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award winning
outdoor activity
centre.**



MILL ON THE BRUE
outdoor activity centre

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Welcome – About Mill on the Brue

We are a family run Outdoor Activity Centre providing fun and exciting residential and day courses for children and adults since 1982. Set in 25 acres of beautiful rolling Somerset countryside, most activities take place on site.



Well Qualified and Experienced Staff – Mill on the Brue adheres to LA guidelines for school trips, both ratios and necessary qualifications. We are inspected and licensed by **AALA**, a Government Organisation our license number L9643/RO301 until August 2015. Holders of the **Learning Outside the Classroom** and **Adventure Mark** Badges. We are also a founder member of the **British Activity Providers Association** (BAPA) and conform to their code of practice.

Individually Written Programmes – These are written in consultation with your party leader with a clear aim for the visit.

TEFL lessons – Mill on the Brue can provide qualified TEFL teachers who will teach a group of 10–12 students, using techniques such as role play and word games.

There are three leading boarding and day secondary schools in Bruton, two private and one state. Kings school Bruton, Bruton School for Girls, and Sexeys School. Visits have been arranged to meet their students and experience English school life, and then all can participate in activities at Mill on the Brue. Whether visiting cultural attractions, outdoor activities, or experiencing the English way of life.

Arrangements made easy – We help the Party Leader as much as possible. There is a designated senior course leader who liaises with your group all week. If you wish we can make all the arrangements for your visit, including booking coaches, organising collection times and dealing with any other requirements.

Strong Environmental Emphasis – a way of life for all who work at the Centre. Includes conservation, recycling & re-using, environmental buildings, alternative energy geothermal, solar and wind and organic horticulture. Holder of the Gold Award Green Tourism Business Scheme, 2014.

DVD – Please click the link for a YouTube version of our **DVD**.

Risk Assessments – are undertaken annually for all activities, buildings, general, etc which we can email.



**Striving to be the best
outdoor centre in the UK**

Food at Mill on the Brue

At Mill on the Brue we know that everyone coming to us needs delicious tasting, high energy, well-cooked & plentiful meals.

Stuart, our Catering Manager, ensures that all the food is child friendly whilst at the same time healthy. All meals are home cooked and the organic vegetables and some fruit come from our own garden. We also source much of the produce from the local area.

If you have specific dietary requirements it is not a problem! The catering team has wide experience of cooking for different diets such as specific food allergies, health conditions or religious requirements. None of the food cooked in the kitchen contains nut



See below for an example of a 5 day menu.

	Breakfast	Lunch	Snack	Dinner
Monday	Cereal Porridge Toast, honey Fruit Juice	Spicy Beef Meat Balls Vegetable Meat Balls Steamed Pasta Apple Bakewell Tart and Ice Cream	Homemade Cookies	Squash & Vegetable Soup, Home made French Bread Tomato and Cheese Pizza, Mill on the Brue Salad, Fresh Fruit
Tuesday	Cereal Croissants Toast, preserves Fruit Juice	Chicken Korma Vegetable Korma Braised basmati Rice Naan Bread, pickles. Fruit Crumble & custard	Fruit Flapjack	Tomato & Basil Soup Homemade Bread Jacket Potato (Cheese, Coleslaw), Mill on the Brue Salad, Fresh Fruit
Wednesday	Cereal Sausages & bacon Toast, honey Fruit Juice	Packed Lunch Choice of Sandwiches, Fresh Fruit, Baked Crisps, Juice and Chocolate Bar	Carrot Cake	Tomato & Sweet Pepper Soup, Basil Croutons Local Beef Stew & Dumplings / Seasonal Vegetable Stew & Dumplings, Garden Vegetables, Yoghourts
Thursday	Cereal Pan Au Chocolat Toast, preserves Fruit Juice	Fresh Garden Vegetable Bolognaise, Garlic Bread MoB Salad and Dressing Fresh Fruit	Cherry Shortbread	Somerset White Onion Soup, Cheesy Sippets Local butcher Hot-Dogs with Onions / Vegetable Dogs MOB Salad Chocolate and Orange Mousse
Friday	Cereal Grilled Bacon Roll Toast preserves Fruit Juice	Locally reared Roast Leg of Pork/Vegetable Loaf Roast Potatoes, Garden Vegetables Marmalade sponge and Ice-Cream	Homemade Cookies	Carrot and Coriander Soup, Home made herby Rolls, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches Fresh Fruit

Accommodation

3 Residential buildings with total accommodation for 72 students and 10 staff at the Centre.

The House: sleeps 28 + 3/4 staff

3 bedrooms sleeping 28 maximum in rooms of 8–12
Showers and lavatories
Visiting staff flat with TV and separate bathroom
3 visiting staff bedrooms (one sleeping 2, two sleeping 1)
Centre Duty Instructors room
Large Common Room (the Wine Cellar)
Gas central heating throughout and solar heating for hot water

The Clubhouse

6 bedrooms sleeping 32 maximum in rooms of 4–6
Showers and Lavatories
Staff rooms sleeping up to 2, 1 and the snug sofa bed – total 4
En suite in staff rooms
The small sitting room with TV, coffee and tea making facilities
Gas central heating throughout, solar heating for hot water and solar voltaic for electricity.

The Garden Cabin

4 rooms, all en suite, which sleeps 4 per room including a visiting staff bedroom, again en suite with TV.
Total: 12 students plus 1 or 2 visiting staff.
Centrally heated and carpeted throughout, balcony.
Can be used as an overflow from the Clubhouse or Main House or on it's own for a small group

Cliff House

Mill on the Brue is fortunate to have the sole use of one of the boarding houses for the prestigious Sexeys School in Bruton, only 10 minutes walk from the Centre (bottom picture, Cliff House seen from Mill on the Brue).

The House has been refurbished to a very high standard, and can accommodate fifty students and visiting staff. The bedrooms are attractive, and comfortable, on two floors, sleeping between one and five people. There are ample showers, lavatories, a drying room, washing machines and driers and large common rooms. The group can enjoy breakfast and supper in the Sexeys' dining room if booked, having spent all day at Mill on the Brue.

Arrangements and bookings will be through Mill on the Brue with the same level of attention and care as all our visiting groups.



The Longouse and other facilities

The Longhouse

Large dining room seating 120+

Meeting Hall

Kitchen

Disabled lavatory

Separate male and female lavatories (rainwater harvesting)

Geothermal heating and woodburner, also solar heating for hot water

Patio with canopy cover

Other Facilities

Large drying room

The apple store – a straw bale building with wind turbine lighting used for various activities and crafts

Clay oven for cooking outside

2 barns for wet weather games and day visits

Day visits – meeting area, games, changing rooms, lavatories (rainwater harvesting), wash-rooms and showers

Fully Equipped campsite from May to September for more information see our website





Where to find us

Mill on the Brue is in Bruton, Somerset. Only 2.5 hours from West London via M3 and A303. Bath and Bristol are 1 hour away. The main railine goes through Castle Cary, 4 miles drive. Bruton train station has trains departing to Bristol and Weymouth. The nearest airport is Bristol, 45 minutes drive.

Visit Somerset



Places to Visit

Bath

Bath is a beautiful city, with plenty of places to visit for all ages, and has been designated a World Heritage Site. Bath is an one hour train journey away from Bruton. Click here for more information about **Bath**.

Roman Baths

The Roman Bath complex is one of the best-preserved sites in Europe and a great place for all ages to visit. The baths were part of day to day life in Ancient Rome.

As the Romans advanced West they discovered a hot water spring, bringing over 1 million litres of hot water to the surface at about 48°C. Over the hot water spring the Romans built a Bath and Temple and the city of Bath grew around the complex. Many travelled to Bath from all over the Roman Empire, as the water was believed to have healing powers.

Bath Abbey

Bath Abbey has been a site for Christian worship for 1,200 years and has witnessed many significant events in history. The Abbey offers educational visits that help bring the history of the Abbey to life. These visits need to be booked in advance.

The Abbey offers self-guided visits which allow the group to explore the Abbey at their own pace. The Abbey provides leaflets, quizzes and a Prayer Trail on arrival for the children to complete. The Abbey also offers individual gift bags at a cost of £2 per person.

Royal Victoria Park

Royal Victoria Park is the perfect place for a picnic. The park is overlooked by the Royal Crescent and spans 57 acres. Among the collection of beautiful flowers and trees is a boating pond perfect for model boats and feeding ducks. The park also has a children's play area with slides, swings and climbing frames.

Bus Tour

An open top bus tour of this Georgian City allows you to see many of the historic sights. The bus also allows you to hop on and off, providing transportation around the city.

The Jane Austen Centre

Jane Austen is the acclaimed writer of *Pride and Prejudice*, *Sense and Sensibility* and *Emma*. The centre has costumes, exhibits, books, maps and exclusive films allowing you to explore the life of Bath's most famous resident. The exhibits also tell the story of how living in this famous city affected her writing.

Fashion Museum

The fashion museum has a World class collection of historic fashion, with items from the late 16th century to the modern day. The galleries are arranged into the themes and there is an area for adults and children to dress up in the historic costumes.



Places to Visit

Bristol

Bristol is a vibrant city with a vast history, which you can explore with many tours, museums and attractions appealing to all ages. Bristol is easily accessible by train from Bruton with the journey taking around 1 hour 15 minutes.

Bristol Zoo Gardens

Bristol Zoo is set in 12 acres of gardens. The zoo has over 400 species and has 9 undercover animal houses allowing you to enjoy the zoo no matter what the weather. There is an undercover picnic area and the zoo also provides education sessions depending on subjects the children are learning about in schools.



SS Great Britain

'Discover the ship that changed the world'.

SS Great Britain was the World's first great ocean liner, built by the famous engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel who also was the engineer behind the Clifton Suspension Bridge and the Great Western Railway.

The ship was rescued in 1970 and restored to her Victorian glory days, bringing the history of this great ship to life. The museum has interactive displays, story telling and games.



@Bristol

@Bristol brings science to life and provides educational visits with a variety of activities for all ages. The educational visits provide access to interactive exhibits, workshops, science theatre shows, special theme days, live labs and the planetarium. As @Bristol is an educational charity therefore school trips are excellent value for money.

Bristol Pirate Walks

Discover Bristol's maritime, pirating and smuggling history including the infamous Blackbeard the pirate, with a 1 hour walking tour around Bristol's Harbour side. The tours operate on request and are tailored to your group. Special discounts are also offered for large groups. For more information click [here](#).

Bristol Treasure Trails

The treasure trails offer a fun and exciting way to explore Bristol. Each trail provides step-by-step directions ensuring you see the most historic and interesting sites in Bristol. Each trail has its own booklet with directions and clues to be solved along the trail. The answer to the clues are on the buildings and historic structures across Bristol.

There are 5 trails to complete in the centre of Bristol including treasure hunting, murder mystery and a top-secret spy mission. Booklets cost £5. For more information please click [here](#).



Places to Visit

Bruton

Discovering Bruton is a 2 hour session run from Mill on the Brue. It is a town study identifying the numerous historic buildings and discovers some fascinating facts about this ancient Saxon town through photographs and clues. A visit to the Bruton Museum can also be arranged.

Hauser & Wirth Somerset

Hauser & Wirth Somerset is located at Durslade Farm on the edge of Bruton, a 10 minute walk from Mill on the Brue, opening July 2014. It aims to become a destination for experiencing art, architecture and the remarkable Somerset landscape through new and innovative exhibitions of contemporary art. Hauser & Wirth Somerset will also provide an extensive events and education programme inspired by the exhibitions, the countryside and the local community.

Educational Visits

Schools, colleges and universities are welcome. Groups will be encouraged to participate in their programme of gallery and garden tours which will be led by their learning Team and tailored to the specific needs, interests and learning objectives of the audience. An introductory tour of the galleries and garden will be designed to engage students with the current art exhibitions as well as give an insight into the Gallery's architecture and innovative landscaped garden. On offer will also be tours and talks that focus in depth on a particular exhibition or theme. Tours will last approximately 90 minutes.

Advance booking at least 2 weeks prior to arrival will be essential for all groups, for both self-directed visits and groups who wish to book a tour with their Learning Team. There is a cost of £30 for the group.



Places to Visit

Cheddar Gorge

Cheddar Gorge is a 45 minute coach trip from Bruton and is Britain's largest, with dramatic cliffs and caverns. It is an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and offers a range of educational visits.

- **Lookout Tower** – Climb 274 steps for stunning views of the Mendip Hills and the surrounding environment.
- **Cliff top walk** – Take the 3 mile walk through the grasslands of the gorge. The area is an area of wildlife conservation.
- **Bus Tour** – Open bus tour of the gorge with commentary. The tour allows you to see spectacular views of the gorge.
- **Wildlife talks** – Talks on wildlife, conservation and the gorge.
- **Gough's cave** – This is a guided tour of one of the most spectacular show caves.
- **Cox's Cave** – This is the first ever show cave and the students will learn how calcite formations occur.
- **Museum of Prehistory** – This session teaches the children the importance of tools and fire in ancient world, and how our ancestors lived thousands of years ago. The children can also try their hand at cave painting.

There is also a sweet making factory, a cheese tasting shop and of course the famous 'Cream Tea' shops in the village.



Longleat

Longleat is a 30 minute coach trip from Bruton and is the home of the Marquesses of Bath and is also a Safari and Adventure park. There are many activities and sites to see. Take a tour of the historical house, walk amongst meerkats and penguins, feed the sea lions and take part in the Deadly challenge.

Places to Visit

Stonehenge

Stonehenge is one of the ancient wonders of the world and a world heritage site. Created from 3050BC. Stonehenge provides educational visits.

Expert-led Discovery Visits

KS1-3 – Stones & Bones: Stonehenge in its landscape.
Children learn the history of Stonehenge through drama, music and artefact investigation.
2 hours
Tuesday – Thursday during term time.

Self-led Visits

Groups are free to discover the wonders and history of Stonehenge at their own pace. Stonehenge has a new visitors centre with permanent and temporary exhibitions.

Facilities for Learning Groups

Explorer backpacks providing hands on activities to uncover the history of Stonehenge.
Education room
Picnic Space



Salisbury

Salisbury is a historical town located in Wiltshire with timbered buildings and a Gothic Cathedral. Salisbury is 8 miles from Stonehenge and one hour from Bruton.

Salisbury Cathedral is one of Britain's finest Medieval Cathedrals. The Cathedral's spire is the tallest in Britain at 123m. Salisbury Cathedral is also the home to the best-preserved Magna Carta. The Cathedral also has 365 windows, one for every day of the year.

The Cathedral offers several options for visiting schools.

- 1 Hour tour and 1 hour hands-on workshop. These sessions can be tailored to your group and to a specific subject.
- Self-guided tours with specially devised student materials. These sessions teach the children about the cathedral and also improve their English.

Arundells, in Salisbury's Cathedral Close, home of former Prime Minister Sir Edward Heath, contains his collections of: paintings, (including Wyllie, Singer Sargent, Piper, Churchill, Sickert, Augustus and Gwen John, John Nash, Lowry and many more), sailing and musical memorabilia, Oriental and European ceramics, cartoons, bronzes, Chinese and Japanese artworks, photographs and much more, just as they were when he lived there, along with access to the beautiful two acre garden.

Example of a 5 day programme with 1 trip

		Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
Monday	AM	Welcome to Mill on the Brue		
	PM	Assault course	Water sports	Tunneling
Tuesday	AM	Meeting students from a Bruton school		
	PM	Discovering Bruton	Assault course	Water sports
Wednesday	AM	Visit the Roman Baths in Bath		
	PM	Lunch in Royal Victoria Park, Fashion Museum		
Thursday	AM	Zip wire	Discovering Bruton	Assault course
	PM	Tunneling	Zip wire	Discovering Bruton
Friday	AM	Water sports	Tunneling	Zip wire
	PM	Presentation Depart from Mill on the Brue		



Sample Prices for the above programme with coach from Bristol Airport to Bruton return and the cost of one trip. The cost does not include flights (Prices as of May 2014 and based on 30 children and 3 adults)

High Season	£366.50pp
Mid Season (April)	£317.50pp
Mid Season (March and October)	£317pp
Low Season – available on request	

Note: Mill on the Brue does not book flights - this is the responsibility of the customer.



Example of a 7 day programme with 2 trips

		Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
Monday	AM	Welcome to Mill on the Brue		
	PM	Assault course	Water sports	Tunneling
Tuesday	AM	Meeting students from a Bruton school		
	PM	Discovering Bruton	Assault course	Water sports
Wednesday	AM	Visit the Roman Baths in Bath		
	PM	Lunch in Royal Victoria Park, Fashion Museum		
Thursday	AM	High Ropes	Tunneling	Discovering Bruton
	PM	Water sports	High Ropes	Zip wire
Friday	AM	Visit @Bristol		
	PM	Bristol Treasure Trail		
Saturday	AM	Activities with students from a Bruton school		
	PM	Zip wire	Discovering Bruton	High Ropes
Sunday	AM	Tunneling	Zip wire	Assault course
	PM	Presentation Depart from Mill on the Brue		

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High Season £546.50pp

Mid Season (April) £496pp

Mid Season (March and October) £487pp

Low Season – available on request

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“Dear Tricia and All the Staff who looked after us last week! Thank you so much for the wonderful week we spent with you at MOB. Having lead many residential visits over the years, I can honestly say it was by far the best one I have ever experienced. The accomodation, food, surroundings and professionalism of the staff were all of the highest standard. Needless to say, we would like to return next year!”
—Jo Phelan, Holy Trinity School, Sunningdale



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