



RIVERS AND WATER (SENIOR STAGE)

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S4 to S6

Time: 9.30 am to 12.45/2.15 pm for Centre-based study, 8.30 am to 4.00pm for Source to Sea

Price: £5.00 per pupil

Pupils engage in geography field studies along the Water of Leith. They learn about land use and conservation issues along all stages of the river, as well as the work we do at the Water of Leith Conservation Trust to protect the river. We offer two different programmes for senior stage river field studies.

Our Centre-based programme collects data at three different locations in the Craiglockhart Dells. The data is all collected in the morning but we provide an optional land-use workshop after lunch.

Alternatively, the Source to Sea programme takes pupils to the Pentland Hills to collect data in the upper stages, to the middle stage at the Craiglockhart Dells (where the class can eat lunch on our classroom) and to the middle/lower stage in Stockbridge. The programme is suitable for schools who can provide their own transport. Our education officer will complete all the site visits and risk assessments and meet the class at the school at 8.30 am with the equipment, clipboards, data sheets (as well as extra wellies or waders required by the class). The Source to Sea programme ends at 4 pm at the school,

On the Day

In both programmes, pupils collect three sets of data at three different sites. They work in small groups to collect the following information: total width, bankfull width, wetted perimeter, graphing the river depth, velocity, gradient, bedload, friction, and field sketches.

All adults and children should come dressed for the weather in comfortable outdoor clothing with sturdy footwear that they don't mind getting muddy. All pupils entering the river will need to wear wellies. If you would like to borrow wellies, it saves a lot of time on the day if you send any welly sizes to the education officer in advance. For pupils aged 16 upwards we have some waders which they are welcome to borrow.

For the morning programme, the class returns to the Centre by 12.45 pm and they are welcome to stay on in the classroom to eat lunch. For the land use workshop after lunch, the programme ends at 2.15 pm.

Bookings

To book a programme, please call our teacher Ruth Prince or our administrator Sandie Boyle on 0131 455 7367 or email admin@waterofleith.org.uk. Spaces fill up quickly during the summer and autumn terms, so book early to avoid disappointment.

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Get there using public transport by
boarding the Lothian buses 20, 34 or 44.

Or get there on foot by following
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