

Christian Outdoor Centre for Children



Nestled between the River Severn and River Wye in the Forest of Dean, the Christian Adventure Centre, set in the picturesque, rural village of Viney Hill, was established some 25 years ago when the vicar at the time let young people camp on the ground's tennis courts during the school holidays.

Today, the Centre grounds provide camping facilities including a lounge, kitchen and shower block. The Old Vicarage provides indoor accommodation. The Centre works with young people from a diverse range of backgrounds, including school children at risk of exclusion, young people at risk of offending, recovering addicts & various youth projects, schools and youth groups.

Providing fully catered and self catering accommodation, the Christian Adventure Centre is the ideal venue to relax, study and discover the great outdoors through a range of adventurous and challenging activities in a supportive environment. The Centre provides accommodation for up to 72 people on the Cross Meadows Campsite, and accommodation for up to 42 people in the Old Vicarage, as well as wild camping for 20 people within the exhilarating Wild Camp area – a valuable experience encouraging team building and a sense of achievement.

The Centre employs 7 members of staff who strive to portray the underlying message that the natural environment needs looking after sustainably. Young people are encouraged to take on responsible stewardship of the world, as well as an open attitude and questioning in relation to spirituality and the Christian faith, enabling groups of young people to work together and grow.



Offering a fantastic residential outdoor experience, the Christian Adventure Centre offers young people an exciting range of activities across land and water in the following disciplines:

- Water – canoeing, kayaking, raft building and overnight canoe bivis
- Rock – climbing wall, rock climbing, abseiling and caving
- Forest – archery, mountain biking, navigation, forest walks and numerous team building activities

Launched in 2008, the Bush Craft and Survival Skills activity aims to teach young people what the forest can provide in terms of living with the natural environment to survive there; which plants/leaves are edible, how to find water, how to build shelters and how to make a fire.

This activity, which has proved very successful among participants since its inception, enables people of all ages and abilities to discover, understand and sustain the natural environment. The Viney Hill Centre is available for hire for a full residential visit or just for the day.

The centre has strong links to many church groups and can provide an activity packed programme for Alpha weekends, Christian Unions and Church Youth Groups.

The venue is also ideal for an alternative special occasion – it can be hired for birthday parties and fun activity days.

As a registered charity, all profits are reinvested in the further improvement of the Christian Adventure Centre's provision.

For further information please call 01594 516 162 or visit www.vineyhilladventure.org



Christianity Speaks

COMPASS CHRISTIAN CENTRE GLENSHEE, PERTHSHIRE



- outdoor rope course
 - 7 metre high climbing wall with various ranges of difficulty
 - 150 metre high zip wire
 - pond for water-based sports and activities
- The centre's fantastic facilities coupled with access to miles of beautiful countryside and fully trained staff, each experienced with the organisation and health & safety of outdoor pursuits, enables them to offer an abundance of activities

The ideal venue for youth group retreats and family breaks, Compass Christian Centre offers a wealth of indoor and outdoor activities all year round to provide a truly unforgettable experience.

Set in the heart of the Perthshire countryside, Compass represents the ideal location to experience the enjoyment of outdoor life whilst sharing the love of Jesus in a caring homely atmosphere. Located within two miles of the Cairngorm National Park, among the hills of the Glenn of Peace, the Centre, previously an old ski instruction centre and shooting lodge, has been established for over 42 years. Development of the Compass Christian Centre was based on a vision for future, providing schools, youth groups and church groups with the valuable resources to learn about the natural environment that they live in.

Catering for all ages and abilities, the Centre's facilities include:

- large auditorium providing a meeting area for up to 60 delegates complete with the latest multimedia equipment and Broadband access
- 2 lounge areas for informal chat and quiet time
- large sports hall providing space for 5-a-side football, volleyball, tennis and badminton
- upstairs games room offering table tennis, table-top football and pool tables

including; kayaking, raft building, canoeing, climbing, crate climbing, abseiling, walking, gorge walking, mountaineering, archery, skiing and snowboarding and many more. Visitors can also enjoy a spiritual programme, which is tailored to the individual needs of each group.



Large groups can be accommodated in the Main House, an old shooting lodge, which sleeps up to 56 people, who can take advantage of a 2008 refurbishment which converted around fifty per cent of the bedrooms to include en suite facilities. Further en suite accommodation is provided through four individual self catering apartments set in a converted coach house. The self contained flats are accredited with 2star ratings by the Scottish Tourist Board and special needs are catered for. Discounted peak prices are available for groups visiting during the winter months, who can take part in the interesting and highly successful Winter Skills activities at Compass including; ski and snowboard equipment hire and instruction, which are available at competitive rates. The winter season sees Compass offer a range of alternative activities such as crates and archery among others.

For further information please visit www.compasschristian.co.uk or call 01250 885 209

