



Glasgow's Forest School Sites

Guidance for Use & Best Practice



1. First time users of the forest school site must undertake an orientation of the woodland with the local Countryside Ranger, contacts below.
2. Follow Leave no Trace guidelines for use of the site. Guidelines can be found at www.lnt.org or www.leave-no-trace-training.co.uk.
3. The FS group leader is responsible for dynamically risk assessing the camps on a daily basis, including the tree canopy.
4. Should you find the site to be in an unfit state for use on arrival please contact the local Countryside Ranger.
5. Designated Forest school sites within our woodlands will be rotated to offset permanent damage from trampling of ground flora and over use. Therefore the same site you have used in the past may not be in use in the future.
6. Frequency - a maximum of 2 bookings will be taken per camp, per week.
7. Seasonality - the sensitivity of site to disturbance and damage will differ accordingly to the location and time of year. Should a site become waterlogged, trampled, degraded or damaged in a short period of time, an alternative local site will be found to continue the sessions and fulfil your existing PTU booking.
8. Fires are not permitted in Council parks and greenspaces, under the terms of the management rules. Only if an official Permission to Use letter is accompanying these guidelines, is the applicant permitted to light fires.
9. Only Forest school level 3 (qualified) trained leaders with an official Permission to Use letter are permitted to oversee the lighting of fires.
10. An appropriate risk assessment should be available on request in advance of use.
11. Wood must be brought in for burning and not harvested on site from the surrounding woodland. Wood must be untreated.
12. On the day conditions, such as wind direction and speed should be considered and factored into any risk assessment.
13. Compliance with the Scottish Outdoor Access Code. Information can be found at www.outdooraccess-scotland.com
14. Permission will be revoked for future use if users do not follow these guidelines.