



Ladysmith Federation CPTT Big Wild Sleep Out Saturday 6th July 2019

RSPB Aylesbeare Common

The RSPB would like to invite you to spend a night under the stars at the beautiful RSPB Aylesbeare reserve. Set up your tent in a private area of the reserve, head out onto the reserve in the evening to track down nocturnal wildlife, enjoy marshmallows over our campfire and have your evening meal and breakfast cooked for you over the fire.

What makes the Big Wild Sleep Out Unique?

- Exclusive access to some beautiful private areas of the RSPB Aylesbeare- **camping is not usually allowed on Aylesbeare or anywhere on the Pebblebed Heaths*** in order to protect the important wildlife there - so this is a unique opportunity to spend a night out in the wild. (* We are allowed to hold a limited number of BWSO events each year at Aylesbeare Common by kind permission of Clinton Devon Estates.)
- This event contributes to looking after this special place, it also raises funds for your school (RSPB will make a £100 donation to Ladysmith Federation CPTT)
- Get out amongst nature, discovering wildlife with friends and families

What is it like?

<http://vimeo.com/72823795> This is a video of a public RSPB Big Wild Sleep Out at Arne in Dorset in 2013.

The feedback from Ladysmith's previous Sleep Outs have been hugely positive!

"We heard and saw nightjars and bats, we found a glow worm, beetles, hunting spiders, a nest of wood ants and a whole lot more. And we enjoyed a fire, marshmallows, even a pineapple upside-down cake cooked in the coals! It was super fun and it didn't even rain!!!"

"I thought the event was fantastic. The staff and volunteers were fun, friendly and a pleasure to be with. They really know their stuff and worked hard to make it great."

How does it work?

- The event costs adults £25, children £17.50 – price includes dinner, breakfast and guided activities. Children will also receive a free Big Wild Sleep Out badge as a trophy from their adventures
- Head out to RSPB Aylesbeare Common on Saturday 6th July for 5pm with your tent and sleeping bag and enjoy being on the reserve for the evening, night and following morning with the RSPB team there to guide activities and provide a delicious dinner and breakfast. There is a walk from the car parking to the camping area. We expect to be finished by 11am on the Sunday.
- If you would like to join in, please complete a booking form by Friday 24th May, 5pm at the latest. Don't wait! Our capacity is limited to 50 participants, so places will be filled on a first come, first served basis. All bookings and payment will need to be confirmed by Monday 3rd June

Need more information?

If you would like to find out more about the event before you book, please contact the RSPB event team (aylesbeare.common@rspb.org.uk) or Emma Whittingham (cptt@ladysmithfederation.net)

