



Andrew
Simpson
Centres

Outdoor adventures for schools & groups

Unforgettable experiences designed to build confidence, spark curiosity and create a love for the outdoors.

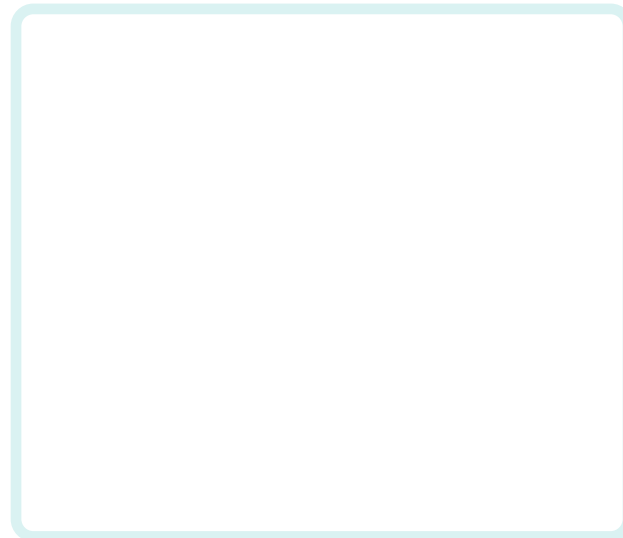
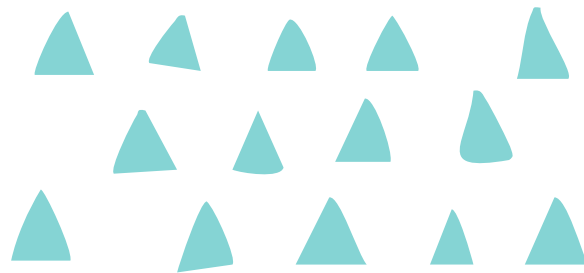


Discover unique adventures with Andrew Simpson Centres

Outdoor education offers students a fresh perspective on learning, helping them grow in confidence and unlock their full potential beyond the classroom.

At Andrew Simpson Centres, our school & group trips and enrichment sessions are carefully crafted around your students' needs and desired outcomes, providing high-quality, safe and enjoyable experiences that leave a lasting impact.

For over 10 years, our transformative school & group programmes have supported personal development by combining teamwork, individual challenges and skill-building through an exciting mix of watersports and land-based activities. Whether it's developing resilience on the water, improving communication through team games or building independence through adventure, every session is designed to help young people thrive.



Why choose Andrew Simpson Centres?



At the Andrew Simpson Centres, we believe school and group trips should inspire confidence, curiosity and connection, both on and off the water.

Each of our centres is thoughtfully located to provide a safe, inclusive and exciting environment for every student, for those taking their first paddles into the water to seasoned sailors. With a mix of water-based activities like sailing, kayaking and paddleboarding, alongside land adventures such as climbing, archery and team-building, there's something for everyone to experience.

Our packages are designed to support a wide range of curriculum goals across subjects including PE, geography, science and PSHE. We focus on building character, resilience and teamwork, while also supporting both the physical and mental wellbeing of students in a fun, active and inspiring setting.

Our centres are open all year round, so get in touch to start planning your students' next great adventure with us.



What to expect when booking with us:

- ✓ You'll be connected with a dedicated trip coordinator who will be available in person, over the phone or via email, before your trip and on the day.
- ✓ Your trip can be fully bespoke or based on one of our pre-planned packages.
- ✓ Our instructors are experienced in working with children with SEND and we can make adjustments for individual needs of participants.
- ✓ Our fully qualified watersports and activity instructors are all DBS checked.
- ✓ We have stringent risk assessments, safeguarding procedures and comprehensive policies in place, and will provide you with all of the required paperwork.
- ✓ We support pupil and parent engagement, with in-school visits and resources tailored to your individual requirements.
- ✓ For everything you need on your trip, we can support you with sourcing suitable local travel and catering partners.

Safety is our priority in and around the water



For over 10 years, Andrew Simpson Centres have been leading fun and educational activity trips to a high standard of safety.

Your dedicated trip coordinator is your go-to connection for anything and everything relating to your activity day. Along with helping you plan and prepare your day, they will be there when you arrive and available throughout your school trip to make sure everyone enjoys a fantastic experience with us.

Good to know...

- ✓ All of our instructors and centre staff are DBS checked and first aid trained
- ✓ Everyone heading out on the water wears a buoyancy aid at all times
- ✓ We run sessions with low student to instructor ratios to meet the needs of your group
- ✓ Our instructors are fully trained and qualified in their respective watersports
- ✓ Our centres are Ofsted registered

Safe experiences on land and sea

Our centres are Ofsted registered and have a dedicated safeguarding lead.

High quality equipment for the best experience

Our centres invest in some of the best sailing and watersports' equipment for unrivalled experience.

Giving children the skills to enjoy outdoor swimming safely

Our centres deliver Swim England and RNLI's Swim Safe programme, which teaches children where it's safe to swim, how to float and what to do if they or someone else get into difficulty.

Fully qualified and experienced instructors

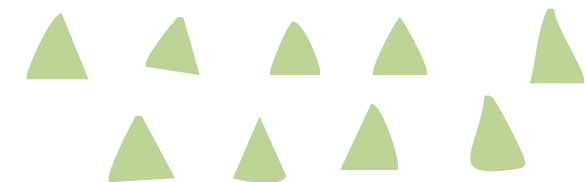
Our instructors are fully trained and qualified to lead their activities, and are experienced working with young people with a variety of different needs.

Tailored to your needs

All of our school trips packages can be fully adapted to suit the individual needs of your school, your students, your budget and your timings.

No child left behind

We are a not for profit organisation, so everything surplus to the running costs of the watersports centres goes straight back into the Andrew Simpson Foundation to support us in our work to transform the lives of young people through sailing. Funding from the Andrew Simpson Foundation can be made available to support school, group and pupils, subject to availability. Speak to your chosen centre to find out more about available subsidies and eligibility requirements.



Make waves, make adventures, make memories



Our activity programmes are designed to inspire, challenge and support young people through hands-on experiences in the outdoors.

With flexible options for every group, organisers can choose from a wide range of sessions that encourage teamwork, skill development and personal growth in young people aged 5 and over. From paddleboarding and sailing to climbing, bushcraft and team challenges, all sessions are delivered by our experienced, fully qualified instructors in a safe and inclusive environment.

All of our programmes are shaped around the needs of your group, with a focus on building confidence, encouraging curiosity and helping young people discover what they're capable of.

Our centres are able to offer a variety of options, from standalone trips to more regular sessions. Please get in touch with your preferred centre to see what we can create around your group, timeframe and budget. We are also able to work with young people with complex individual needs, and recognise that time on the water can have an immensely positive impact on wellbeing that extends to other areas of young peoples' lives.



Half-day & full-day trips

A great way to get students active, learning and working together outside the classroom. These flexible sessions offer a mix of land and water-based activities, perfect for boosting confidence, supporting wellbeing and creating lasting memories, all in a safe, inclusive setting.

Multi-day programmes

Ideal for groups who want to try a wider range of activities or focus on developing specific skills. These programmes give students time to grow in confidence, discover their strengths, and build resilience, with the option to work towards recognised qualifications.

After school clubs and progressive blocks

Regular sessions that develop technical skills and can lead to recognised qualifications through the RYA or Paddle UK. These sessions can run during the school day, after school or during school holidays.

Water-based activities

Unforgettable adventures in safe and calm waters to build confidence in young people and encourage them to take on new challenges and learn a wide range of watersports skills.

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Sailing

Take to the water and harness the wind as students work together, learning sailing fundamentals in a safe and fun environment on gentle waters.



Ages **5+**



Windsurfing

Master balance and control as students take to the wind and learn to glide across the water in this fast, fun, and confidence-building activity.



Ages **8+**



Stand-up paddleboarding

A hugely popular activity and perfect for beginners to master their balance and control of their paddles across the water.



Ages **8+**



Mega SUP

A fun activity for groups to build confidence and self belief as they master their balance on giant paddleboards and support each other in challenges.



Ages **5+**



Wingsurfing

An introduction to winging, where students take to the water on wingsurf boards to power themselves across the water using the wind.



Ages **8+**



Sit on top kayaking

A great way to explore the water, build paddle skills and grow confidence in solo or tandem kayaks. Suitable for both younger and older kids.



Ages **5+**



Raft building

Plan it, build it, race it! Raft building is a creative teamwork challenge on the water where students can put their ideas to the test and try to stay afloat.



Ages **8+**



Race training

Sailors can take their skills to the next level with race training, covering improved boat handling, mark rounding, speed work, racing rules and strategy.



Ages **8+**



Swim Safe

A practical water safety session teaching the essential lifesaving foundations of staying safe in and around water and self-rescue skills.



Ages **5+**



Wingfoiling

The second stage of winging where students can achieve first flights and sustained flights above the water on wingfoil boards.



Ages **8+**



More activities coming soon

Additional exciting activities coming soon - get in touch with your local centre to find out more.

Coming soon!

Land-based activities

Our land-based activities are all about stepping out of comfort zones, working together and discovering the joy of being active in nature, while boosting fitness, and growing a lifelong love of the outdoors.

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Climbing & high ropes

Challenge limits and scale new heights. Climbing is an exciting adrenaline-fuelled activity and a safe way to build trust, resilience and confidence.



Ages **8+**



Crate stacking

Students work together to build the tallest tower they can - all while standing on it! A fun, wobbly cooperation and communication challenge.



Ages **8+**



Archery

Take aim and fire! Students build their focus and technique as they take on target practice with real bows and arrows.



Ages **8+**



Jacob's ladder

An exciting gravity-defying challenge where participants climb up a giant suspended log ladder with increasing difficulty. Working together is key!



Ages **8+**



Bushcraft

Young people can grow independence through firelighting, shelter building and a range of survival skills led by our experienced instructors.



Ages **8+**



Leap of faith

Participants scale the tower, then take a leap into the air to grab the target. It's all about courage, timing and that weightless moment of flight.



Ages **8+**



First aid

Learn life-saving skills through hands-on, age-appropriate first aid training sessions that can be taught in our centres or in your premises.



Ages **8+**



Soft archery

All the fun and skill of archery with softer arrows. Perfect for younger students or indoor sessions that we can bring to you.



Ages **5+**



Team challenges

Students will work together to problem-solve, communicate and overcome physical and mental group tasks through sport, puzzles and play.



Ages **5+**



Sustainability sessions

Explore green and blue environmental impact, conservation and climate through hands-on, thought-provoking activities.



Ages **8+**



Orienteering

The ultimate outdoor adventure activity combining essential map reading skills, navigation technique, teamwork and communication.



Ages **8+**

Where to find our centres

Our centres are thoughtfully located to provide a safe and enjoyable experience on the water for everyone, from non-swimmers to experienced sailors.

Our centres are open all year round, so get in touch with a member of the team to kickstart your students' next great adventure today.

If you've never been to an Andrew Simpson Centre, we would encourage you to arrange a site visit. We will be delighted to show you around the centre facilities and activity areas and answer any questions you might have about your booking.

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ASC Portsmouth

Perfectly placed on the beautiful shores of Langstone Harbour, our Portsmouth centre is packed with thrilling water and land activities for all ages and abilities.

Prices from

£53

Per person per day



ASC Portsmouth

Calm, coastal waters and heaps of activities



“At ASC Portsmouth, we pride ourselves on our state-of-the-art facilities that cater to groups of all sizes. Our range of activities, from sailing and kayaking to climbing and

sustainability workshops, ensures an engaging experience for everyone. As a team, we are committed to creating inclusive programmes that adapt to different learning styles and abilities, ensuring every participant can challenge themselves and grow. Our experienced instructors are dedicated to helping each pupil discover their potential in our unique outdoor classroom.” - Ross Dixon, Lead Senior Instructor

Why come to ASC Portsmouth?

Ideally located on the shores of Langstone Harbour, ASC Portsmouth offers a dynamic mix of coastal watersports and land-based activities including our hugely popular outdoor climbing wall.

With easy access and a wide range of options for all ages and abilities, it's the perfect setting for an active, inspiring school or groups trip by the sea. We look forward to welcoming you and making your experience unforgettable.

What's on at ASC Portsmouth

Water-based activities

Sailing
Windsurfing
Foiling
Wingsurfing
Mega SUP
Raft building
Sit on top kayaking
Paddleboarding
Swim Safe
Race training

Land-based activities

Archery
Climbing & high ropes
Jacob's ladder
Leap of faith
First aid
Crate stacking
Bushcraft
Sustainability sessions
Team challenges



Speak to the ASC Portsmouth team

If you would like to find out more, arrange a visit or book your next trip, please get in touch:

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✉️ portsmouth@andrewsimpsoncentres.org



ASC Reading

Lakeside adventures creating an ideal environment to introduce young people to watersports, spending time outside and enjoying green & blue spaces.

Prices from

£55

Per person per day



ASC Reading Lakeside adventures and space to thrive



“We build our programmes around each group’s requirements, with consideration to the students’ needs, aspirations and strengths. Seeing the impact that a visit to ASC Reading can

have on young people is incredibly rewarding, whether they’re here for a few hours to decompress after a busy school day, or for a week packed with adventure and new experiences.”

- Emma Bannister, Centre Manager.

Why come to ASC Reading?

ASC Reading is a welcoming lakeside centre with easy access to major transport routes, making it an ideal venue for activity trips of all kinds. Set on a large, sheltered lake, it’s a great space for young people to try out watersports like kayaking, paddleboarding and sailing, while enjoying time outdoors in a calm, green-blue environment. Our team designs each session around your students’ needs, abilities and aspirations. From building water confidence to working towards recognised qualifications, we create safe, engaging experiences that support wellbeing, growth and adventure.

What’s on at ASC Reading

Water-based activities

- Sailing
- Windsurfing
- Paddleboarding
- Mega SUP
- Sit on top kayaking
- Raft building
- Swim Safe
- Race training

Land-based activities

- Sustainability sessions
- Bushcraft
- First aid
- Soft archery
- Team challenges



Speak to the ASC Reading team

If you would like to find out more, arrange a visit or book your next trip, please get in touch:

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✉ reading@andrewsimpsoncentres.org



ASC Birmingham

Reservoir-side adventures that get young people on the water, outdoors, and loving our blue and green spaces.

Prices from

£50

Per person per day



ASC Birmingham

In the heart of the city, miles from the ordinary



“Close to major transport links and the city centre, our centre at Bartley Reservoir is a safe, inland watersports venue. With a range of activities available, including sailing, Swim Safe,

raft building, team games, and soft archery, our programmes encourage the development of key life skills such as communication, teamwork, problem-solving and resilience, in a classroom like no other.”

- Tayla Donovan, Centre Manager.

Why come to ASC Birmingham?

Located at Bartley Reservoir in the heart of the Midlands, ASC Birmingham offers the perfect setting for students to get active and experience adventure on the water. Whether you're planning a one-off visit or a series of sessions, our programmes are designed to build confidence, encourage teamwork and support personal development. Our friendly, experienced instructors tailor each experience to suit your group, creating safe, inclusive sessions that make the most of our unique lakeside environment.

What's on at ASC Birmingham

Water-based activities

- Sailing
- Raft building
- Swim Safe
- Paddleboarding
- Mega SUP
- Sit on top kayaking
- Bushcraft
- Race training

Land-based activities

- Sustainability sessions
- Bushcraft
- First aid
- Soft archery
- Team challenges



Speak to the ASC Birmingham team

If you would like to find out more, arrange a visit or book your next trip, please get in touch:

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Locations



ASC Portland

Home to sailing and windsurfing at the 2012 Olympic games, ASC Portland offers unbeatable access to the sea for watersports and outdoor learning.

Prices from

£65

Per person per day



ASC Portland

Coastal adventures and wide open waters



“Portland offers consistent wind and a fantastic sailing venue all year round – for both beginners and elite sailors alike. Inspire your students as they sail on the same waters as Olympians,

excel at exciting new activities, make friends, and develop key life skills.” - Nathan Bloss, Centre Manager.

Why come to ASC Portland?

When you visit ASC Portland, your students will experience adventure right on the edge of the sea, at the home of the 2012 Olympic sailing and windsurfing. Set against the stunning backdrop of Portland Harbour, the centre offers a unique coastal environment perfect for sailing and paddlesports, alongside land-based challenges. Whether it's a single day or a longer stay, every visit is packed with opportunities to build confidence, develop new skills and create unforgettable memories.

Our experienced team works closely with each group to shape a programme that's exciting, inclusive and tailored to your students' needs.

What's on at ASC Portland

The calm waters and consistent wind conditions in the harbour create the perfect setting for learning to sail and trying out paddlesports.

Water-based activities

Sailing
Mega SUP
Sit on top kayaking
Swim Safe
Race training

Land-based activities

Sustainability sessions
Soft archery
First aid
Team challenges



Speak to the ASC Portland team

If you would like to find out more, arrange a visit or book your next trip, please get in touch:

01305 457400

portland@andrewsimpsoncentres.org



Book directly with our centres

Our centre teams are available to help with everything related to your trip, from designing the perfect package to individual needs on the day.

We're available to support your group or school, students and parents every step of the way, and can engage students in assemblies or presentations, provide information to parents and meet with senior leadership teams ahead of the trip.

We also welcome you to visit our centres to explore the facilities and meet the team ahead of your visit.



We will be on hand for any last minute changes or adjustments needed to make your trip a success.

Call us on 0300 124 0449

Contact your local centre or the central team to kick start your experience. Including as much information in your enquiry, such as ideal dates, activities, learning outcomes, approximate group size, will help the team build the perfect trip.

Design your trip

Work with the team to refine your package, choosing the perfect activity schedule to make the most of your visit. We will send you materials to share the exciting news with your students! Once you're happy, confirm your booking by returning a deposit.

Documentation

We will work with you to complete any paperwork your school or group requires such as insurance and risk assessments. We will also collect students' indemnity forms and support in any other arrangements needed for the day.

Finalisation

We will be in touch 30 days before your booking start date to confirm the final numbers and issue the final invoice. In some cases, funding from the Andrew Simpson Foundation can be made available to help schools with funding spaces.

Explore more with Andrew Simpson Centres

At Andrew Simpson Centres, the adventure doesn't stop when the school trip ends. We offer a range of enrichment opportunities that help young people continue their journey, building confidence, gaining qualifications and developing a lifelong love of the outdoors.

Whether they're looking to advance their skills or just keep exploring, there's something for every interest and ability. From courses with Andrew Simpson Yachting and Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions, to holiday clubs, free swimming and sailing for Royal Navy families, and open days and events, our programmes are designed to keep young people active, engaged and progressing.

For those aged 16 and over, our NCFE Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sports & Physical Activity offers a hands-on alternative to classroom-based learning, combining outdoor training with nationally recognised qualifications and real experience in the marine and maritime industry.



OUTDOOR ADVENTURE HOLIDAY CLUBS

AVAILABLE AT ALL OF OUR CENTRES

**ACTION-PACKED WATERSPORTS
AND ADVENTURE HOLIDAY CLUB
FOR YOUNG EXPLORERS AGED 5-15.**

**Learn new skills, keep active and have
fun across a huge range of activities!**

Fully qualified and experienced team of DBS checked activity instructors at our Ofsted registered centre. With groups running for little kids (5-7's) and older kids (8-15's).



More holiday clubs and courses online



SAILING

RAFTING

BUSHCRAFT

ARCHERY

PADDLESPOrts

AND LOADS MORE!

View all activities online

Flexible booking options
PRICES FROM
£27.50
PER CHILD
Extended session times



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Call our team: 0300 124 0449 | Sibling discounts | Extended times | Childcare vouchers accepted

Opportunities for Royal Navy families

The Andrew Simpson Foundation proudly works in partnership to deliver a range of fully-funded programmes for young people from serving Royal Navy, Royal Marines and Royal Fleet Auxiliary parents & carers.

Young people from service families face additional challenges in their home lives, such as parental absence or disruption through changing schools and relocation, and experience reduced access to enrichment activities as a result.

Working together with the Royal Naval Sailing Association and funded by Greenwich Hospital, we are delivering sailing and swimming courses at no cost to young people from eligible families.

If your school or group would like any further information about either of these programmes, or would like to speak to our team, please get in touch:

enquiries@swim-free.org.uk



Sustainability sessions

New for 2025!

Our brand-new sustainability programme offers students a unique opportunity to explore the STEM learning objectives within the National Curriculum outside the classroom.

Throughout the 6 weeks students will be taught why it's important to protect the natural world whilst developing a greater understanding of the local ecosystems. Sessions will focus on an environmental issue such as; Global Warming, Plastic Pollution and Biodiversity Loss, highlight their impacts and educate students on the actions they can take.

Topics covered:

- Scientific data collection and sampling
- Field work techniques
- Local biodiversity
- Introduction to Ocean Science
- Creating a sustainability toolkit
- Introduction to different branches of science such as; marine biology and ecology.

Learning outcomes:

- Build an understanding and connection with our natural world
- Provide tools to allow students to make more sustainable choices

Series of six 3h sessions

Groups of up to 30 pupils

Delivered in or out of school

1:10 instructor to pupil ratios

Now providing the Duke of Edinburgh Award

Andrew Simpson Yachting is now an Approved Activity Provider for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, offering Bronze, Silver and Gold expeditions with a difference, all delivered by our experienced team.

Young people can complete their DofE Expedition while working towards an RYA yachting qualification. No prior experience is needed. Alongside the adventure, participants develop key life skills including teamwork, communication and resilience.

Our dedicated DofE Supervisor supports each group from start to finish, helping them plan their route, organise kit and provisioning, and set meaningful group goals.

Prices from £375 per person. Find out more online at:
andrewsimpsonyachting.org/courses/d-of-e-expeditions



Bronze Award

The bronze expedition is a two-day course through which they will gain their RYA Start Yachting.

Silver Award

The silver expedition is a 5-day course through which they will gain their RYA Competent Crew.

Gold Award

A 6-day course through which they can achieve their RYA Day Skipper* - a lifelong professional qualification.

Andrew Simpson Yachting offers practical and shore-based courses for all levels. Find out more online: andrewsimpsonyachting.org



* Those without adequate previous knowledge will gain their RYA Competent Crew certification.



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through sailing**

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