



Wye Valley Discovery & Alex Rider Mission Briefing Packages

All-inclusive residential visits for KS2

Available all year round with special offers for school
visits made between November and March

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Who are we?

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The Venue

YHA Wye Valley is an Old Rectory building just a few miles up-stream of Symonds Yat on the banks of the River Wye close to the Welsh border. Although it is tucked into the wooded hills and small villages, it is in fact just a few miles from the market town of Ross on Wye, Herefordshire.

Staying at Wye Valley offers groups a spacious and lush riverside location with more than enough room for a wide range of outdoor and indoor activities in a stunning and peaceful location.

The Old Rectory has 74 beds over 15 rooms over 3 secure zones. The largest room, a 10 bed, has double en-suite facilities.



All-inclusive Packages

These great value, all-inclusive residential visits are delivered in partnership with YHA Wye Valley and are renowned for their high quality and value for money - **we include all coach travel, accommodation, meals, plus your chosen activities.**

2 nights / 3 days - Arriving at lunchtime on **Day 1** - departing at lunchtime on **Day 3** - activities are delivered during the mornings, afternoons, and evenings. Starting with the afternoon on **Day 1.**

These LOTC accredited packages cover various subject areas within the curriculum. They are led by on-site staff, with activities arranged, itineraries planned and all fully risk-assessed, taking away the pressure from trip organisers.

The Programmes

We offer **TWO** themed packages with a range of activities for you to choose from in advance, these are delivered both within the hostel grounds and also within the surrounding landscape.

Choose from either our all-inclusive **KS2 Discovery Programme** or our **KS2 Alex Rider Mission Briefing Programme** - each package includes your return coach travel, accommodation, a full board meals service as well as your chosen activities.

The Discovery Programme

Includes a fabulous range of activities and team challenges. Choose from:

Coppet Hill Guided - Duration 2-3 hours

An absolutely fantastic walk that takes in a private estate, deer park, woodland trails, heathland, a trig point with views of The Malvern Hills and Brecon Beacons. Walks are punctuated with fun games and features designed to suit needs of group.

Archery - Duration 60-90 mins

The whole group will be given a safety demo and shown how to shoot correctly. Each participant will then shoot their arrows under guidance and tuition. The session then finishes with fun games in four teams. An absolute favourite!

Fencing - Duration 60-90 mins

Midi fencing closely simulates the adult sport with proper fencing masks and firm plastic foil swords so you will experience what fencing is really like. Learn footwork, movements, honour, discipline and swordplay. Finish with a tournament of duels between two teams. Can be conducted outside or inside.

Fire Lighting - Duration 60-90 mins

An introduction to the art of safe fire lighting, pupils will be taught about the fire triangle, and historic methods of starting fires before they build their own team fire using a friction tools, foraged materials and some prepared tinder.

Shelter Building - Duration 60-90 mins

Build a team shelter working in our woodland space on site and using military grade tarp and paracord. Can your team design a shelter to protect you from the rain storm? There's more than one way to make a roof in the forest.

Team Challenges

Pupils will be taken through a series of different team challenges each designed to test different aspects of teamwork. Sessions can include giant skis, gutter ball, grid crossing and more.

Orienteering

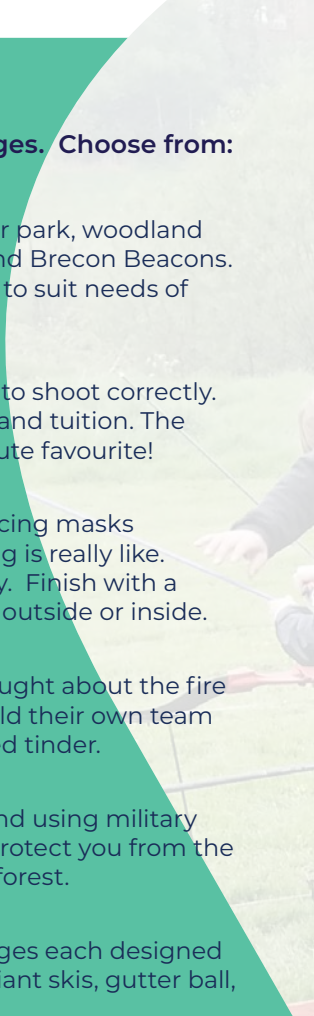
Tackle Wye Valley's own orienteering course. Learn the basic skills of map reading and orienteering before setting off on our course. A great way to explore the site independently whilst encouraging team work.

Image Hunter

Photos of close up features inside The Old Rectory look very obscure out of context. Can your team hunt them down? By the end you'll know the hostel back to front and see things you never would have noticed were there or even known what they were.

Environmental Art

This activity enables pupils to create their own ephemeral natural masterpieces. Using natural material found around the hostel grounds, children create their own inspired artwork. Always surprisingly satisfying.



Campfire

What better way to complete your day than sitting out under the stars with a roaring campfire? The on-site instructors will build and lead a campfire session, including campfire songs, skits and toasted marshmallows.

The Alex Rider Spy Themed Programme

Turn your students into super agents and watch them reap the rewards of working as a team with the Alex Rider Mission Briefing. Stealth, subtlety, craftiness & mystery. Is there a traitor amongst us?

During this experience, pupils (or 'agents' as they will be referred to) will be put through their paces as they hone their skills in a variety of action-packed activities and spy skills. All Mission Briefing participants will be given agent names for the duration of the stay and be required to make and carry their own ID cards whilst on site in training.

All of the above discovery package activities can be included as part of our exciting Alex Rider Mission Briefing package, but this time they are delivered as part of a spy training programme. There are also additional evening activities including Code Breaking, Gadget Design and then the residential finale: Hunt the double agent!

Pupils will receive a free copy of Anthony Horowitz's Stormbreaker novel courtesy of Walker Books Ltd and a certificate of achievement.



What can we eat?

The package includes a **full board meals service for groups** covering breakfast, packed lunch, and a two-course evening meal.

Breakfast is a buffet, served by members of the team. Choose items from a range of cooked favourites (**sausage, bacon, hash brown, tomato, beans, scrambled eggs and vegetarian sausage**), or **continental pastries, cereal, yoghurt, fruit juice, along with tea and coffee.**

Packed lunches consist of a pre-ordered sandwich, a piece of fruit, a biscuit bar and a bag of crisps. Please note that as part of YHA's commitment to reducing plastic waste, bottled drinks are not provided – however a water refilling station is available and we recommend that all guests bring a bottle to fill and refill.

Evening meals vary on different days, and an **example** two-course evening meal would consist of the following options:

Pasta and Veggie Meatballs with Garlic Bread (v) – 654 kcal

Jacket potato with cheese & beans (optional) (v) – 657 kcal

Alabama Chocolate Fudge Cake – 447 kcal

Choc ice (v) – 171 kcal

Fresh fruit (v)

The team can cater for most allergies and other dietary requirements with advanced notice. Group leaders are sent meal choice forms ahead of the visit to allow participants to make their choices and return them along with details of any dietary requirements.



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Be more inclusive

We understand the current impact of cost-of-living increases on household budgets. We recognise how this will be affecting some children's opportunity to take part in a school trip.

You can help parents to include their child in a visit by moving your trip to a low season month, reducing the cost burden significantly and thus encouraging more opportunities for more children.

We can beat the squeeze on budgets with our low season residential packages, delivered between November and March when significant savings can be made.

These reductions are only available when booked directly with us as an all-inclusive package.



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Simply let us have some details of your school, age and year group, your proposed group numbers and your ideal dates. We will check availability and come back to you with one all-inclusive price. Simple as that!

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