

Travel Options to FSA National Conference Climate of Hope-Sustainable Forest School

As always, and particularly as we are focusing on sustainability this year, we encourage everyone to consider travelling in a responsible way. There are good transport links to Oxford by bus and train, and a taxi firm have been involved for the last stretch. Or, you might consider car sharing with others from your area, this is a great way to catch up with colleagues you haven't seen in a while!

The venue for the conference is: Hill End Outdoor Education Centre, Eynsham Road, Farmoor, Oxford, OX2 9NJ.

Hill End is located just four miles west of the city of Oxford

GETTING HERE

Train – catch the train to Oxford Railway Station. You can then catch a taxi from outside the station to Hill End. Alternatively, we have spoken to local taxi company 'Royal Cars' and made them aware of when our delegates are likely to be arriving. We suggest that you book your arrival and departure taxi with them in advance via <https://royal-cars.com/> or on 01865 777333.

Coach- If travelling by coach you will want to arrive at Oxford Bus Station, Gloucester Green. There are buses that pass through Botley taking about 10 min, depending on traffic. For example, the Stagecoach S6 to Swindon. You would get off on Botley Road where the Seacourt Park and Ride would be on your right, along with car sales rooms and on the left Wickes. For the Park and Ride bus 400 you will need to walk to Park End Street for bus stop D5. Or you can use a taxi to get directly to Hill End as above.

Driving and parking at Hill End- Please note that there is limited car parking at Hill End (75 spaces) and parking must be booked in advance when purchasing your conference ticket. It will be issued on a first come first served basis and we hope to have parking volunteers on hand to direct you when you arrive. It would be ideal to car share with others from your area.

Driving and parking at Oxford Park and Ride and taxi to Hill End- If travelling by car then a better option may be to park at the Seacourt Park and Ride car park for the weekend. It is located off the A420 at Botley Road, Oxford, OX2 0HP and is 3 miles from Hill End. Parking charges at Seacourt should be paid for within 10 minutes of arrival and costs £2 for up to 11 hours, £4 for 11-24 hours, £8 for 24-48 hours and £12 for 48-72 hours. You can pay at the pay machines or online using RingGo.
<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/.../seacourt-park-and-ride>
<https://parkandride.oxfordbus.co.uk/where-to-park/>

Taxi's

We have spoken to local taxi company 'Royal Cars' and you can book a taxi with them to take you from Seacourt Park and Ride to Hill End. Booking your taxi with them in advance via <https://royal-cars.com/> or 01865 777333. They have quoted the following prices:

Saloon Car - £9.00, 6 seater - £12.00, 8 seater - £15.00

We suggest that you book in advance for your arrival and departure times and perhaps split the fare with friends or colleagues.

Electric vehicle charging

For anyone coming by electric vehicle, there is a Polar charging station situated at Seacourt Park and Ride which is approximately 3 miles from Hill End.

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

Hill End is situated on a hill, so trolleys are available for moving possessions from the car park to the camping field and dormitories. If you borrow one on arrival, then please ensure that it is returned to the storage area so that others can use it. You may want to bring your own trolley to help you move your belongings around the site.

For anyone with mobility issues, there is a dormitory that is located at the bottom of the hill, close to the main conference area. It has ramps plus a disabled toilet and shower. If you require this accommodation then please click 'yes' in the appropriate box when booking your tickets.

Only Guide Dogs will be allowed on site.

Hill End has a strict 'no smoking' policy and smoking is not permitted anywhere on site (including the car parks). Camping stoves will also not be permitted to be used on-site so please do not bring any. This is a fully catered event and there will also be tea and coffee making facilities freely available around the site.

Please make sure that you dress appropriately for the forecast weather conditions. We will do our best to provide access to socialising areas undercover where we can, plus there are wooden gazebos to provide shelter from bad weather, but many of the workshops and activities will be held outside.

Most importantly, have fun and enjoying meeting friends, old and new!