

Site Information



To be read in conjunction with Education Visits or Engagement Events risk assessment

Site: Longdendale Environment Centre (and grounds)

Site details: Longdendale Environment Centre is situated just off the A628. It is used mainly for Primary school visits, but also events, junior ranger groups and occasional volunteer training courses. There is a classroom (part of United Utilities property), with car park and an adjacent woodland area used for outdoor learning.

Meeting point: Longdendale Environment Centre, United Utilities Bottoms Office, Tintwistle SK13 1HS.

Car Park grid ref: SK 0254 9726. **Postcode:** SK13 1HS **What 3 Words:** beefed.kneeled.mega (classroom) Nickname.teachers.countries (wildlife area).

Mobile phone signal — ~~Poor / moderate~~ / good . Also wifi access.

Nearest landlines: Longdendale Environment Centre, Peak District National Park and United Utilities offices

Nearest A + E: Tameside & Glossop Integrated Care unit (Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 9RW)

Nearest minor injury unit: as above.

Nearest PDNP office/base Longdendale, tel: 01457 855487

All PDNP leaders have more emergency contact details of other colleagues/centres etc on laminated cards on their rucksack.

Specific Advice / Information

PDNP leaders are provided with and must wear PPE including; Waterproof clothing (when appropriate); Walking boots/shoes

School/ other groups are advised (when booking) to bring warm and water proof clothing + outdoor footwear for their visit.

In the summer months, there may be midges in the wildlife area; staff and participants may wish to apply insect repellent before visiting.

General Description of site

Longdendale Environmental Centre is an indoor classroom facility on the edge of Tintwistle Village. It is fully accessible, with wheelchair access and toilet facilities. The classroom is set on a United Utilities site; there may be other vehicles coming and going in the car park, which will need to be crossed to get to the wildlife area.

The wildlife area is 2-3 minutes walk away from the centre, across a reservoir outlet. It is an area of mixed woodland, fenced off and not accessible to the general public, although access to the entrance is by a popular Right of Way.





The wildlife area is unsurfaced, and some areas may be muddy. Though surfaces are uneven, wheelchair access is possible. There is a fixed log circle, a pond and several picnic benches.

Lunchtime Information

Groups are able to eat lunch in the classroom, though in good weather, there is the option to use a fenced off, grassy picnic area. Hands may be washed in the centre toilet facilities.



Toilet facilities

Toilets are available in the centre building, including an accessible toilet.

Car/Coach Parking

There is parking for coaches available in the centre car park. *Nb the turn onto the main road is very sharp if heading to/from the east. Drivers are recommended to turn in Tintwistle Village and approach from the West.*

Distance/timing between important site locations

The wildlife area is adjacent to the centre. There is a short (2-3 minute) walk through a gate and across a small bridge. There is a ramp provided for wheelchair access.

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