



EDUCATION AT CRYMLYN BOG

Nature Days



WELCOME TO CRYMLYN BOG

Crymlyn Bog is a National Nature Reserve run by the Countryside Council for Wales. Situated in a glacial depression on the eastern edge of Swansea, it is one of the largest wetland sites in Wales. The extensive reed and sedge beds are home to wide range of wetland plants, birds and insects. Of particular note is the fen raft spider – the largest spider in Britain – which is known from only two other sites in the UK.

The facilities and environment of Crymlyn Bog makes this an ideal setting for educational and recreational activity. The site includes a reserve centre with a large classroom, interpretation display and toilet facilities. On the nature reserve itself, there is a network of paths, boardwalks and ponds, allowing for a range of field activities.



KEY STAGE 2 AND 3

Crymlyn Days are field study sessions led by Centre Staff. Taking advantage of the unique setting and distinctive landscape to combine field work observation and discussion to raise awareness and understanding about land use, biodiversity and lifestyle choices including the enabling of pupils to develop the delivery of shared environmental objectives.



The day consists of a combination of indoor and outdoor learning with all necessary equipment and learning material provided. Pupils enjoy a day full of fun and involved learning.

Crymlyn bog is a wetland of international importance (RAMSAR), a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and a Special Area of Conservation (SAC). It is home to extensive reed and sedge beds and wide range of wetland plants, birds and invertebrates.



Activities & Topics include:

- Pond dipping and animal identification
- Sustainability
- Food chains/webs
- Using Keys
- Walk around the NNR
- Ecosystems
- Mini Beasts
- Investigation
- The Industrial History of Crymlyn
- Adaptation
- Freshwater habitats, Animals & Plants



Crymlyn days fulfils the National Curriculum Criteria of:

- Undertaking geographical enquiry
- Collecting, recording and analysing evidence
- Using appropriate vocabulary and fieldwork techniques and instruments
- Decision Making Skills
- Learning how people can improve or damage the environment
- Using and applying handling – Problem solving, processing, representing and interpreting data
- Understanding Measures
- Knowledge and understanding of places, patterns and processes
- Knowledge and understanding of environmental change and sustainable development
- Carrying out fieldwork investigations outside the classroom



The day is largely subsidised by CCW and costs **only £25** per class per day with a maximum of 30 pupils per class

Pupils and teachers will be required to bring a packed lunch. Wet weather clothing and footwear is essential

HOW TO BOOK

Contact Nature Days on 01792 392919

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or visit www.naturedays.co.uk



HOW TO GET THERE

The main access point to Crymlyn Bog is from the visitor centre car park off the A483. To get there from Swansea you need to:

- * Turn left off Fabian Way (A483) into Port Tennant (Wern Terrace) by the Hooker Dyers pub
- * At the top of Wern Terrace turn right onto Dinam Road
- * Drive past the entrance to Tir John tip
- * The Crymlyn reserve centre and car park is 800 metres further on, on the right hand side

Please note that the road to the site is very narrow and that standard sized buses are unable to drive along the lane. Therefore mini buses/smaller coaches are advised.