# SCHOOL INFORMATION PACK

# **FOREST** Adventures

To ensure your group has the best possible experience at Forest Adventures, we've created this information pack outlining everything you need to know before your visit.

### **ABOUT US**

Experience 2.5 hours of adreniline-filled fun as you conquer high ropes, flying foxes, and a series of exhilarating challenges — all set high among the majestic trees of the Ludlow Tuart Forest.

With six unique courses offering a variety of rope and wire challenges, there's something for every adventurer. Designed for participants aged 7 and up, Forest Adventures delivers a safe, inclusive, and rewarding experience for a diverse range of abilities.

Forest Adventures is a Capes Foundation Experience. We are a not-for-profit, dedicated to sustaining and sharing our region's rich environment, history and culture.

#### WORLD CLASS SAFETY

Our courses encompass world-class standards for safety and design. We use the ultra-safe Lock D system, a revolutionary smart belay system that safeguards against accidental disconnection from the safety lines at all times.

Once attached at the start of a course, participants cannot disconnect until safely back on the ground at the other end.

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LOCATION 21 Ludlow Park Rd Ludlow, WA 6280

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# GROUP ACTIVITIES

Forest Adventures offers additional challenges for groups larger than 30 people.

### **High Ropes Course**

2.5 hours | Maximum group size of 30 people

Starting off at just 3 metres and working right up to 19 metres above the forest floor, the activities increase in difficulty; getting wobblier, longer and more challenging as you progress.

Each course features a series of fun yet challenging activities that weave their way through the treetops. These courses are thoughtfully designed to not only challenge participants but also build confidence.

They foster a strong sense of achievement while enhancing essential skills such as initiative, problem-solving, communication, and teamwork.



### Team Challenge Course

1 hour | Maximum group size of 30 people + Add-on to the high ropes

A series of physical and mental challenges designed to put your team to the test. With a variety of challenges to choose from the session can be designed to suit your specific goals. Tyres crossing, Rope Maze, Spider Web, Low Wall and the Tyre Stack are all designed with communication, teamwork and lateral thinking in mind.



#### Archery

1 hour | Maximum group size of 30 people + Add-on to the high ropes

The 15-lane archery range is designed to develop concentration, patience and perseverance. Participants challenge themselves individually, contributing results to a team contest. The instructors teach techniques to improve accuracy and distance.

# SCHOOL GROUP RATES

The below pricing applies on weekdays during the school term.

### SCHOOL BOOKING OPTIONS

Your visit includes equipment fitting, safety briefing, climbing and any pre-organised food or rest breaks.

# High Ropes Course | \$38 per student Team Building | \$12 per student Archery | \$12 per student

- One teacher can climb free for every 10 students; extra teachers are charged at student rates.
- All adults wishing to climb must also be booked so we are aware of the total number of climbers.
- Advise us ahead of time if you wish to have parents pay for themselves, otherwise they will be included in the total invoice.
- Students may complete as many courses as they can within their allotted time. However, the courses available to them depend on their height and age.
- Please consider preparation time when planning your visit. See "Run of Activities" for more details.



1. Kids Course - Yellow 7 + years | 110cm + tall

2. Kids + Course - Light Green 7 + years | 110cm + tall

**3. Family Course - Light Blue** 7 + years | 120cm + tall

4a. Low Zipline Course - Dark Green 7 + years | 110cm + tall

**4b. High Zipline Course - Dark Blue** 9 + years | 120cm + tall

> 5. Advanced Course - Red 9 + years | 130cm + tall

6. Adrenaline Course - Black 11 + years | 140cm + tall

## SAFETY EQUIPMENT AND WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS

All participants are required to be fitted with a climbing harness and helmet.

Our courses have a maximum weight limit of 120kg. All participants over 100kg are required to be fitted with additional safety equipment.

Course access for all participants, regardless of weight, is reliant on being able to safely fit the required safety equipment.

# RUN OF ACTIVITIES

Here is an example of what to expect on the day of your visit.

#### WELCOME AND CHECK-IN

Upon arrival, you will be greeted by our staff and asked to provide the exact number of people participating for the day and if there are any medical conditions or disabilities we need to be aware of.

#### **EQUIPMENT FITTING**

Our staff will fit all participants with a harness and helmet.

#### **SAFETY BRIEFING**

Our staff will lead the participants and supervisors through our safety briefing, explaining safety rules, and demonstrating proper use of equipment on a small practice course. All participants are then required to complete the practice course themselves to demonstrate an understanding of the rules and use of safety equipment. Only those who competently complete this practice course will be allowed to advance to the higher courses.

#### **TACKLE THE COURSES**

High ropes sessions run for two and a half hours per group, including equipment fitting and safety briefing. For larger groups, please allow some flexibility and discuss with our team at the time of booking if any extra time will be required.

#### **DROP OFF AND PICK UP**

For safety reasons, it is essential that buses park in the designated car park area. Students are not to be dropped off or picked up on the road.

### BREAKS

At the end of each course the students arrive back on the ground, which is the ideal time to have a drink of water before heading onto their next course. If you wish to schedule a lunch break or morning /afternoon tea break, please speak to the staff at the time of booking so that it can be included in your plan.

#### **COURSE COMPLETION AND EQUIPMENT RETURN**

To ensure you are able to leave on time, participants will be able to start their last course approximately 30 minutes prior to your departure.

Upon completion of the session students will be asked to return their safety equipment to the fitting area where our staff will be on hand should they require assistance.





# PLAN YOUR VISIT

#### SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS

Our staff are always on hand to provide general supervision and assistance. However, active supervision is required at all times and is provided by the school.

Our required supervision ratios are as follows:

- Students 7 to 8 years old 1 adult (participation is required) for every 3 children.
- Students 9 to 18 years old 1 adult (participation not required) for every 12 children.
- Direct supervision is not required for students 18 years old and over.
- Students with disabilities and special needs will require one-on-one assistance from a caregiver provided by the school.

If you cannot provide the required number of adult supervisors, please let us know and we organise staff supervisors at an additional cost.

#### **GROUP MANAGEMENT**

Large groups will need to be split into smaller groups to help us manage their harnessing and safety briefings efficiently. Participants are not required to stay in these groups once the safety briefing has been completed.

Please plan your visit to allow processing time and ensure ample climb time for all participants.

### WEATHER

Forest Adventures is open rain or shine. Students should dress appropriately for the expected weather conditions (a light waterproof jacket is highly recommended when rain is forecast). In the event of potentially unsafe weather conditions such as extreme rain, wind or lightning, we will contact you to discuss rescheduling your visit.

### CLOTHING

Students should wear clothing suited to exercise in an outdoor environment. Students must wear closed-toe shoes (sandals, crocs or slip-off shoes are not allowed). Long hair must be tied back to prevent it from getting caught in equipment and all jewellery must be removed.

#### REFRESHMENTS

Due to the physical nature of the activities, it is essential students bring plenty of food and water for the day. We do not have drinking water facilities available to climbers.

# TERMS AND CONDITIONS

#### **BOOKING AND DEPOSIT**

Forest Adventures does not require a deposit for school group bookings. It is the responsibility of the booking organiser to inform us of any changes to the booking or group size. Final numbers will be reflected in the invoice generated on the day, which will be emailed directly to the person who made the booking.

#### **CHANGES IN GROUP SIZE**

A minimum of 48 hours notice is required:

- For groups of less than 30 people: when reducing the group size by 4 or more participants.
- For groups of 30 or more people: when reducing the group size by 15% or more.

Any additions to your booking should be communicated as soon as possible and are subject to availability.

We understand that unforeseen absences can occur. Groups will not be charged for climbers who are absent unless the group size decreases by 15% or more. To avoid additional charges, please keep us updated about your group numbers if you are uncertain.

#### **NON-ARRIVAL FEES**

If you fail to notify us within the required 48-hour notice period of a significant decrease in group size, a nonarrival fee of \$10 per person will apply for climbers not present.

#### **RESCHEDULING AND CANCELING DUE TO WEATHER**

You may reschedule your booking up to 48 hours prior to your visit. The new booking date must be:

- Available on Forest Adventures' calendar, and
- Within 6 weeks of the original booking date.

You may cancel your booking up to 5 days prior to your visit for a full refund.

Forest Adventures is an all-weather outdoor activity, but we understand that weather concerns may arise.

- If you are concerned about the forecast, please contact us at least 48 hours before your booking to discuss your options for rescheduling or cancellation.
- If you cancel with less than 48 hours' notice due to unfavourable weather but Forest Adventures deems the weather safe for climbing, your payment will not be refunded.
- If you provide less than 48 hours' notice of cancellation due to weather concerns, Forest Adventures will consider your group's demographics (e.g., age, experience) when determining options for rescheduling or cancellation.
- If Forest Adventures determines that the forecast or actual weather conditions on the day of your visit make it unsafe to proceed with climbing, we will contact you as soon as possible, you will be offered the option to:
  - Reschedule your booking, or
  - Cancel with a refund.

