

Teacher Pack 2

Cannock Chase National Landscape

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LEAF Education

Our vision is to engage, inspire and motivate young people and wider society to be conscious consumers who feel empowered to make decisions that ensure we have a world that is growing, eating and living sustainably.

LEAF Education have been working with Cannock Chase National Landscape through an educational project funded by the Farming in Protected Landscapes programme (FiPL). The project has enabled us to work with local schools and teachers within the area by firstly delivering a Teacher CPD at Beaudesert Park Farm, a working farm in Cannock Chase National Landscape that also offers educational visits.

To find out more information about Beaudesert Park Farm, visit https://www.countrysideclassroom.org.uk/places/3465

A Teacher's pack was created to support the Teacher CPD event where teachers learnt how to connect with Cannock Chase National Landscape through engaging activities and a farm tour. This pack is intended to support teaching and learning, encouraging young people to protect, respect and enjoy this beautiful National Landscape.

Teacher's Pack 1 can be found on our Countryside Classroom website - https://www.countrysideclassroom.org.uk/resources/1725





Cannock Chase is one of England's finest landscapes. Located in the heart of Staffordshire, it is considered the jewel of the West Midlands. Well known and loved for its scenery, wildlife and rich history, it offers superb walking, cycling and horse-riding in a tranquil and peaceful setting. The National Landscape Partnership of local authorities, agencies and community groups works together to look after this outstanding landscape for current and future generations. Protecting and conserving our designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty will ensure it can be enjoyed by everyone for many years to come.

Cannock Chase National Landscape Partnership have a wealth of educational resources that can enable young people, teachers and the local community to further help to protect, respect and enjoy this beautiful area.

A good place to start would be the Cannock Chase website which can be accessed using the link below

Welcome to Cannock Chase - Cannock Chase (cannock-chase.co.uk)

An <u>induction pack</u> is available which provides an overview about Cannock Chase, our work and the Cannock Chase National Landscape Partnership.

Cannock Chase National Landscape is part of a wider organisation of 46 National Landscapes. The umbrella organisation is the National Landscapes Association and this video provides an introduction into what National Landscapes do to protect our green spaces and help our communities to thrive.

Future Guardians of Cannock Chase

We want the children of today to be the Future Guardians of Cannock Chase tomorrow. Together, we can help the next generation to discover the special qualities that define the area and make it unique, and how they can get involved to look after it.

Please see our page <u>Future Guardians of Cannock Chase - Cannock Chase (cannock-chase.co.uk)</u> which has all the information, resources and activities for children to be able to get involved, including following the Cannock Chase bees, Heather and Heathcliffe as they explore the Chase.

Take a look at the activity packs to find out about how to get involved with protecting Cannock Chase and what makes it special and unique.

Topics include:

- Habitats and their associated wildlife.
- The Chase Through Time
- Dark skies (and peace and tranquillity)
- Our Chase, Our Future (covering the ecosystem services that the Chase provides, the need to look after it, and the Cannock Chase code)

Features of Cannock Chase

In 2023, <u>Features of Cannock Chase</u> glossy guides were launched which has over 50 beautifully illustrated species which you can find on Cannock Chase. This can be purchased from <u>Amazon</u> for just £4 and is great for children to discover more about nature.

Walks

Cannock Chase National Landscape has a variety of routes of different lengths available to download from the website here.

There are longer walks which vary from 4.5 to 9.25 miles, along the routes you will see old oak woodlands, pine forests, historic parklands, viewpoints, rivers and canals.

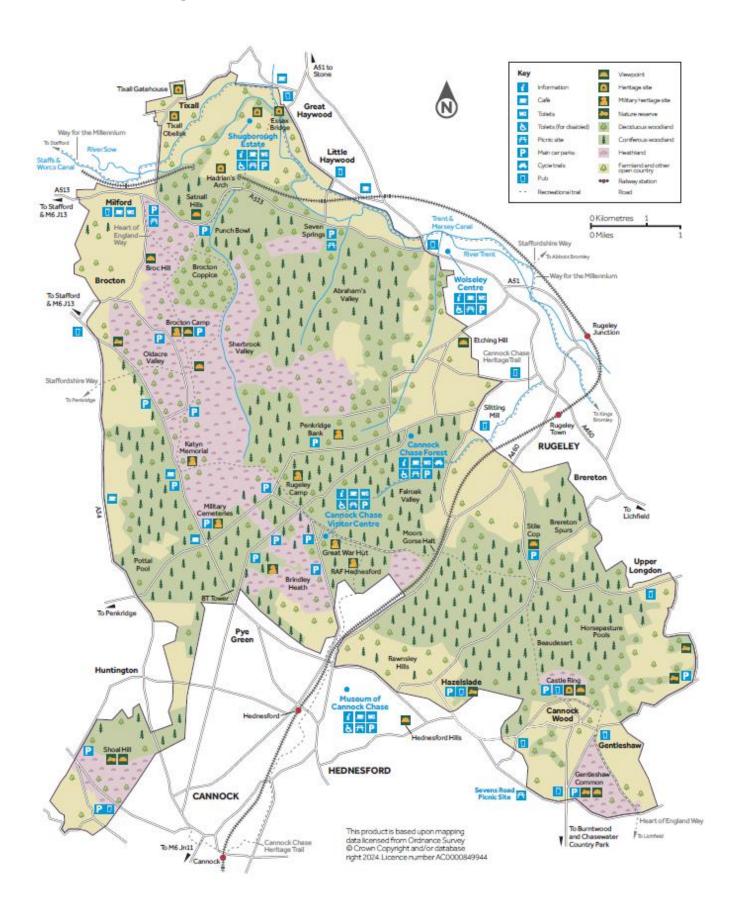
Shorter routes are from 1.25 miles and include trails around RAF Hednesford, Brindley Heath and Milford Common.

Videos of each of the smaller trails can be found on the <u>website</u> and on <u>Youtube</u>. The videos are to help you to see the type of terrain and what you may expect to see on the trail.

A booklet showing all the walks is available for purchase (£3.50) from the Cannock Chase Visitor Centre on Marquis Drive.

An Access Guide is available to view and download, providing information on the facilities available for a range of users across Cannock Chase National Landscape (Cannock Chase Access Guide)

Cannock Chase Map



Be a Cannock Chase Champion and follow the code

We want everyone to be proud to protect the Chase. It is a unique and nationally important landscape. However, it is also fragile, and some behaviours can cause accidental but significant harm. The Cannock Chase Code (below) has been developed to help everyone have a safe and enjoyable visit.

You can help to protect Cannock Chase by:

- Following the Cannock Chase Code
- Supporting the National Landscape partners and other organisations that look after Cannock Chase
- Using local produce and supporting local businesses

Be a Cannock Chase Champion and <u>follow the code</u>

protect · respect · enjoy

























Be a Chase Champion – Follow the Cannock Chase Code

Other Resources available

A wealth of technical documents, reports and publications are available on the website as well as a facts and figures page which can support teaching and learning.

Please do sign up here to the Cannock Chase e-newsletter to find out the latest news about what we are doing, new projects, how to get involved and to discover more about what Cannock Chase can offer you and the young people you work with.

You can also sign up to the Countryside Classroom e-newsletter here to receive updates about new resources, events, competitions and more.

Various leaflets can be downloaded from the website or can be picked up from Cannock Chase Visitor Centre, Marquis Drive, Hednesford WS12 4PW

Contact telephone 01543 876741 for opening times

If you require any further information, please contact the Cannock Chase National Landscapes team on cannockchase@staffordshire.gov.uk