

FAIRTHORNE MANOR RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL TRIPS

2026/27



YMCA

Here for young people
Here for communities
Here for you

Who we are

YMCA Fairthorne Manor is part of the charitable organisation, YMCA Fairthorne Group. At YMCA, we believe children and young people should be empowered to realise their potential. At our 95-acre activity centre site, we have school residentials and day trips to offer outdoor adventures to primary school aged children and beyond.

Our goal is to make adventure as accessible as possible, and to give children the opportunity to try new things, create lifelong memories, and have fun!

For over 50 years, we've been trusted by schools and groups to provide students with the chance to learn, grow, and thrive.

Why choose Fairthorne



Decades of Experience



AALA Licence



95-Acre Site



Community Impact

Don't just take our word for it...

We have had an incredible time. A colleague who'd not been here before asked if it's always this good - YES! The staff are all amazing and take care to learn the different children and their needs. The programme offers a great variety of activities and allows children of all abilities the opportunity to succeed and discover new skills.

Harefield Primary School, Southampton



Explore Fairthorne Manor

- ▶ Over 20 adventure activities including high ropes, land, and water!
- ▶ 3 accommodation options - 2 purpose-built indoor options, and camping options also available. Each accommodation has dedicated leader spaces.
- ▶ Based in Hampshire - easily accessible by coach.
- ▶ Local community charity - make a difference for young people at risk of homelessness everytime you book YMCA trips.

EMAIL
groups@ymca-fg.org
to find out about discounted
coach travel.



To find out more about YMCA Fairthorne Manor, visit our website [here](#).

Our Programmes

If your school or group is considering a residential trip to Fairthorne, whether it's a week-long stay from Monday to Friday or a shorter 3-day visit, it's a fantastic way to immerse your students in learning and enjoyment.

Choose from our ready-made packages that suits you best. Included are our two free evening activities campfire and a disco for everyone to get involved. We can also create a bespoke activity package tailored to your specific needs and budget, ensuring a unique and personalised experience for your group.

YELLOW

5 DAYS - 8 Activities

- ▶ 1 High Rope
- ▶ 1 Water
- ▶ 6 Land
- ▶ 2 Evening (Campfire/ Disco)

BLUE

5 DAYS - 12 Activities

- ▶ 2 High Ropes
- ▶ 2 Water
- ▶ 8 Land
- ▶ 2 Evening (Campfire/ Disco)

RED

5 DAYS - 16 Activities

- ▶ 3 High Ropes
- ▶ 3 Water
- ▶ 10 Land
- ▶ 2 Evening (Campfire/ Disco)

GREEN

3 DAYS - 8 Activities

- ▶ 1 High Rope
- ▶ 1 Water
- ▶ 6 Land
- ▶ 1 Evening (Campfire/ Disco)

Each programme includes a selection of activities which are programmed at YMCA discretion and subject to operational requirements.

Many schools enjoy taking part in our ready made packages, but if you have something special in mind for your students our team are happy to design a programme tailored to suit your student's requirements and budget. Please reach out to the team for pricing and other information.

INTERESTED IN A
CUSTOM PROGRAMME?
Email_groups@ymca-fg.org



Activities

YMCA

Challenges to encourage determination, new skills & teamwork, whilst having plenty of fun!

Available all year



PIONEERING



TEAM CHALLENGE



ARCHERY



AXE THROWING



BLIND TRAIL



OBSTACLE COURSE



FIRE LIGHTING



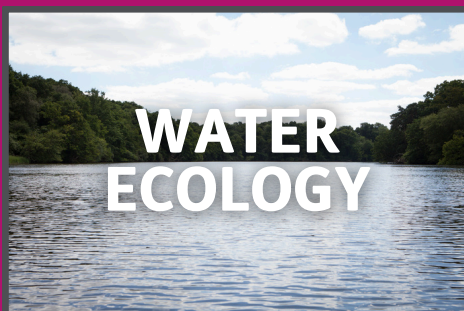
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WATER ECOLOGY



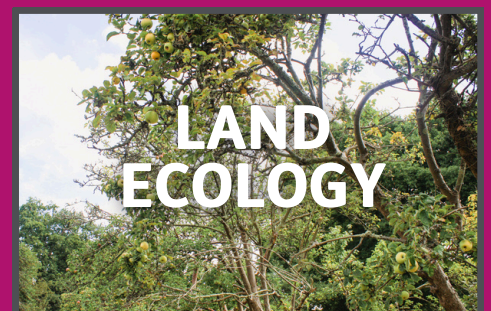
INITIATIVE TESTS



LOW ROPES



PILLOW AND GAMES



LAND ECOLOGY



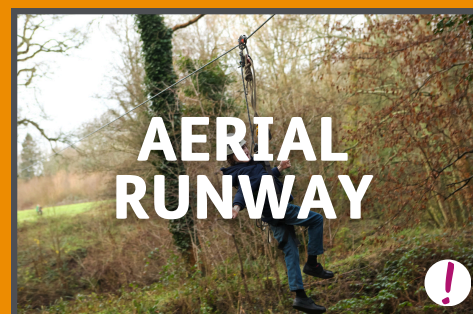
Keep the energy flowing with experiences that challenge perseverance and promote collaboration.

Available April - October



Encourages children to be brave and step outside their comfort zone, whilst keeping the excitement high.

Available all year



▶ *Take a look at a previous residential in action. Click [here](#) to watch!*

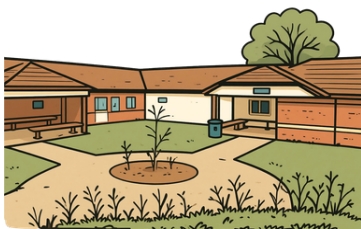
High Risk Activities are marked with



Accommodation

Ben's House

Sleeps up to 72 young people



- ▶ Wheelchair accessible rooms and facilities
- ▶ On-site toilets and showers
- ▶ En-suite leaders rooms
- ▶ Wi-Fi available



- ▶ Communal spaces on each floor
- ▶ On-site toilets and showers
- ▶ En-suite and shared leaders rooms
- ▶ Wi-Fi available

Heald House

Sleeps up to 72 young people



Camping Village

Sleeps up to 250 young people



- ▶ Communal marquee in each 'village' with facilities
- ▶ Nearby toilets and showers
- ▶ Leader facilities
- ▶ Wi-Fi in certain areas



CATERING

Enjoy three freshly prepared meals each day; breakfast, lunch and dinner, in our welcoming dining room.

Menus are balanced, filling and pupil-friendly, with a mix of hot mains, sides and lighter options to keep everyone fuelled for adventure.

Our head chef and her team are proud to cater for all dietary requirements and allergies, including medical, cultural and religious needs; simply share details with our bookings team in advance and we'll plan safely with you.

Sample menus are available on request.



FOOD HYGIENE RATING

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VERY GOOD



TUCK SHOP ON SITE
Pocket-money friendly for children to buy treats, toys, and more.

Our Walice Framework

Social and emotional development plays a vital role in helping young people thrive in learning environments, relationships, and everyday life.

Through meaningful experiences, collaborative challenges, and reflective opportunities, young people can strengthen the skills needed to navigate emotions, communicate effectively, and make responsible choices.

This matrix highlights six key principles that underpin YMCA Fairthorne manor and our activity sessions, supporting personal growth and lifelong success.

The six key factors; WALICE



WELCOMING



Focuses on creating environments where individuals feel accepted, valued, safe, and included. It encourages young people to recognise the importance of belonging, inclusion, and positive first impressions while developing confidence in social situations.

By creating welcoming spaces and interactions, young people learn how to support others, embrace diversity, and contribute positively to group culture.

EVERYDAY PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

Greeting others positively and helping them feel included.

Supporting new group members or peers who may feel unsure.

Creating respectful and inclusive group environments. Encouraging participation from everyone.

Demonstrating kindness and acceptance in shared spaces.

ACTIVITIES

Embedded across all delivery areas at YMCA Fairthorne Manor.

ACTIVE



Focuses on encouraging young people to engage positively in experiences, challenges, and opportunities while developing resilience, motivation, and perseverance.

Being active is not only about physical participation but also emotional and mental engagement. Through practical experiences, young people build confidence, self-management skills, and a willingness to take part, contribute, and grow.

EVERYDAY PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

Participating enthusiastically in activities and challenges.

Staying motivated during difficult or unfamiliar tasks.

Taking part in physical, creative, and collaborative experiences.

Demonstrating perseverance when things become challenging.

Showing initiative and positive energy within group activities.

ACTIVITIES

Kayaking | SUP | Climbing | Jacobs Ladder | Vertical Assault | Stream Exploration | Orienteering | and more





LISTENING



Focuses on understanding others, recognising different perspectives, and demonstrating empathy, respect, and awareness during interactions.

Developing listening skills helps young people build stronger relationships, improve communication, and create inclusive environments where everyone feels heard and valued.

EVERYDAY PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

- Listening respectfully when others are speaking.
- Taking time to understand different viewpoints and experiences.
- Responding thoughtfully during discussions and activities.
- Recognising when someone may need support or encouragement.
- Demonstrating patience and empathy in group situations.

ACTIVITIES

Team Challenge | Low Ropes | Blind Trail | Initiative Tests | Raft Building

INSPIRING



Focuses on encouraging young people to motivate, support, and positively influence others through teamwork, leadership, communication, and encouragement.

Young people develop inspiring behaviours when they work collaboratively, celebrate achievements, and help others build confidence and resilience through shared experiences.

EVERYDAY PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

- Encouraging and motivating others during activities.
- Celebrating the successes and achievements of peers.
- Demonstrating positive leadership within groups.
- Helping others build confidence and resilience.
- Sharing ideas and energy to inspire teamwork and participation.

ACTIVITIES

Obstacle Course | Canoeing | Climbing | Abseiling | Mega SUP

CARING



Focuses on making thoughtful, respectful, and compassionate choices that support the wellbeing of individuals, groups, and communities.

By developing caring behaviours, young people learn the importance of kindness, responsibility, safety, and ethical decision-making in both personal and social situations.

EVERYDAY PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

Showing kindness and respect toward others.

Looking after shared spaces, equipment, and environments.

Supporting peers who may need help or reassurance.

Making thoughtful and responsible choices.

Demonstrating honesty, fairness, and compassion in group situations.

ACTIVITIES

Land Ecology | Water Ecology | Stream Exploration | Team Challenge | Low Ropes

EXCITING



Exciting focuses on creating memorable, engaging, and motivating experiences that encourage curiosity, enthusiasm, and personal growth.

Exciting experiences inspire young people to try new things, embrace challenge, build confidence, and develop positive attitudes toward learning, relationships, and future opportunities.

EVERYDAY PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

Trying new experiences with enthusiasm and curiosity.

Celebrating achievements and memorable moments together.

Embracing challenge and adventure positively.

Bringing energy and excitement to group experiences.

Encouraging creativity, exploration, and fun within activities.

ACTIVITIES

Axe Throwing | Archery | Vertical Assault | Zip Wire | Team Challenge | Canoeing



BOOKING MADE EASY

Enquire

Send an email to groups@ymca-fg.org, or call [01489 785 228](tel:01489785228).

Organise

Confirm the dates you want to visit, pick your accommodation, and choose your package.

Receive Quote

Our team will send you a fair quote based on what you have chosen from the above.

Booking Form Completed

You will be sent a booking form to complete and send back as soon as possible.

Deposit Invoice

We will send you a deposit invoice which will need to be paid within 30 days.

Programme Complete

Our programme team will create your programme for your stay for you to approve.

The Important Bits

You will receive medical, dietary, and meal choice paperwork to complete and return so that we can prepare for your arrival.




SITE TOURS AVAILABLE!
Many organisers like to see our site before they book. You'll be shown around by a friendly member of our sales team.

Your dedicated account manager and host

From your very first enquiry, you will be supported by a dedicated member of our sales team who will be your point of contact throughout the entire booking process. They will help guide you through your booking, put you in contact with our programmes team, and answer any questions along the way.

Once you're on site, you'll be appointed a host, who will be your point of contact the whole time.

Our team love what they do - and would love to speak to you about how we can provide your school with Fairthorne Manor Adventures!



“We do what we do because we believe no child should ever miss out on outdoor adventure.”



Outdoor Learning

Fairthorne Manor Residentials are an extension of the classroom.

Through outdoor challenges, games, and activities, young people will develop skills such as teamwork, resilience, and communication, whilst enhancing their independence and self-confidence.

Getting outdoors is proven to be brilliant for cognitive development, mental wellbeing, and physical health, and our 95-acre site offers just that - plenty of space to grow and thrive.

Under the guidance of experienced instructors, every activity is designed to inspire curiosity, encourage personal growth, and create lasting memories. From adventurous challenges to shared team experiences, residentials at Fairthorne Manor help young people step outside their comfort zones, build meaningful friendships, and discover what they are capable of achieving.

Accessibility

We are proud to be accessible for everyone, meaning every student can be included.

- ▶ 2 all-terrain wheelchairs on site.
- ▶ Accessible woodland, fields and activity areas.
- ▶ Adjustments for individual needs.
- ▶ Hoists and accessible toilet and shower facilities available.



Important Information

Prices and Operational Information

- ▶ Our activity groups are based on 12 people per group. An adult must accompany each activity group, but are not included in the group size.
- ▶ All activity sessions run for 90 mins with activities only offered in fixed time slots.
- ▶ Water activities are only offered March - October. Alternative activities are offered outside of these dates.

In addition, for residential groups:

- ▶ Residential prices are based on a minimum of 12 children and include activities as selected, accommodation and full board (for stays during the week, first meal is lunch, last meal is lunch. For weekend visits, first meal is dinner, last meal is lunch.)
- ▶ One free staff place for every 12 young people (applicable to school and youth groups only). Additional staff are charged at £39 per night + VAT to cover bed and board only.
- ▶ Young people aged 12+ are served adult food portions at an additional charge of £4.60/day + VAT.
- ▶ All residential groups must provide their own sleeping bag, pillow and pillowcase. Leaders in indoor accommodation are supplied with full bed linen.
- ▶ Tent groups must provide their own sleeping mats. Leaders are provided with a camp bed and mattress.
- ▶ The price is based on the first date of stay if the stay overlaps different pricing seasons.
- ▶ Prices are valid for children and youth groups - adult only rates are available on application, call 01489 785228.
- ▶ Water activities are only available April - October.

Safety and Support

- ▶ Our site is locked from 10pm for comfort and security.
- ▶ Our duty manager can be contacted 24/7.
- ▶ Our barrier system ensures only authorised personnel can access our site.
- ▶ All staff - office-based and instructors - are DBS checked.
- ▶ We have 3 on-site defibrillators.
- ▶ All instructors are first aid trained.
- ▶ Our activity instructors are all inducted on-site, and are externally assessed by National Governing Bodies.
- ▶ Risk assessments are available for all activities.



Ready to give your students the best school residential ever?

Get in touch



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