

Potential Plus UK presents....

The Be Curious

30th April & 1st May 2022

@
Beaumanor Hall
Leicestershire
LE12 8TX



Weekend

Two days of family fun,
exploration and learning



The historically significant Beaumanor Hall is a superb setting for experiential and empathetic exploration for both children and adults. The site has a rich history and some elements of that provide a focus for several activities, with higher-level thinking skills predominating, whilst the grounds and natural resources enable a series of challenges more reliant on a combination of creativity, physicality and effective team-working skills.

Tickets & Prices

Early Bird Rates: until midnight 20 March
All booking closes: midnight 18 April

Be Curious Weekend is designed as a **family activity weekend**, that is, families working and playing together. All children must have adult supervision in each session. There is an expectation that participating parents will not just supervise – they will join in the activities.

If more than one parent/guardian is attending, both are welcome to join in the activities with their child(ren) but the second (or further) adult(s) can opt for a 'Non-Participating' ticket. In this case they will have access to site and refreshments, but they will not be permitted to join in the activities.

Member Rates

Participating Adult or Child

Early Bird: £40 per person per day

Standard: £45 per person per day

Non-Participating Adult

Early Bird: £5 per person per day

Standard: £10 per person per day

Non-Member Rates

Participating Adult or Child

Early Bird: £50 per person per day

Standard: £55 per person per day

Non-Participating Adult

Early Bird: £10 per person per day

Standard: £15 per person per day

Each day is divided into a morning and an afternoon session.

These can each be filled with either 2 one-hour sessions or a single two-hour session.

*Potential Plus UK are working in partnership with **The Skills Builder Partnership** aiming to build the essential skills which children and young people need for success. Our programme offers opportunities to help children and young people develop their abilities in the eight key areas and guidance on particular matches between activities and skills is provided using the symbols against activities. Further details will be available on the day.*



One Hour Sessions

1) Bridge Building

Try your hand at some structural engineering as you work as a team to design, build and test a bridge to span a body of water. Explore and experiment with knot-tying, physical balance and mechanics in order to get your team safely across to the other side – without getting wet! *Shoes with good grip that you don't mind getting damp should be worn for this activity. Most people don't get too soaked doing this activity (unless they really want to!), but a change of items of clothing might be handy to have if you are that super-adventurous sort.*



2) Land Buggies

Work with your team to build your own buggy using barrels and poles in an attempt to create the most effective vehicle to then race against the other teams in a series of challenges. Success will depend on planning, design, engineering know-how, team work and leadership - as well as having resilience and a good sense of humour!



3) Nightline

A sensory deprivation exercise in which participants are blindfolded throughout the activity. Teams support each other to navigate their way through a series of obstacles with trust, communication, cooperation and mutual support all being key to reach a successful outcome



4) Team Challenges A & B

Team Challenge A contains different activities to Team Challenge B. These two challenge sessions each use a number of exciting physical and mental games and puzzles. You will need to problem-solve, lead, evaluate, co-ordinate and work as a team.



5) Pond Dipping & Mini Beast Hunting

The Beaumanor grounds are teeming with wildlife, large and small, even more so post-lockdowns. The woodland, pond, stream and meadow areas provide the ideal backdrop to learn about habitats, natural art, creature study and classification both on land and in the water. Scientific activities and games that facilitate exploration.



6) History Tours

Explore the Hall and grounds and hear about the fascinating connections Beaumanor Hall has with both the Victorian era and World War II particularly.



7) Bushcraft

Explore the theme of survival and man's basic survival needs including building effective shelters in the woodland to protect against the elements.



8) Y-Station Code-Breaking

During World War II, Beaumanor was instrumental in the effort to break the German enigma code. Absent from the maps of the time, it blended into the local landscape unseen. Participants will get to work in one of the camouflaged buildings from the era – it might look like a workers' cottage but it is the original radio-building! You will be challenged to work swiftly and competitively to listen with care to real messages and decode them.



2 Hour Sessions

Adventure Options



These activities provide a technical and specific skill-based environment where participants can challenge themselves physically and mentally to overcome fears and work on building self-confidence and independence. Please note age, weight and height guidance for these.

Canoeing – minimum age 6, must be able to swim confidently

Please be aware that there is a short minibus journey required and that you are likely to get wet.

Archery – minimum age 6

Climbing – minimum age 6 – minimum height 1.25m – weight range 20-101kg

High Ropes – minimum age 8 – minimum height 1.25m – weight range 20-101kg

This involves an aerial trek and a zip wire.

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Saturday Timetable

10.00 - 10.30	Arrivals and Registration			
10.30 - 11.30	Pond Dipping	History Tour	Team Challenges A	Climbing
11.30 - 12.00	Break & Refreshments			
12.00 – 13.00	Night Line	Land Buggies	Bush Craft	
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch			
14.30 – 15.30	History Tour	Team Challenges B	Mini Beast Hunting	Canoeing
15.30 – 16.00	Break & Refreshments			
16.00 – 17.00	Bush Craft	Code Breaking	Land Buggies	
17.00 – 17.30	Depart			

Sunday Timetable

9.30 - 10.00	Arrivals and Registration			
10.00 - 11.00	Team Challenges B	Bush Craft	Bridge Building	High Ropes
11.00 - 11.30	Break & Refreshments			
11.30 – 12.30	Code Breaking	Team Challenges A	Pond Dipping	
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch			
14.00 – 15.00	Night Line	Pond Dipping	Bridge Building	Archery
15.00 – 15.30	Break & Refreshments			
15.30 – 16.30	Code Breaking	Bridge Building	Mini Beast Hunting	
16.30 – 17.00	Depart			

Booking at: https://community.potentialplusuk.org/events/event_list.asp

You will need to enter your session selections at the time of booking.

There are limited spaces on each activity - book early to avoid disappointment.

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Kit List Considerations

- Please come prepared for all weathers. All activities take place outdoors. We have indoor spaces available for breaks and breaktimes are sufficiently long to allow for changes of clothing.
- The **weather** at this time of year can be changeable so please bring items of clothing to accommodate both wet and sunny spells (eg. Waterproofs, sun cream/hats).
- Some activities – Bridge Building, Canoeing and Pond Dipping – take place on or near **water**, so having a change of clothing and/or footwear available is strongly advised.
- Be prepared for **muddy** and slippery conditions – sturdy boots or wellies are worth considering, plus wearing clothing that you do not mind getting dirty.
- For those activities involving a harness – High Ropes and Climbing – please make sure that legs are covered (leggings or a trouser, no shorts please).

Fundraising

Like many charities, Potential Plus UK's income from services and donations has been severely impacted over the last couple of years. This is a fundraising event for Potential Plus UK. There will be opportunities to make donations, participate in raffles and enjoy the second-hand bookstall run by the charity's trustees. Please ensure that you **bring cash** if you wish to participate in the raffle, buy from the bookstall or purchase lunch from the pop-up shop.

Financial Assistance

The Potential Trust are happy to be approached by families to request financial assistance to enable them to attend Be Curious Weekend.

You can find out more from the 'What we Fund' section on their website

www.thepotentialtrust.org.uk

Please contact Anna Comino-James at the Potential Trust

- By phone on 01844 351666
- By email via thepotentialtrust@clara.co.uk

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Lunch Options



There is no on-site food provision available as such however.....

- We will have a coffee van on site who will have snacks for sale.
- There will be a pop-up shop run by Potential Plus UK selling a limited range of sandwiches and associated lunchtime snacks.
- You are welcome to bring along a packed lunch.
- There are a number of food outlets close by that can be reached in the 1 ½ hr lunchtime (see below for some ideas, not recommendations).

	Location	Travel Time	Notes
Allendale Road Retail Park	Loughborough, LE11 2FF	10 minute drive	Here you will find: Aldi Costa Greggs Subway
The Manor House	Woodhouse Rd, Quorn, LE12 8AL	5 minute drive	Restaurant style, recommend that you book
Butler Henderson Cafe	Great Central Railway Station, Woodhouse Rd, Quorn	5 minute drive	Café style food
The Pear Tree Inn	Church Hill, Woodhouse Eaves, LE12 8RT	5 minute drive (possible to walk)	Italian, restaurant style Recommend that you book
The Old Bulls Head	Main Street, Woodhouse Eaves, LE12 8RZ	5 minute drive (possible to walk)	Restaurant style, recommend that you book
The Wheatsheaf	Brand Hill, Woodhouse Eaves, LE12 8SS	5 minute drive (possible to walk)	Pub style, recommend that you book
The Curzon Arms	Maplwell Road, Woodhouse Eaves, LE12 8QZ	5 minute drive (possible to walk)	Pub style, recommend that you book
Od'Thorpes Cafe	Station Road, Quorn, LE12 8BS	10 minute drive	Café style Closed on Sundays
Pretzels Deli	Station Road, Quorn, LE12 8BS	10 minute drive	Café style Closed on Sundays

Simple teas, coffee and water will be available free of charge all weekend. 'Special' drinks will be available for purchase from the coffee van on site.

We will have a number of rooms available for you to use during the day, including over lunchtime, as well as lots of places on site to eat your lunch outdoors.

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Accommodation Ideas



There is no accommodation available at Beaumanor itself, but there are a variety of places to stay within a ten-minute drive of Beaumanor Hall. Please note that Potential Plus UK is not recommending them, but simply informing families about some options.

	Location	Distance from Beaumanor Hall
Travelodge Loughborough Central	Bridge Street, Loughborough LE11 1NQ	2.6 miles
Premier Inn Loughborough	Southfield Road, Loughborough LE11 9SA	2.2 miles
Burleigh Court	Off Ashby Road, Loughborough University, Loughborough LE11 3TD	2.3 miles
Quorn Grange Hotel	88 Wood Lane, Quorn LE12 8DB	1.8 miles
Cedars Hotel and Restaurant	Cedar Road, Loughborough LE11 2AB	1.8 miles
The Ramada Loughborough	22 High Street, Loughborough LE11 2QL	2.4 miles
Quorn Country House	66 Leicester Road, Loughborough LE12 8BB	1.8 miles
The Hunting Lodge	38 South Street, Barrow upon Soar LE12 8LZ	2.6 miles
The Link Hotel	J23/M1, Loughborough LE11 4EX	2.7 miles
Rothley Court	Westfield Lane, Rothley LE7 7LG	3.2 miles

Evening Meal & Entertainment

Please note that **there is no centrally organized activity after leaving Beaumanor Hall** at 5pm each evening. However, there are numerous places to eat, covering many genres and price ranges, in the town of Loughborough (10 minute drive, plenty of parking) and the surrounding villages (Woodhouse Eaves, Barrow-on-Soar, Quorn, Mountsorrel). Leicester and Nottingham are a 25 minute drive away.

Loughborough has two cinemas and two escape room complexes:

<https://www.cineworld.co.uk/cinemas/loughborough/>
www.odeon.co.uk/cinemas/loughborough/
<https://www.breakescape.co.uk>
<https://deadlockedrooms.com/loughborough/index.html>

There are a number of theatres locally, including one in Loughborough (www.loughboroughtownhall.co.uk/events/2022/04#on-2022-04-29 with historian Alice Roberts speaking on Saturday night) and another in Mountsorrel (www.mountsorrelmemorialcentre.co.uk/upcoming-events showing a child friendly version of Little Shop of Horrors on Friday and Saturday night).