Hill End – what to expect

The Hill End buildings are mostly of wood and simply furnished. The night time is darker and quieter than you might expect. The sounds that you hear will be birds, animals and the breeze in the trees.

The buildings are separate and each has its own character. The toilets and wash block are separate. Every group is allocated its own cooking and eating/teaching space. Our group can share the experience of preparing our meal and eating together, and taking responsibility for keeping this clean and tidy!

Facilities

The AES will be using the Blue Dragon building (on the left as you enter the site).

Tents can be pitched next to or near it; we do not plan to use an on-site dormitory. Our shower/washing facilities are those of Middle Dorm (exclusively for our use during our stay).

Blue Dragon:

- Is situated near to the car park
- Caters for up to 100, seats 80
- Has gas cookers, toaster, heating and hot water
- Has access and toilet for disabled
- Has indoor and outside toilets
• Has barbecue grill and bonfire pit

What to bring:

The Hill End Centre provides the following equipment:

• Kitchen with gas stove, refrigerator, pans, kettles, jugs
• Beds each with a mattress and pillow and pillow cover
• Central freezer
• Dustbin, mops, buckets, brooms, dustpan and brush
• Toilet brushes, toilet rolls and liquid soap for hand washing

Each member of our party should bring:

• A tent
• Pillow case, sleeping bag etc
• Cutlery and crockery
• Personal items & luggage
• Towel
• Torch
• Wellingtons/strong shoes (er...it might rain!)

The AES and the Oxford Museum / NHM will arrange for the following to be provided:

• Notebooks, pencils
• Entomological equipment
• Knives, graters and other small cooking utensils
• Chopping board, can opener, bin liners, matches
• Cleaning/disinfectant materials i.e. Toilet, sink, floor etc (not bleach)
• First aid equipment

Food

• The Blue Dragon building has self-catering facilities as mentioned above
• Bring food, but food can also be bought and delivered locally

Please note

Only tents are allowed – no camper vans, caravans etc. Hill End is run by Oxfordshire County Council which operates a strict no smoking and no alcohol policy.

Groups are responsible for the final cleaning, and leaders should ensure that they allow plenty of time and have sufficient help to sweep and mop the floors, clear and clean up by the agreed time. A member of staff will inspect the building before the group departs to ensure it is in the same condition as when we arrived!
At busy times of year it is quite possible another group will be arriving on the day that we leave, so we should try to leave it in the condition that we would expect to find it.