

# UFTON



*enriching lives*

**Ufton Adventure 2021**

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**Sleeps 38 children and 6 staff**  
**Set in 16 acres of private and safe woodland**

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# Who are the people at Ufton Adventure?

Ufton Court is an educational charity based in 16 acres of private woodland close to Mortimer.



We employ 27 staff; 9 in our teaching team and 18 who make sure that the cabins are clean and welcoming and the grounds are safe on arrival. The rest of our staff handle admin, finance, fundraising and weddings.

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# Where do children stay?

We can sleep up to 38 children and 6 staff

Children sleep in safe and warm woodland cabins which all have en-suite bathrooms and everybody shares a kitchen and dining room so that they can cook and eat together.

Children sleep in bunk beds and we provide bedding; the boys and girls cabins are separate.

Staff sleep in their own cabin which is split into 2 rooms

We have laundry facilities at Ufton Adventure and our support staff are very happy to wash and dry muddy clothes.

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**Each cabin sleeps 8 children and has an en-suite bathroom**

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# What does Ufton Adventure do?

We provide inspirational educational experiences outside the classroom.

We provide immersive outdoor woodland education.

We offer programmes aimed at helping children feel more confident and also with curriculum skills, especially with maths and science.

We believe that repeated visits have the most impact

Our Ufton Adventure programme are based around the "4 Rs"

- Respect (self-respect, towards others, towards belongings & equipment)
- Responsibility (for learning, for behaviour, for others' well-being)
- Resilience
- Reflectiveness

Children are all able to take part, learn and be challenged in a friendly, safe and secure way.

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**Some of the activities at Ufton Adventure**

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**Some more of the activities at Ufton Adventure**



# How we keep children safe at Ufton?

## **Safety features:**

1. The main gate to the road is always locked and all visitors are required to call in and identify themselves before the gate is opened. Only the emergency services can override the entry system.
  2. The gate to UA within the site is locked at night
  3. We have a Site Manager who lives at Ufton and is 'On- Call' for every visit
  4. All our staff, without exception, are subject to enhanced record checking to ensure that they are safe to work with children
  5. All our guests are accompanied by a member of our staff or have proven that they have passed enhanced security checks
  6. Our cabins have an internal alarm which rings in the teachers' sleeping cabin at night should any of the children's push alarms or cabin doors be operated
  7. A minimum of 3 staff sleep on site. All staff on site have use of walkie-talkie radios, internal phone and mobile phone so that they can communicate very quickly
  8. Ufton Court is situated on private land
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**Outside at Ufton Adventure**



# Why do we do it?

At Ufton Court we believe that:

- Children's lives can be enriched through educational experiences outside the classroom
- Children benefit from re-connecting with nature and spending time outdoors

We also believe that education outside the classroom can really enhance important life-skills including:

- self-esteem and self-understanding
- empathy with other
- tenacity
- building friendships
- Wellbeing and positive mental health

We place children at the very heart of **EVERYTHING** we do

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**Activities at Ufton Adventure**

# How do we work with schools?

## **What do the schools do?**

Schools choose who attends each programme

Schools send a minimum of 3 staff

Schools talk to us about what they want us to teach

Schools develop skills learned at Ufton back in the classroom

## **What does Ufton Court do?**

We offer learning outside the classroom

We devise programmes to support what is being taught in school

We lead sessions in the woodland and help children to achieve their potential

We ask children to take responsibility for themselves by cooking and tidying up

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