

Green Volunteers Arran Field Studies Residential FAQ's

1. Can you hire waterproofs/boots – if yes, is there a cost?

Yes, if you would like to hire waterproofs or wellies from the Green Team, please let David know prior to the residential. If you would like to hire proper walking boots, Tiso offer gear hire <https://www.tiso.com/hire>. If cost is a barrier, please get in touch and we can try and find a solution.

2. Where will we be staying?

We will be staying at [Shore Lodge](#). This is bunkhouse accommodation located just outside of Brodick on Arran, sleeping 14. Rooms are dormitory style.

3. What is the staff to participant ratio?

We will have 3 leaders from Green Team present who will lead the group. We will also be working alongside the rangers on the Isle of Arran.

4. How many people will be in the group?

We will be a group of 14 in total – 11 young people and 3 staff.

5. Who are the leaders?

David Hughes will be leading this project. David is a staff member with Green Team and runs the Green Volunteers programme. The project will be supported by 2 volunteer leaders from the Green Team who are all PVG checked and hold first aid and safeguarding certificates.

6. Where will we be departing from?

We are offering transport direct from Green Team HQ at the Risk Factory in Edinburgh. We will take the ferry over from Ardrossan to Brodick on the Isle of Arran.

7. What will the food be like?

We will be sharing responsibility for the catering during the week. We will take into account everyone's dietary needs and ensure that everyone is catered for. Typically, we will have a breakfast of cereals, porridge and toast, a packed lunch and a cooked meal for dinner. Most of the food will be vegan / vegetarian and delicious. You will learn and practice some of your own group cooking skills while on the residential.

8. What time will we be departing/arriving back in Edinburgh?

Travel times still TBC, depending on ferry crossing times.

9. Can we travel up ourselves and meet you there?

Yes! You can make your way direct to Ardrossan and meet us for the ferry crossing to Brodick. There is a good public transport service that will take you to the ferry terminal in Ardrossan.

10. What sort of things will we be doing during the days?

Our week will involve working alongside the rangers on Arran to carry out various conservation tasks. We will be carrying out various conservation tasks that might include path work, beach cleaning, bracken bashing and work around the Arran GeoPark. After the work is finished, we will explore the island – it's waterfalls, glens, woodlands, mountains and coastline. Arran is a great place for wildlife watching with populations of red squirrels, golden eagle, seals, basking sharks and otters. There are caves, castles and standing stones, and some incredible geology.

11. Will we have to pay for additional costs e.g. extra excursions?

No, the cost indicated covers food, board, and all activities for the week. Please bring some money if you would like to buy extra snacks or gifts for yourself. Arran has some spectacular geology, wildlife and ecology which we will experience during the week.

12. Will there be free time?

Yes, there will be some free time in the afternoons after the work is done! We will ensure that we explore the island and experience as much as it has to offer us. As part of your DoE award, you are expected to take part in evening activities and group socialising.

13. Can we pay it up in instalments?

Yes, if you would prefer to pay by instalments, please contact David.hughes@greenteam.org.uk to arrange a payment plan.