



## **SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES / THINGS TO DO 2023**

**Adventure Playgrounds** - <https://www.dacorum.gov.uk/home/leisure-culture/parks-play-and-open-spaces/adventure-playgrounds>

They have four adventure playgrounds across the borough, which are free to use and cater for 8 to 16 year olds (children under 8 are welcome when accompanied by an adult). They are a safe environment for children to meet, play and learn.

They are managed and supervised by a team of qualified staff and provide a secure and stimulating environment for all children, including those with special needs and disabilities. Please remember that the playgrounds are run as open access facilities, which means that children are not restricted and can come and go as they wish (all children attending one of our playgrounds must register beforehand).

Please visit the website to find a full list of facilities & activities available at each Adventure Playground during the summer.

**Times:** 9.30am - 5.30pm (Monday – Friday)

**Costs:** Free

**Venues:** Adeyfield, Grovehill & Woodhall Farm, Chaulden & Bennetts End

**Active Dacorum** - <https://www.dacorum.gov.uk/home/community-living/community-partnerships/active-dacorum>

Active Dacorum is run by the Community Partnerships team. The areas they cover are sports and physical activity, wellbeing and arts and culture. They provide opportunities for residents through events, sessions, activities and much more!

Please visit their website for further information.

**The Active Dacorum Hub** - <https://theactivedacorumhub.co.uk/>

The Active Dacorum Hub is a versatile, community-based venue in the Grovehill/ Woodhall Farm area of Hemel Hempstead. Situated next to the Adventure Playground it is ideally placed to serve Dacorum residents and provides sufficient parking for all of its users.

It has newly resurfaced tennis/netball courts, football pitches and a brand new adventure playground and a 3G football facility.

**Events in Dacorum** -

[https://webapps.dacorum.gov.uk/dbcef2016/community\\_events/Default.aspx?gl=1\\*kmakac\\*\\_ga\\*OTgyMjExMjgxLjE2NzU2NzYxODU.\\*\\_ga\\_KQRXD13Z17\\*MTY4ODAyNjc4Ni4yOC4wLjE2ODgwMjY3ODYuMC4wLjA](https://webapps.dacorum.gov.uk/dbcef2016/community_events/Default.aspx?gl=1*kmakac*_ga*OTgyMjExMjgxLjE2NzU2NzYxODU.*_ga_KQRXD13Z17*MTY4ODAyNjc4Ni4yOC4wLjE2ODgwMjY3ODYuMC4wLjA)

Programme of summer activities for families run by Dacorum Borough Council based in and around Hemel town centre.

Please visit website for up-to-date information.

**Nickey Line** - <http://www.nickeyline.org/>

Take a bike ride or walk along the 7 mile former railway line.

**Cost:** Free

**Sapphire Gymnastics** - <https://www.sapphiregymnastics.co.uk/camps-events-2/>

Gymnastic camps are filled with the use of all Olympic equipment as well as many obstacle courses, gymnastic skills and games.

Why not stay for Arts & Crafts and bring a packed lunch with you and let your creativity run wild!

**Days:** Monday – Friday

**Times:** 10.30am - 12.00pm (camp only) & 10.30am - 2.00pm (with arts and crafts)

**Costs:** £10.00 (camp only) & £17.50 (with arts and crafts)

**Venue:** Hemel Hempstead Sports Centre, Park Road, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, HP1 1JS

For more information, please call 01442 230077 Option 1.

**Ashridge National Trust Estate**

Ashridge has miles of pathways and woodlands from the Windmill to Bridgewater Monument that can be discovered on foot or bike.

Free parking.

**Hemel Hempstead Sports Centre** - <https://www.everyoneactive.com/centre/hemel-hempstead-leisure-centre/>

Enjoy activities like swimming (indoor and outdoor pool), inflatables, squash, badminton.

Free parking for 2 hours.

For more information, please call 01442 507100.

**Boxmoor Trust** - <https://www.boxmoortrust.org.uk/news-events/upcoming-events/>

Boxmoor Trust have a range of events lined up over the summer holidays. All events are ticketed, and numbers are limited, so get your tickets quickly before they sell out! Costs vary from free to £5.00 per ticket (this is a suggested donation).

Wednesday 26th July – 11.00am & 1.30pm - Colour in the Meadows - Come along and learn about the different flowers and insects found in the meadows, hunt for the colours of the rainbow in the plants around you and get a new appreciation for the colours of the meadows.

Friday 4th August – 11.00am - Rivers Day - Come and visit us on Harding's Moor to try your hand at river dipping, go for a colour hunt across the moor and see what you can find along the riverbanks! Our volunteers will be stationed at the river between 11-3 with all the tools you'll need to explore the nature along the river. Pop along any time during the day! Make sure you bring your wellies if you'd like to go in the river!

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August – 1.00pm & 6.00pm - Many people enjoy taking photos of the world around them. Come along to learn more about how to take good photos, from some of our award-winning volunteers. Borrow a camera to take your own pictures with your new skills and enjoy the nature of the Box Moor Trust estate through the lens of a camera. This is an activity for all ages. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August – 11.00am - Gadespring Cressbeds open for all to enjoy. Meet the volunteers that help manage this micro nature reserve, learn about the creatures that live here and have a go at some pond dipping. Come along any time between 11am-3pm - free admission. This is suitable for all ages. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August – 11.00am & 1.30pm - Natural Art - The beauty of nature is wonderful. It can also be used to create natural works of art that disappear with a gust of wind or the next rainfall. Join our Ranger in the woods to create some art using all the natural material found in the woodland. This event is suitable for Families. Please park at our Old Barn car park which is situated near Westbrook Hay. The event will be in Hay Wood.

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August – 6.00pm - Gadespring Cress Beds Open Evening - For the first time, our Gadespring Cressbed site will be open after hours. See this tranquil micro-nature reserve in the dusk light, meet our volunteers who help manage the site and find out about the creatures that live there. Come along any time between 6pm-9pm - free admission. This suitable for all ages. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Please visit website above to view venues and further information for these activities.

**The Berkhamsted Mystery Treasure Trail** - <https://www.treasuretrails.co.uk/products/things-to-do-berkhamsted-herts?variant=39342359445549>

Can you solve the mystery on the Berkhamsted self-guided mystery themed Treasure Trail? An easy to follow route will lead you around as you search for clues on buildings and monuments around Berkhamsted. Each clue eliminates a suspect - solve them all to reveal the culprit!

Every member of the family, from 6 years upwards, will have a part to play in searching for the evidence to solve this mystery.

Along this 2.5 mile route, which you complete in your own time and at your own pace, you'll look at Berkhamsted in a new light, come across hidden gems and discover lots of fascinating facts too.

This Trail can be instantly downloaded as a PDF file for same-day-Trailing-fun, or sent out to you in the post. See Treasure Trails website for more detail.

**Cost:** £9.99 per trail

#### **Ping Pong Parlour**

This Parlour allows anyone to play for FREE. Open daily in line with the shopping centre opening hours.

**Venue:** *The Marlowes Shopping Centre, Wolsey Road, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, HP1 1DX*

#### **Gadebridge Park Splash Park**

Right in the heart of Gadebridge Park in Hemel Hempstead, the splash park is the perfect way to cool off after a day in the sun!

There is no booking, a free car park nearby and a stone throw away from the Old Town and Marlowes where you can pick up some snacks to make it a fun family day out.

It is open every day from 10am to 6pm.

**Natural History Museum, Tring** - <https://www.nhm.ac.uk/visit/tring.html>

Visit to discover animal specimens from around the world, from tiny beetles to enormous bears. Explore the galleries filled with fascinating specimens and choose from a wide range of events.

Book a free ticket for guaranteed entry by visiting the website.

**Days & Times:** Tuesday - Sunday and bank holidays 10.00am - 5.00pm (last entry 4.00pm)

**Cost:** FREE

**Apex 360 Holiday Camp** - <https://apex360.co.uk/>

The Apex activity camps are fun-filled and action-packed. Children will be enjoying a variety of sports games, team building challenges, inflatables, battlezone and much more! The camp is for 5 - 12-year-olds and core activities run 9.00am - 4.00pm. Please bring a snack, packed lunch (NUT FREE), appropriate sportswear, sensible footwear and plenty of water!!

Payment via childcare vouchers is accepted.

Early drop and late pick up at an additional cost.

**Dates:** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July – Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August (no camp Bank Holiday Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August)

**Times:** 9.00am – 4.00pm

**Costs:** £25.00 per day (discount on week long bookings)

**Venue:** Longdean Sports Centre, Hill Common, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, HP3 8JH

For more information, please contact Luke Pidgeon on 07591 280950 or email: [luke.pidgeon@apexmultisports.co.uk](mailto:luke.pidgeon@apexmultisports.co.uk)

**Good Shepherd Holiday Club** - <https://www.goodshepherdclubs.co.uk/our-clubs/holiday-club-chaulden-junior-school/>

The club offers excellent space and facilities for children from 4 to 12 years of age. Activities are tailored to meet the range of interests that the children have so that they can develop their skills, gain confidence, stay active and make new friends!

For each session parents must provide a nut-free packed lunch. For children staying for the 'Extended Day' breakfast will be offered until 8:30am and a snack will be provided at 4:00pm.

Accept Childcare Vouchers and Tax Free Childcare Payments.

For more information please contact: 07534896953 or [gshepherdclub@gmail.com](mailto:gshepherdclub@gmail.com).

**Dates:** Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August

**Times:** 8.30am - 4.00pm (extended day 8.00am - 6.00pm)

**Costs:** £25.00 per day / extended day - £35.00 (discount for siblings and weekly bookings)

**Venue:** Chaulden Junior School, School Row, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, HP1 2JU

### **XC**

Join the XC this summer school holiday for a range of exciting activities for children aged 3 – 17 years old. Activities include:

- Climbing
- Skatepark
- Caving
- High Ropes
- Holiday Experiences

Please visit <https://thexc.co.uk/holidays/> for further information.

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