

BRIEF OUTLINE

The West Cork Secret was the brainchild of Finbarr O'Mahony, who had worked in landscape gardening for twelve years and wanted to be able to show people what could be achieved with any patch of land. Originally a bare field – he has transformed the 25 acre site into an explosion of colour and growth ranging from fruits and vegetables to exotic flowers and towering trees. The idea behind the project was originally an extensive garden centre but this has blossomed into an activity centre, educational resource and pizza cafe.

Our Location

We are a 15 min drive from **Bandon**, 15 mins from **Clonakilty** and 20 mins from **Kinsale**. The WCS is sign posted from **Timoleague road** and from **Kilbrittain village**



Teachers...why not take a back seat and let us at the West Cork Secret provide your class a memorable day of fun and activity. Book your place **NOW**

Infants - Seniors
10.00-1.30 €10/child

10.00-1.30 €12.50/child
including pizza
(3.5 hours)

1st class - 6th class

10.00-3.00 €15/child
including pizza
(5 hours)

Teachers and accompanying adults are complimentary.

Students are advised to bring a change of clothes if they are partaking in water based activities.

Hot showers available on site.



WEST CORK SECRET



PRIMARY LEVEL SCHOOL TOURS 2014

LOOKING FOR A FIELD TRIP THAT
IS EDUCATIONAL AND FUN?

BRING YOUR STUDENTS TO

WEST CORK SECRET...

A GARDEN BLOOMING WITH
EDUCATIONAL AND FUN



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WEST CORK SECRET EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME

The West Cork Secret is well equipped to deal with school groups and can combine all our facilities to provide a great day out for the children and teachers.

Students will have the opportunity to explore the extensive gardens with an expert to tell them about the different species and life cycles of the plants and trees.

They will also be able to pot their own seeds, learn about growing conditions and care of plants; and then they can then take home their own plant and watch it grow and develop.

And finally, for a chance to let off some steam, students will be taught how to navigate the various obstacles of our course and be set team activities that involve problem solving and supporting one another to be successful.

If required, we can provide refreshments from our cafe and home-made pizzas to help satiate their appetites after all that activity!

PROGRAM OUTLINE

Activities are broken down to suit junior, middle and higher age groups.

Teachers can tailor their day to suit their educational requirements.

Junior Program

(Junior Infants, Senior Infants,)

Nature trail/ forest walk

Plant life cycle and potting their own plant

Orienteering

Mini beast hunt on stone-earthen wall

Treasure hunt

Go kart races

Simple team building activities

Middle Program

(First, Second, and third Class)

As above and...

Obstacle course incorporating water slide

Higher Program

(Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Classes)

As above and..

More detailed orienteering using a map and controls.

The science behind composting and unusual uses of your compost

Water transfer without using electricity (how they use to do it long ago)

Sections of the **Primary School Curriculum** that may be addressed through activities at the West Cork Secret

Science

Skills development – Working scientifically;

Strands – Living things; Environmental awareness and care

Geography

Skills and concepts development – A sense of place and space; Maps, globes and graphical skills; Geographical investigation skills

Strands - Natural environments; Environmental awareness and care

Mathematics

Skills development – Skills

Strands - Early Mathematical Activities; Number; Shape and space; Measures; Data

English

Strands – Receptiveness to language; Competence and confidence in using language; Developing cognitive abilities through language; Emotional and imaginative development through language

Gaeilge

Catagóirifeidhmeanna

Snáitheanna – Ag cothúspéise go neamhfhoirmiúilsateagasc; Ag úsáidteanga

Physical Education

Strand - Outdoor and adventure activities

Visual Arts

Concepts and skills development – Concepts

Strands – Paint and colour;

History

Skills and concepts development – Story; Myths and legends

Social, Personal and Health Education

Myself – Safety and protection; Making decisions