



# CAM ACADEMY TRUST COURSE INFORMATION

<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Little Bugs wildlife walks</b>				
<b>Course Description</b>	<p>Little Bugs is a programme of 5 sessions for toddlers aged 18 months to 4 years involving a relaxed family walk and outdoor activities with a nature theme. We'll stop part-way through the sessions for a sit down and a story. It is run by the Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs and Northants, using Cambourne Nature Reserve. The sessions are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In small groups</li> <li>• Child-led as much as possible</li> <li>• Family sessions, designed for everyone to take part</li> <li>• A place where getting muddy is ok</li> </ul> <p>Alongside the session, you will receive ideas and resources to help support you to enjoy time in nature with your family, independently.</p> <p>Here are some examples of the activities we might do:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nature scavenger hunt</li> <li>• Bug hunting</li> <li>• Outdoor art</li> </ul>				
<b>Start Date</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept 2022 28 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2023 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	<b>Day &amp; Time</b>	Friday 9.30-11.30am	<b>Venue</b>	Cambourne Nature Reserve (meeting Oaks Wood car park off School Lane)
<b>Tutor Details</b>	Rebecca Neal (MSc, PGCE, BSc (Hons)) is a Community and Wildlife Officer for the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire. She is a qualified teacher and Forest School level 3 leader and has over 16 years' experience in working in environmental education, leading groups of all ages outside. Becca is first aid trained and DBS checked.				
<b>No. of wks</b>	5	<b>Terms</b>	1		
<b>Fee</b>	<b>FREE*</b> /£58 <small>(see eligibility criteria below)</small>	<b>Concessionary Fee</b>	<b>FREE*</b> /£44 <small>(see eligibility criteria below)</small>		
<b>Course Level:</b>	Mixed ability		x		
	Level 1, Level 2 (equiv. to GCSE / NVQ2)				
	Level 3 Equivalent GCE A Level				
<b>Skills or qualifications needed for entry into the class</b>		None			
<b>Course aims &amp; objectives</b>					
<p>These sessions aim to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• improve learners' mental and physical wellbeing though getting outdoors with other people, noticing nature, and learning new skills</li> </ul>					

- connect local parents and carers
- increase the knowledge of Cambourne Nature Reserve and its wildlife
- inform people about how to use nature reserves responsibly

By the end of the course, learners will be able to:

- navigate some toddler-friendly routes around Cambourne Nature Reserve
- carry out some simple outdoor activities with their child/ren
- make use of nature reserves in a sustainable way
- identify some common wildlife

### **Progression – after this course what might you do next?**

- Share contact details with other parents/carers on the course
- Walk independently around Cambourne Nature Reserve with your family
- Try some of the suggested activities
- Visit other nature reserves nearby
- Volunteer for the Wildlife Trust BCN
- Join other Wildlife Trust BCN events

### **How progress & success will be recorded**

These are informal sessions, we will assess progress and success through discussion, observation and photos of any craft we make. You are required to complete a weekly diary, known as an individual learning plan.

### **Materials/equipment required for first class**

#### **What to wear**

- Long sleeves and long trousers for all
- Waterproofs and wellies or sturdy shoes like trainers (depending on weather)
- Old clothes you don't mind getting muddy

#### **What to bring**

- A pushchair if you think your child(ren) may want to sit for some of the session
- A collecting bucket or basket (something like a sand-castle bucket you might use at the beach) or you can simply use a plastic bag
- Something to clean hands with
- Picnic blanket or something waterproof to sit on
- Snack
- Any resources or equipment given in the previous week if you wish

### **Contact for further information**

Adult Education: 01223 264721

[commed@catrust.co.uk](mailto:commed@catrust.co.uk)

[www.wildlifebcn.org/events](http://www.wildlifebcn.org/events)

## Funding

This course is funded through the Adult Education Budget allocated by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) or the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) and part financed by the European Social Fund (ESF) programme. This funding is managed by Cambridgeshire County Council, Adult Learning and Skills. A short video covering the background of ESF, what it does, how it helps and who benefits is available on the European Union website:

<http://ec.europa.eu/esf/home.jsp>

## Eligibility criteria \*

In order to qualify for a FREE place on this course, you must be eligible for us to claim funding to cover the costs. The eligibility criteria is as follows:

- Aged 19 or older on 31 August 2022
- You are a citizen of a country within the European Economic Area (EEA) or other countries determined within the EEA, including those with bilateral agreements such as Switzerland, or have settled status or the Right of Abode in the UK, **AND**

have been ordinarily resident in the EEA or other countries determined within the EEA, including those with bilateral agreements such as Switzerland, for at least the previous 3 years on the first day of learning

- you must attend regularly, more than 50% of the classes
- you must fully complete an enrolment form
- You must complete an individual learning plan (ILP) on a regular basis

If you do not qualify for a free course, then you can attend by paying the relevant fee.

## Enrolment and Payment

Please enrol at Comberton Village College for all courses, including those in Cambourne, Melbourn and online. **Please assume the class is running once payment has been received, unless you hear to the contrary.**

We would appreciate payment of fees over the telephone, however, if that is not possible then we will accept cheques.

By Phone: 01223 264721

Email: [commed@catrust.co.uk](mailto:commed@catrust.co.uk)

Cheques: The Cam Academy Trust

Address: Adult Education, Comberton Village College  
Comberton, Cambridge, CB23 7DU

## Refunds

Refunds are only available if we close a class or you withdraw at least two weeks before the start. In the latter case there is a £5 administrative charge. Classes cancelled by us due to unforeseen circumstances (e.g. tutor illness) will be replaced with an extra class at the end.

## Concessionary Fees

25% discount (excluding materials) is available for those in receipt of JSA/ESA, Universal Credit, Carers Allowance or a social care assessment (EHCP, PIP) evidence to be provided. It is also possible to pay by instalments, please ask for details.

## Equalities statement

We are fully committed to equality of opportunity and welcome enrolments from all adults aged 19+ (on 31 August 2022). We positively encourage all learners with any concerns about specific needs which might affect their learning to discuss their requirements with us in confidence. We believe that everyone is entitled to learn in an environment that is free from discriminatory behaviour so that we build a community based on mutual trust and respect. We will do our best to ensure that resources and equipment are accessible to all and make reasonable adjustments to ensure that all learners can access activities.

Cambridgeshire County Council, Adult Learning and Skills service supports a wide range of other adult learning opportunities across Cambridgeshire to support adults with the lowest level of qualifications or no qualification at all, and so typically find themselves in lower paid, less secure jobs or unemployed. Search our website **[www.cambsals.co.uk](http://www.cambsals.co.uk)** for details of all our funded courses.

### **Safeguarding Statement**

Arrangements have been made to make sure that you are safe at our Centres. If you feel you are not safe for any reason, for example through verbal or physical abuse or you have been discriminated against, please tell your tutor or the Centre Manager, who will investigate to ensure your safety.

### **How we use your data**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/esfa-privacy-notice>