



Corporate Away Days with Earth Trust

Time spent with Earth Trust is more than your average team building day. The wild beauty and iconic landscape of the Earth Trust Farm, together with our experienced and knowledgeable staff, provide a unique opportunity to learn new skills and inspire change within your team.

Earth Trust offers a range of practical conservation tasks, as well as activity based team building sessions, each individually tailored to suit your group's needs.

Whether you choose to offer Earth Trust practical help to care for our green spaces, or come and have some fun in the outdoors building shelters, foraging and cooking over a campfire; whether your team can leave the office for a full day or just a few hours in the evening, we have the perfect session to meet your CSR and team building goals.

As well as providing incredible team building opportunities, the health benefits of spending time outdoors in green spaces have been well documented in recent years. From improving concentration levels to alleviating the impact of mental health issues, spending time outdoors with Earth Trust will have a lasting positive impact on the health and well-being of your employees.

Your time with us will also make an incredible impact in the South Oxfordshire area, with all proceeds helping Earth Trust fund a variety of projects, including outdoor educational experiences for children with special educational needs. Please see the back page for more information.

An away day with Earth Trust will be an unforgettable team building experience. To book or to make further enquires, please contact:

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"Our team had a great day together in this unique and beautiful venue. I would highly recommend companies choose Earth Trust for their team building day."

Craig Simmons,
Chief Technical Advisor, Anthesis Group



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Conservation Team Tasks

Taking part in an Earth Trust conservation task is a great way to accomplish your CSR goals whilst promoting physical fitness within your group. Working outdoors, in the stunning setting of the Earth Trust Farm, your group will be given the opportunity to make an important contribution to the conservation work Earth Trust undertakes on our farm, which includes Castle Hill (a scheduled ancient monument) and Little Wittenham Wood (a Site of Special Scientific Interest).

We will provide all of the necessary tools, guidance and expertise to make your day enjoyable. All you need to bring with you is a packed lunch and enthusiasm!

Conservation task days are available throughout the year and prices start from £55.00+VAT per person. Please see the options below for an idea of the sort of task you can undertake:



Task	What does it involve?	Why is it important?	When is it available?	Physical difficulty (1-5)
Ride management	Cutting back vegetation alongside footpaths and bridleways.	Helps manage our woodland footpaths and bridleways to provide open and inviting tracks for people to enjoy.	Sept to Oct	2
Coppicing	Coppicing is a traditional woodland management technique to regenerate new growth on existing trees	Coppicing is great for wildlife as it allows light into the woodland floor, causing a burst of ground flora, attracting insects and supporting a diverse range of animals.	Oct to Feb	3-4
Hedge planting* †	Planting to improve existing hedgerows or to create new hedges	Hedges provide important habitats for a range of wildlife, including nesting sites for farmland birds and foraging sites for small mammals.	Oct to Mar	3
Tree planting* †	Planting tree saplings within existing woodland	Trees and shrubs provide homes for a myriad of different species from insects to bats and fungi to birds.	Oct to Mar	3
Hedge protection	Clearing vegetation from newly laid hedges	Helps the hedgerow to thrive by reducing competition from other plants.	Apr to May	2

*a task which is not carried out every year, therefore it is not always available

† maximum group size for this task is 15



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Team Building Experiences

Earth Trust's range of team building activities have been specifically devised to promote team working skills such as communication, conflict management, listening, reliability and respect. All of Earth Trust's team building activities take place outdoors and are lead by our experienced and knowledgeable facilitators, who are skilled in making the most of the incredible outdoor spaces which Earth Trust nurtures.

Mix and match from the options below to create your perfect half-day team building experience. Prices start from £40+VAT per person.

Activity	What does it involve?	Physical difficulty (1-5)
Scavenger Hunt	Work together in teams to answer the clues and complete our Scavenger Hunt challenge, which will take you all over the beautiful Earth Trust Farm. There are two routes to chose from, to suit all levels of activity.	2-4
Shelter Building	Using the naturals materials available in Little Wittenham Wood, can your team build a shelter that will keep the elements out?	3
Campfire Cooking	Using basic survival techniques such as gathering wood and fire building, your team will prepare a delicious meal over an open fire. After-dinner songs round the campfire are optional!	2
Outdoor meditation and relaxation	Take time to de-stress as a group. Earth Trust's Facilitator will guide you through an outdoor relaxation session, bringing lasting calm, clarity and focus to your group.	1
Bow and Arrow making	Put your wood working skills to the test in creating your own bow and arrows, to be tested later in the day!	2



Earth Trust

Earth Trust is an environmental learning charity which provides access and opportunities for people to discover, appreciate and respect the natural world via our fantastic natural classrooms: the iconic Oxfordshire landscapes we look after. In choosing Earth Trust for your next away-day, you are supporting Earth Trust in achieving our goals:

Iconic landscapes, classrooms and playgrounds

Earth Trust is the proud guardian of a very special landscape comprising 1,200 acres of farmland, woodland and wetland on the banks of the Thames, which includes the Wittenham Clumps and Little Wittenham Wood. We are now the most highly-visited free-to-access greenspace in the South East, with over 150,000 visits every year.

Building natural connections

Engagement with the natural world is one of our priorities and we have an extensive education programme that allows us to do this. Over 3,500 pupils attend our Earth School each year, learning outside the classroom about the countryside. Our unique Countryside Skills programme is designed specifically for children with special educational needs, offering the most vulnerable children a sense of achievement and accreditation through practical outdoor activities.

Earth Trust focuses on three key themes that are integral to the web of life: food, trees and water.

Food

Our conservation farming initiative began thirty years ago and developed land management techniques that are now widely used, such as beetle banks and skylark plots. We continue to explore and develop methods to show that farming practices can be environmentally friendly and economically sustainable. Our FarmStep programme offers land to start-up green businesses and this thriving community is currently home to a range of farming entrepreneurs ensuring we engage visitors in the 'field to fork' journey.

Trees

Our work with trees centres on management of woodlands and forestry research. Paradise Wood, located on the Earth Trust Farm, is the largest genetic collection of hardwood timber trees in the country. It's a living library and the basis for crucial research into diseases, pests and the effects of climate change.

Water

Earth Trust is protecting wetland habitats and showing that healthy lives, landscapes and ecosystems rely on water. Our River of Life project has restored and recreated habitats on the banks of the Thames that are not only vital to wildlife but are also contributing to flood amelioration and providing an accessible wetland for visitors to explore and enjoy.

A Gateway to the future

Earth Trust is preparing ambitious plans to increase the number of people we can reach with the message that their role in looking after the environment is possible, interesting and fulfilling. We will establish a new 'gateway' with the facilities visitors need to access the countryside, as well as developing a new much-needed skills and learning centre to enhance our engagement activities.

