “tread lightly on the earth”. Through interactive activities, students investigate the inter-connectedness of nature and the role of humans in the environment. Determine your own carbon footprint and bring awareness to action!

Teambuilding on Foot/Horseback: Looking to bring a group of students together and build community? Our teambuilding program focuses on cooperation, communication and trust. Activities vary depending on the age and experience of the group and can include games, low ropes elements, and/or games on horseback!



Leave No Trace: This worldwide outdoor ethics programme is based on 7 principles to inspire careful and considerate use of the natural world and countryside. Include a few principles in your school tour or earn a Leave No Trace certificate for each student by making it the focus.

NEW! Outdoor Survival: You are lost in the forest around Slieve Aughty. How are you going to survive? Depending on the size of the group and time allowed, activities include starting a fire, basic tools, foraging and cooking wild plants, advanced shelters, purifying water, and tracking wildlife. The challenge of surviving outside of our comfort zone not only gives us the skills to live in the elements, it increases our ability to adapt to new challenges, builds confidence and self-sufficiency, encourages teamwork, and prepares us to face unforeseen problems in the world.

Orienteering: Never get lost again! We teach the basic skills of map reading and compass use and students put those skills to the test with a team treasure hunt. For an additional challenge, find the hidden treasure on horseback!

Slieve Aughty Centre is BHS (British Horse Society), AIRE (Association of Irish Riding Establishments) and Failte Ireland approved. Family owned and operated by Esther & Merel Zyderlaan, we have been serving the local community and abroad for more than 30 years.



Join us for your next school tour!

*Ask about our Transition Year Programme and
free classroom presentations*

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& the Slieve Aughty Team*