

TASK 4A

FOREST SCHOOLS IN MY LOCAL AREA

TRAFFORD ECOLOGY PARK - WE ARE ADVENTURERS

2.1 miles

Trafford Ecology Park is managed by Groundwork, Greater Manchester. They offer a range of outdoor education & play options. During school holidays We Are Adventurers use the Ecology Park for Forest School holiday clubs. The clubs are aimed at children aged 5 to 12 years who remain in age-appropriate groups.

MANCHESTER BEES FOREST SCHOOL AND TUITION

5 miles

An urban school, which began with its main base in Platt Fields Park, Manchester. They now have four other bases in urban woodlands in Salford, Beswick, Hattersley and Fallowfield. They pride themselves of being inclusive. Not only do they enable children from inner-city and low-income families to access but they also cater for neurodiverse and disabled children.

THE NEBULA CENTRE

6.3 miles

The Nebula Centre is based in Carrington, Trafford. They welcome children from the age of one to twelve to their sessions. The site boasts a purpose built forest school area and a wild-growing area that includes a stream. They also welcome home-schooling groups for private sessions during the week and host forest school parties on Saturdays.

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MANCHESTER FOREST SCHOOL

variable

Manchester Forest School is a group of independent Forest School Practitioners. It was established in 2009 and together they deliver a variety of Forest School and Outdoor Education projects in the Greater Manchester Area. They work with a range of partners in the education field from private nurseries to primary schools and others, on a variety of sites including parks, private woodlands and school grounds. Their sessions usually last for two hours weekly and delivered in six-week blocks.

TWINKLE BOOST EXPLORERS

8.4miles

Twinkleboost is a m Social Enterprise, supporting all parents with their child's language development.

Twinkleboost Explorers offer multi-sensory, forest school for 5 to 11 year olds delivered by a Speech and Language Therapy Assistant and Forest School Leader. at Wythenshawe Children's Centre's They also deliver sessions at Baguley, Woodhouse Park, Sharston, Sale Road and Benchill children's centres.

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LOCAL NETWORKING GROUPS

I live in Stretford, which is in the borough of Trafford. The closest towns to me are Urmston and Old Trafford. Other nearby areas are Salford, Sale and Altrincham. In the Stretford and Old Trafford areas there are no residing forest schools but there are schools that procure services from Forest School Leaders and practitioners.

My research has not unveiled any local Forest School groups or associations but I have benefited from the knowledge and advice shared on Facebook groups. The ones that I belong to are Forest School Northwest, Forest School Assistance and Support, Forest School Ideas and Forest School Leader.