

# Squirrel Adventure Morning / Afternoon

## Information Pack



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## Overview

This will be an exciting trip around our lake on our fabulous “Cobble” sailing boats. There will be 4 Squirrels and their leader with one of our helms in each boat. The Squirrels will then land on “Squirrel Island” where they will be met by our team who will provide exciting Forest school activities in our fantastic woodland. Parents are welcome to watch their Squirrels depart and then walk around the lake to meet the boats on the island. The Squirrels can then walk back with their parent/carer.

The kit list and instructions form part of the risk assessment for this activity session. It is very important your child is prepared for the session and has **ALL** the required clothing, footwear, food, drinks etc so they can fully enjoy the activities on offer to them. There is very little shelter from the sun and/or rain so they **MUST** be suitably equipped for all eventualities – remember the weather can change very quickly, the site is very exposed, and we will be doing activities regardless of the weather.



**Section**

Squirrels



**Difficulty**

Beginners



**Max Group Size**

4 per boat  
Participants



**Duration**

1.5 hours

## Participant Arrival & Departure

To help us manage our onsite vehicle logistics, we ask that you clearly display in your windscreen a letter ‘A’ for morning sessions, and a letter ‘B’ for afternoon sessions. You can find these at the end of this information pack, which can be printed at home.

### Arrival

Please arrive at least 20 minutes before your boat is due to depart. Please also remember that sailing boats depend on the wind so we cannot guarantee that we will run perfectly to time.

You can find more information about getting to the centre under “Venue Location” on the following pages. Upon arrival, you will be directed to suitable parking and directed by the Notts Scouts Adventure team.

## Departure

Please follow the directions of the parking crew, you will then be directed out of the site turning left only back towards the A612. Please remember that everyone is a volunteer and procedures are in place for a reason.

## Consent

All participants must complete and hand in a consent form before activities commence. The health and consent form can be downloaded from our website: <https://adventure.notts-scouts.org.uk>

## Clothing & Equipment

All safety personal safety equipment will be provided as well as the boats. Personal safety equipment must be worn at all times as instructed.

Please ensure all clothing and personal belongings are named. Any unclaimed items left at the end of the day will be disposed of.

### Clothing:

- Squirrel uniform
- Tracksuit bottoms/leggings/shorts (covered legs offer protection from the sun, wind and brambles on Squirrel island)
- Footwear that must cover toes and heels – trainers or walking boots are perfect.
- A lightweight cagoule (to keep wind out whilst on the water– even on a hot day)
- Sun cream applied before leaving home.

- Long hair must be tied up

**Other kit to be bought with you:**

(In a clearly named rucksack which your child will need to carry themselves)

- Snacks to be eaten during the activity session.
- Plenty to drink – plastic bottle can be refilled with water on site

# Venue Location

Hoveringham Activity Centre  
Nottinghamshire Scouts Adventure  
Thurgarton Lane  
Hoveringham  
NG14 7JY

## What3Words

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## Google Maps

Nottinghamshire Scouts Adventure  
<https://bit.ly/3YySEaY>

Please do not drive through Hoveringham village as we have an agreement to minimise traffic congestion when the centre is in use. Please arrange to car share for both journeys, if possible, to reduce the amount of cars. Please be patient with us, we will be using a system that we know works well and is safe and efficient.

## Directions from Lowdham

- Take A612 towards Southwell
- Do not take the Hoveringham turn off, follow 'Industrial Area' signs towards Thurgarton.
- Leave the A612 by turning right onto Station Road, signposted 'Industrial Area' just before Thurgarton village.
- The Activity Centre entrance is on your right shortly after you cross the Thurgarton level crossing. Please wait to be directed to turn into the site.
- Please follow the directions of the parking crew - please smile and give them a cheery wave – remember they are all volunteers giving up their day for your child to have fun.

# Leader Information

## Arrival & Parking

Please park in the car park on the grass (leaders and helpers) which is on the left immediately as you turn into the centre, signs will be in place. Space is limited so please park thoughtfully filling up from the far end.

Please arrive at least 15 minutes before your group are expected (ie. 09:45 for morning sessions and 10.00) so that you are in place and ready to receive your young people. If you are late, we have no one to take your young people from us which causes congestion and delay in the busy drop off zone.

## Group Equipment

For your group, please provide a tarp to put your kit on/sit on (we cannot control the goose pool!), hand sanitiser and a first aid kit.. Consider collecting the permission/health forms in advance (it speeds things up) but if you do, remember to bring them with you!

## Departure

At the end of the session, we would appreciate you encouraging your parents to depart as soon as their session ends. At the end of the session please check for any misplaced property. Thank you.

## Toilets

Toilet facilities for everyone will be in our new purpose built centre,

## Spare Places

If you have any places that you are not able to fill, please let me know as we have a waiting list. You will be charged in full for all the places you originally booked unless we are informed otherwise at least 2 weeks before the activity starts, as per the booking policy.

# Badge Requirements

By participating in this session, you should have completed the following badge requirements:

## Squirrels

### Time on the Water Staged Activity Badge



Complete a session on the water lasting around 1 hour **(x3)**

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