Bromley Environmental Education Centre (BEECHE)
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By Car:
Take the A21 and follow the signs for High Elms turning onto Shire Lane. To access the public car park, turn onto High Elms road. For Sat Nav – BR6 7JH.

By Train:
The two nearest stations are Orpington and Chelsfield. Trains run frequently from mainline London train stations to Orpington, from there its a 30 minute walk or 15 minute cycle ride to BEECHE. From the station follow Tubbendenlane down to Farnborough Village High Street, walk through St Giles church yard to Shire Lane, and onto High Elms Country Park.

By Bus:
Bus no. 358 runs every 10 to 15 minutes and stops at Farnborough Village High Street. Bus no. R8 stops outside the centre at bus stop ‘High Elms Nature Centre’.

Visitor Centre and Shop Opening Times

Monday to Friday
February to October - 11am to 4pm
November to January - 10.30am to 3.30pm

Saturday and Sunday
February to October - 11am to 4pm
November to January - 10.30am to 3.30pm

*Opening times are subject to change when school sessions or events are in progress.

Volunteer Opportunities -
We have a range of voluntary opportunities whether you have a passion for the outdoors, education, history or acting! We have groups of volunteers working on conservation activities and gardening every week meeting on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. Get in touch for further details.
**BEECHE birthday parties**  
Weekdays for up to 30 children £195 + VAT  
Weekends for up to 30 children £295 + VAT

Price includes a 2 hour session led by BEECHE staff and an additional half hour room hire for party food/games*.

*Not provided by BEECHE

We offer a range of different parties from pond dipping to den building or parties based upon one of our special themes. Get in touch with the team to see how we can make your child’s birthday extra special this year!

**Self-led birthday parties**  
£25 per hour for a minimum of 3 hours  
Price includes use of a room at BEECHE, access to our Forest School area and use of our enclosed paddock.

Speak to our team about running your own birthday party; we can provide you with a helpful guide, ideas for activities and games along with some basic equipment free of charge.
New For 2018!
Ranger Academy &
Junior Ranger Academy
High Elms Country Park

Our new Ranger Academy & Junior Ranger Academy courses are designed to introduce children to the skills needed to work with wildlife and to thrive in the outdoor environment!

**Ranger Academy**
Aimed at 8-13 year olds this 4 day programme will introduce a range of field skills such as bushcraft, species identification, surveying techniques and using wildlife equipment such as camera traps. Cost includes a free bat walk on your final day.

Course 1 - 9th April to 12th April
Course 2 - 3rd August, 10th August, 17th August, 24th August
Cost: £120

**Junior Ranger Academy**
This is for our younger rangers, 5-7 year olds.
The one day programme is based around Forest School Principles and will introduce participants to the skills needed to make the most of our wonderful wild places.

Course 1 - 13th April
Course 2 - 27th July
Course 3 - 31st August
Cost: £30

Parents are invited to attend a small graduation ceremony on the final day of each course where refreshments will be provided.
Every Wednesday at BEECHE 10:00-11:30
March-November £5 per child
February-October £4 per child
Refreshments included for children and grown ups!

Aimed at toddlers, Woodland Explorers follows the Forest School ethos. This involves giving the explorers the opportunity to play and explore in our woodland at their own level and pace supervised by our instructors.

As we run these sessions on a drop-in basis, there’s no need to book, just meet us at BEECHE.

*Occasionally, sessions will either be cancelled due to inclement weather or staff holidays. In these cases, information will be posted on our Facebook page: facebook.com/highelmscountrypark please check before coming along.
New for 2018 is our fantastic free BEECHE membership offer.

**BEECHE Membership**

FREE - Expires at the end of 2018
Free members only seasonal walks
10% off all activities if booked online (minimum spend £10)
5% off birthday parties

**BEECHE Visitor Centre and Shop**

We currently have a gift shop open which stocks the following; gardening equipment and accessories, maps and trails, children’s wildlife kits, children’s books, wildlife guides, toys and gifts.

We also stock a range of reading material related to science and nature, including historical links with Charles Darwin and the Lubbock family.

Also available at the shop for visitors to the park; maps and information about our public and education programmes and the work of our biodiversity team and Friends Groups.
BEECHE Room Hire

Set within a unique venue, at the heart of the beautiful High Elms Country Park. We provide spaces which can be hired for meetings, conferences, functions and corporate events.

Rooms are available to hire throughout the year and rates start from just £20 per hour plus VAT and from £70 plus VAT for up to 6 hours.

Contact the team for more information or to arrange a viewing:
Email - beeche@idverde.co.uk
Phone - 01689 860 571
Bromley Environmental Education Centre at High Elms

NATURE ON YOUR DOORSTEP

ADULT LEARNING AT BEECHE 2018

- 26th January Introduction To Camera Trapping
- 23rd February Gardening For Wildlife
- 23rd March Introduction to Badger Field Signs & Ecology
- 28th April Introduction to Bat Ecology
- 2nd June Introduction To Camera Trapping
- 16th June Introduction to Butterflies & Their Habitats
- 31st August Introduction to Butterflies & Their Habitats
- 31st August Introduction to Bat Ecology (Crystal Palace Park)
- 21st September Introduction to Bat Ecology
- 8th October Introduction to Badger Field Signs & Ecology
- 27th October Small Mammal Identification & Surveying
- 10th November Gardening For Wildlife

Book online at www.bromleyparks.co.uk/bookings
Public Activities
January & February
High Elms Country Park

Birding Club
Supporting the RSPB Garden Birdwatch you can learn about the bird species in High Elms Country Park. Get up close to our nests and taxidermy bird collection, explore the site with I.D. guides and expert tuition and learn how to encourage birds at home.
Bring your own binoculars if you have them.

Every Saturday in January 9:30-11:00am
Saturday 20th January 9.30-11.00am Keston Common
Suitable for 7-12 year olds £5 per child £2.50 per adult

February Half Term

Storytime: Noisy Foxes
£4.00 per child (ages 3+)
Monday 12th February
13:30-14:30
Tuesday 13th February
10:00-11:00

Storytime: Fox in the Dark
£4.00 per child (ages 3+)
Thursday 15th February
10:00-11:00
Friday 16th February
13:30-14:30

Woodland Games & Den Building
£5 child (aged 4+) £2.50 adult
Learn new woodland games and den building techniques.
Suitable for all of the family.
Monday 12th February
10:00-11:30
Wednesday 14th February
13:30-15:00
Friday 16th February
10:00-11:30

Wild! Obstacle Courses
£5 child (aged 4+) £2.50 adult
Using woodland materials create an obstacle course and challenge the opposition to complete it.
Tuesday 13th February
13:30-15:00
Thursday 15th February
13:30-15:00

Homes for Wildlife Trail all week during visitor centre opening hours. £3 per child and a special wildlife gift for completing the trail

All activities bookable by phone and online at www.bromleyparks.co.uk/bookings
Children must accompanied by an adult for all activities unless otherwise stated
Public Activities
March & April
High Elms Country Park

Egg Rolling Competition
£7 per entry: suitable for all ages
**Tuesday 3rd April 10:00-12:00**
Decorate your egg (provided) and explore the High Elms mansion grounds for the best place to win the competition

Family Easter Egg Hunt
£7 per entry: suitable for all ages
**Tuesday 3rd April 12:30-14:30**
The High Elms Easter Bunny has hidden her eggs for you to find! Join us for games and to find all of the hidden eggs.

Storytime: Percy The Park Keeper
£4.00 per child (ages 3+)
**Friday 6th April 10:00-11:00**
**Thursday 12th April 10:00-11:00**

Easter Story Session
£4 per child (aged 3+)
**Wednesday 4th April 13:30-14:30**
Featuring Peter Rabbit story followed by a mini Easter Egg hunt in our paddock

Nature Walk & Pond Dipping
£7 per child (aged 4+) £3.50 per adult
**Thursday 5th April 10:00-12:00**
Enjoy a spring nature walk hunting for wildlife & learning how to identify common species before heading to our pond to discover an amazing underwater world.

Self Led Springtime Animal Babies Trail
£3 per child and a special gift for completing the trail

Home Education Programme 2018
Curious Foxes (Age 3-8) - Focusing on engaging with local wild spaces, encouraging curiosity and learning as a team.
Darwin’s Apprentices (Age 8-12 years old) - Focusing on Scientific Enquiry, Observations and looking after local wild spaces.
E-mail us for dates times and prices at beeche@idverde.co.uk
Public Activities
March & April
High Elms Country Park

Wild About Gardening
£7 per entry (aged 4+)
Friday 6th April 13:30-15:30
Join us to learn how to turn your garden into a wildlife haven. Build a bug hotel, make seed cakes for butterflies or grow plants to help our bees. Explore our wildlife garden at BEECHE and go on a mini safari.

Wild About Art
£5 per child (ages 4+) £2.50 per adult
Monday 9th April 13:30-15:00
Take part in a natural art session. Using materials all around you to create your very own masterpiece.

Woodland Games & Den Building
£5 per child (aged 4+) £2.50 per adult
Learn new woodland games and den building techniques. Suitable for all of the family.
Tuesday 10th April 13:30-15:00

Wild! Obstacle Courses
£5 per child (aged 4+) £2.50 per adult
Using woodland materials create an obstacle course and challenge the opposition to complete it.
Thursday 5th April 13:30-15:00

Ranger Academy
9th April to 12th April
Cost: £120

Junior Ranger Academy
13th April Cost: £30

Children's Bat Walk at Keston Common
Take part in an amazing nocturnal adventure. Armed with a bat detector we will go in search of our amazing and cute bats! Wrap up warm.
£7 per entry: (aged 5+)
All children must be accompanied by an adult
Friday 12th April
19:30-21:30

Self Led Springtime Animal Babies Trail all week during visitor centre opening hours. £3 per child and a special gift for completing the trail.

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Public Activities
May & June
High Elms Country Park

Storytime:
Where the Wild Things Are
£4.00 per child (ages 3+)
Monday 28th May
10:00-11:00

Family Forest School
£7 per entry: (aged 4+)
Friday 1st June 13:30-15:30
Take part in our fantastic forest school.
Discover and learn about the woodlands of
High Elms. Families can explore together.

Wild! Obstacle Courses
£5 per child (aged 4+) £2.50 per adult
Tuesday 29th May 13:30-15:00
Using woodland materials create an obstacle course and
challenge the opposition to complete it.

Butterfly Safari
£7 per child (aged 4+) £3.50 per adult
Take part in our led safari around High Elms learning about our amazing
butterfly diversity and maybe even safely catching some for a close up look!
Wednesday 30th May 13:30-14:30
Thursday 31st May 10:00-12:00

Junior Ranger Academy
Friday 1st June
Cost: £30

Nature Walk & Pond Dipping
£7 per child (aged 4+) £3.50 per adult
Enjoy a spring nature walk hunting for
wildlife & learning how to identify common
species before heading to our pond to
discover an amazing underwater world.
Monday 28th May 13:30-15:30
Thursday 31st May 13:30-15:30

Self Led "Connect With Nature" Trail
all week during visitor centre opening hours.
£3 per child and a special gift for completing the trail.

All activities bookable by phone and online at www.bromleyparks.co.uk/bookings
Children must accompanied by an adult for all activities unless otherwise stated
Public Activities
July & August
High Elms Country Park

High Elms Safari
£7 per child (aged 4+) £3.50 per adult
Monday 30th July 13:30-15:30
Monday 6th August 13:30-15:30
Monday 13th August 13:30-15:30
Monday 20th August 13:30-15:30
An instructor led nature safari around our wonderful habitats getting up close and personal with nature.

Summer Storytime Sessions
£4.00 per child (ages 3+)
Night Pirates In The Woods
Tuesday 7th August 10:00-11:00
Tuesday 21st August 10:00-11:00
Develop your little ones inner pirate with this swashbuckling story session after which we build our own pirate ship in the woods.

Where The Wild Things Are
Monday 30th July 10:00-11:00
Monday 13th August 10:00-11:00
After reading this classic story we will venture into the woods to hunt for precious materials to decorate our own crowns.

Tidy
Monday 6th August 10:00-11:00
Monday 20th August 10:00-11:00
Read the tale of the badge who likes everything to be tidy before heading into the woods to learn about why it is good to be messy (sometimes!).

Percy The Park Keeper: The Treasure Hunt
Tuesday 14th August 10:00-11:00
Tuesday 28th August 10:00-11:00
Percy The Park Keeper has been busy leaving clues for us; we need to use these to find the hidden treasure!

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Children must accompanied by an adult for all activities unless otherwise stated.
Children's Bat Walk at Keston Common
£7 per entry: (aged 5+)
Friday 24th August 19:30-21:30
Take part in an amazing nocturnal adventure. Armed with a bat detector we will go in search of our amazing and cute bats! Wrap up warm.

High Elms Bug Explorer
£7 per child (aged 4+) £3.50 per adult
Take part in our led safari around High Elms learning about our amazing bug diversity and maybe even safely catching some for a close up look!

- Monday 30th July 13:30-15:30
- Monday 6th August 13:30-15:30
- Monday 13th August 13:30-15:30
- Monday 20th August 13:30-15:30

Nature Walk & Pond Dipping
£7 per child (aged 4+) £3.50 per adult
Enjoy a spring nature walk hunting for wildlife & learning how to identify common species before heading to our pond to discover an amazing underwater world.

- Tuesday 24th July 13:30-15:30
- Tuesday 31st July 13:30-15:30
- Tuesday 7th August 13:30-15:30
- Tuesday 14th August 13:30-15:30
- Tuesday 21st August 13:30-15:30
- Tuesday 28th August 13:30-15:30

Junior Ranger Academy
Friday 27th July
Friday 31st August
Cost: £30

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Public Activities
July & August
High Elms Country Park

Wild About Art
£5 per child (ages 4+) £2.50 per adult
Take part in a natural art session.
Using materials all around you to create your very own masterpiece.
Thursday 26th July 10:00-11.30
Thursday 2nd August 10:00-11.30
Thursday 9th August 10:00-11.30
Thursday 16th August 10:00-11.30
Thursday 23rd August 10:00-11.30
Thursday 30th August 10:00-11.30

Woodland Games & Den Building
£5 per child (aged 4+) £2.50 per adult
Learn new woodland games and den building techniques.
Suitable for all of the family.
Thursday 2nd August 13:30-15:00
Thursday 9th August 13:30-15:00
Thursday 16th August 13:30-15:00
Thursday 23rd August 13:30-15:00
Thursday 30th August 13:30-15:00

Ranger Academy
Friday 3rd August
Friday 10th August
Friday 17th August
Friday 24th August
Cost: £120

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2018 Spring/Summer Calendar

06/01 09:30 Birdwatching Club
13/01 09:30 Birdwatching Club
20/01 09:30 Birdwatching Club
27/01 09:30 Birdwatching Club
12/02 10:00 Games & Den Building
  12/02 13:30 Story Session: Noisy Foxes
13/02 10:00 Story Session: Superworm
13/02 13:30 Obstacle Course Building
14/02 13:30 Games & Den Building
  15/02 10:00 Story Session: Noisy Foxes
15/02 13:30 Obstacle Course Building
16/02 10:00 Games & Den Building
16/02 13:30 Story Session: Superworm
03/04 10:00 Family Easter Egg Hunt
04/04 13:30 Easter Story Session
  05/04 10:00 Nature Walk & Pond Dipping
  05/04 13:30 Obstacle Course Building
  06/04 10:00 Story Session: Percy Park Keeper
  06/04 13:30 Wild About Gardening
  09/04 10:00 Ranger Academy (4 days)
  09/04 13:30 Wild About Art
10/04 10:00 Ranger Academy (4 days)
10/04 13:30 Games & Den Building
11/04 10:00 Ranger Academy (4 days)
12/04 10:00 Ranger Academy (4 days)
  12/04 10:00 Story Session: Percy Park Keeper
13/04 10:00 Junior Ranger Academy
13/04 13:30 Wild About Gardening
  28/05 10:00 Story Session: Where The Wild things Are
  28/05 13:30 Nature Walk & Pond Dipping
  29/05 06:30 Early Morning Walk
29/05 13:30 Obstacle Course Building
  30/05 13:30 Butterfly Safari
  31/05 10:00 Butterfly Safari
  31/05 13:30 Nature Walk & Pond Dipping
01/06 10:00 Junior Ranger Academy
01/06 13:30 Family Forest School
  23/07 10:00 Story Session: Tidy
24/07 10:00 Story Session: Arghhhh! Spider!
  24/07 13:30 Nature Walk & Pond Dipping
  26/07 10:00 Wild About Art
  26/07 13:30 Games & Den Building
27/07 10:00 Junior Ranger Academy
  30/07 10:00 Story Session: Where The Wild things Are
  30/07 13:30 High Elms Safari
  31/07 10:00 Story Session: Percy Park Keeper
  31/07 13:30 Nature Walk & Pond Dipping
02/08 10:00 Wild About Art
02/08 13:30 Games & Den Building
03/08 10:00 Ranger Academy (4 days)
  06/08 10:00 Story Session: Tidy
  06/08 13:30 High Elms Safari
  07/08 10:00 Story Session: Arghhhh! Spider!
  07/08 13:30 Nature Walk & Pond Dipping
09/08 10:00 Wild About Art
09/08 13:30 Games & Den Building
10/08 10:00 Ranger Academy (4 days)
  13/08 10:00 Story Session: Where The Wild things Are
  13/08 13:30 High Elms Safari
  14/08 10:00 Story Session: Percy Park Keeper
  14/08 13:30 Nature Walk & Pond Dipping
  16/08 10:00 Wild About Art
  16/08 13:30 Games & Den Building
18/08 10:00 Ranger Academy (4 days)
  20/08 10:00 Story Session: Tidy
  20/08 13:30 High Elms Safari
21/08 10:00 Story Session: Superworm
  21/08 13:30 Nature Walk & Pond Dipping
  23/08 10:00 Wild About Art
23/08 13:30 Games & Den Building
24/08 10:00 Ranger Academy (4 days)
  28/08 10:00 Story Session: Percy Park Keeper
  28/08 13:30 Nature Walk & Pond Dipping
  30/08 10:00 Wild About Art
  30/08 13:30 Games & Den Building
31/08 10:00 Junior Ranger Academy