

Outdoor Experiences



*Blake pond dipping with Neal Lochrie,
Countryside Development Officer, Dean Park.*



*Cameron, Blake and Anthony enjoying a well-
deserved break!*

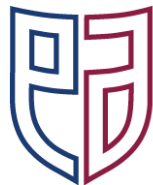


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John Muir Award at



John Muir Discovery Award



The John Muir Award is an environmental award scheme focused on wild places. It supports people to connect with, enjoy and care for nature, landscape, and the natural environment - wild places.

- Completed through a structured yet adaptable scheme
- For people of all ages and backgrounds – groups, families or individuals
- Non-competitive, inclusive and accessible
- John Muir was a Scottish conservation pioneer, known as 'the founding father of National Parks'.

So what do we do?

In order to achieve a John Muir Award, each participant must meet these four challenges:

Discover a wild place

Explore its wildness

Conserve it

Share your experiences

At Willowbank we work in partnership with Dean Castle Country Park in order to complete the 'Discovery Award'. Pupils achieve this by completing the required time obligation, showing enthusiasm towards their involvement, having an awareness of John Muir and understanding what the John Muir Award is and why they are participating

Discovering a Wild Place



In order to complete this challenge, participants will:

- Identify a wild place (or places) on which to focus your Award activity. This can be school grounds, a local park, beach, woods, river, mountain or national park
- Work in an area which has some natural scope.
- Reflect on the character of the area and why it is special to the participant/ group.
- Consider why it is a suitable place for completing the award.

Further information can be found in The John Muir Award Information Handbook:

https://www.johnmuirtrust.org/assets/000/001/552/Info_Handbook_with_weblinks_original.pdf?1456150239