

Your Guide to the Secret Jungle



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The Secret Jungle

The underlying ethos of the Jungle is one of promoting inclusion where non-disabled children, siblings and peers and their families as well as the wider community will be encouraged to join with disabled children in play where this does not detract from the experience of the disabled child.

The Jungle is a safe, exciting and natural environment that enables disabled children and their families to enjoy being outdoors. This then encourages and stimulates natural play and facilitates social and community activities for all.

Your Leisure

Your Leisure provides access to a range of top class leisure facilities, activities and events across South East Kent, helping you make the most of your leisure time.

Born on 1st April 2013 following the merger of two local leisure organisations, Thanet Leisureforce and Vista Leisure, Your Leisure now manages the regions entertainment venues, health and fitness facilities, water sports centres, Spa retreats, historic theatres and much, much more..

So, whether you are looking to take the kids to a show, or relax in front of your own private beach hut, pamper yourself at a stress busting Spa or maybe get in shape for your summer holiday; our mission is the same. We aim to help you have fun and get the very best from your leisure time.

Enjoy Life – Have Fun!



The Jungle's Design

As far as possible all facilities are accessed through sensitive landscaping which avoids the need for wheelchair ramps or separate wheelchair friendly paths, therefore allowing access pathways to facilities and equipment for all users.

The Jungle has secure gates which are seen as essential in enabling many (mostly Autistic) children to be allowed to play freely and without direct parental supervision. This also allows parents to relax and enables them to socialise with other parents.

We want to improve the physical cognitive, social and psychological benefits that the Jungle can support, generating enormous pleasure through the senses: - seeing, smelling, feeling, hearing to building coordination, strength, stamina and physical activity.

We provide an environment where all members of the community can benefit from using the space. Our development of the Jungle has meant that more parents and their children can stay longer and fully enjoy the social benefits of the Jungle.

Friends and family can gather for emotional support as well as have the opportunity to relieve tension, frustration and aggression, whilst their children play.

Key elements of play in the Jungle are:

- encouragement of communication and social skills;
- stimulation of sensory awareness;
- enhancement of creativity;
- promotion of hands-on, multi-sensory learning;
- reduction of stress, promotion of emotional well-being;
- provision of a non-threatening environment;
- improvement of fine and gross motor skills.

These are fundamental developments that all children and young people need to have a fully enriched life.

We strive as a project to meet these needs in order to enhance the opportunities for growth within our community.



How We Achieve This

The Jungle provides a safe place for disabled children, young people, their families and the wider community to play. The Jungle provides families with access to a unique and exciting place to play and develop.

We are a 365 day a year provision, the Jungle can be accessed in a variety of ways.

The Jungle team facilitate holiday provisions, this is done by offering the community an opportunity to access FREE play provision, with the ability to make a donation if you wish to do so.

The activities that we provide allow our users to experience something new within a safe and friendly space, some of the activities we provide include:

- Zumba
- Birds of prey
- Mobile farm experience
- Circus skills
- Arts and crafts
- Build a bike
- Creepy claws
- Music and more...

All of the sessions are supported by Your Leisure staff, their role is to provide support to any child, young person or parent attending an activity.

We also run two additional sessions throughout the year, they are:

- Family sessions
- Young person group

All of our activities are posted on our website:

www.yourleisure.uk.com/venues/secret-Jungle



Gaining Access to the Jungle

Thank you for taking the time to become a fob holder we hope that you enjoy using the Jungle. As you may or may not know the Jungle is used by a variety of users groups including:

- Parent & families
- Schools – mainstream and special
- Sure start centres

By offering our unique facility to the whole community we have to ensure that everyone is able to access the Jungle and use it in a way that suits everyone.

We do this by running a timetable system for all of our users, the timetable clearly shows when the Jungle can be accessed.

The timetable is a flexible tool that allows us to change and shape to the needs of our users, if there are any changes made to this you will receive a replacement timetable via email or post. The timetable key is as follows:

Yellow	Specialist groups and organisations
Green	Schools
Blue	Your Leisure activities and Jungle buds
Purple	Jungle friends, fob holders

If you wish to amend or add a timeslot, please contact a member of the team. We reserve the right to refuse access to the Jungle by any group or individual that we feel does not support the ethos of the Jungle.

How to Become A Fob Holder

If you would like to become a fob holder for either your own family, school or group then please contact the office to arrange a date and time for you to meet with a member of the team.

The team member will then go over all of the details for operating the gate, what to do if you have a problem and to answer any questions or concerns that you may have.

I Have Lost My Fob

If you lose or misplace your fob, please contact the office so that we can disable your fob, this will give you time to look for it whilst ensuring that no-one can use your fob.

If you find your fob then please contact us and we will enable your fob again. If however you do lose it completely then there is a £5 charge for a replacement.

Monitoring Using The Fobs

All use is monitored via a computer system, this allows us to ensure that people are using the Jungle at the appropriate times and to ensure that we are keeping people safe.

This system also allows us to report on how the Jungle is being accessed and if there are any trends in use.



I Don't Want A Fob But I Would Like To Know About The Activity Days And Events
Please contact the office and speak to a member of the team about being added to our mailing list, this can be via email or post.

We will ask you for some basic contact information and then you will receive details of all our activities and events.

Gate Operation

As part of the fob training we request that when participants our opening the gate that they remain near the gate until it is fully closed.

This ensures that anyone else using the Jungle knows the gate is closed and that no children have managed to get out. If a child does approach the gate before it is closed please stop the child or call for assistance form the family/carer.

Accessing Activity Days & Events

The activities are emailed out to all of our Jungle friends or are placed on our website.

If you would like to book onto an activity day then please contact a member of the team, they will then confirm that you are booked by wither replying to your email or answer phone message:

Sara.llewellyn@youreisure.uk.com
01843 601550

Please note that when calling us you may need to leave a message, please leave your name, contact number and a short message detailing which session you would like and how many people in your group (maximum of 12 people).

Jungle Office Opening Times:
Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm*

**Please note that the office is not always covered due to meetings and part time hours, please leave us a message and a member of the team will get back to you as soon as possible.*

Jungle Opening Times:
9am to 8pm April to October
9am to 6pm November to March

Your Leisure Office Opening Times:
Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm*

**Please note that the Your Leisure office will not be able to book you onto activities or for fob training.*



Safety Information

It is important that you are aware of the safety guidelines for using the Jungle, we have completed the guidance below for you to follow.

This will ensure that you are able to use the Jungle safely.

Health & Safety-RoSPA

The Jungle undergoes a daily inspection and then on a weekly basis a RoSPA trained team member will do a more detailed inspection.

We also receive regular visits from Thanet District Council and undergo an annual RoSPA inspection by an external authority, this report can also be requested.

Fire Safety

There is no firefighting equipment on the Jungle site as this is not deemed to be a requirement under our play safety guidance.

We do however ask people to have their mobile phones on them in case of fire, if you are in the Jungle and a fire is present then please use the following steps:

- Raise the alarm to people using the Jungle
- Leave the Jungle via the gate, if this is not possible then please move to the furthest point from the fire
- Call 999, give as much detail as possible
- Await the emergency services
- Report the incident to Your Leisure on 01843 601550 or 01843 868302

We have gone to great lengths to ensure that all of the equipment is to the highest standards. The equipment in the Jungle is all tanned wood with a 25 hours burn time.

We request that people do not bring glass into the Jungle, do not smoke in the Jungle or bring in any combustible substances.

Risk Assessment

The Jungle has a generic risk assessment that will be provided to groups and organisations on request.

You are however responsible for completing your own risk assessment relevant to your users and the activities that you will be doing within the Jungle.

All activities that we provide are individually risk assessed and all external providers are required to provide us with the following:

- DBS certificate
- Risk assessment
- Method statement
- Public liability insurance



Reporting Damage/Maintenance

It is the responsibility of all users and staff to report any damage, this ensure that we can make any repairs in an appropriate time frame.

We do sometimes need to close the Jungle to undertake maintenance and repairs, you will be informed of these in advance unless they are for emergency repairs. On these occasions we will post closures via email and on our website.

First Aid On Activity Days

The Jungle team when facilitating activities will have an appointed first aider, and all other sessionals are also qualified, we as a team will be responsible for completing the accident book with the injured party.

If organisations or groups require a copy then please ask the person completing the form.

First Aid During Other Access Time

When the Jungle is being used by individuals, schools, groups or organisations it is your responsibility to provide first aid or have access to a mobile phone in order to contact the emergency services if they are required.

If you do have any serious reportable accidents or incidents can you please report them to the Jungle team.

Young People Safety

Supervision of Children & Young People

All children and young people **MUST** be supervised at all times by an appropriate adult when using the Jungle.

On activity days staff are in the Jungle to facilitate the play activities and to support the session. If any children are not being supervised appropriately then this may result in you being asked to leave the session.

Photo Consent & Contact Information

When visiting the Jungle you will be asked to complete a photo graphic consent and contact details form.

This information is held confidentially and is only used for the purposes stated on the forms.

Additional Consent Requests

There may be times when you are asked to complete some additional consent forms, this will relate to specific activities that we are delivering, for example:

- Nail art
- Body art
- Zumba

All of these activities are optional and so if you do not wish to participate then you will not be required to complete any additional consent forms



General information

Care Suite & Hoist

The care suite is a fully accessible toilet facility that can only be accessed using a fob. If you wish to use the hoist then you will need to contact the team prior to your visit to complete the appropriate documentation.

Smoking

Smoking is not permitted in the Jungle, anyone seen smoking will be asked to leave the Jungle. If you wish to smoke outside of the Jungle on activity days, you are responsible for ensuring that your child/ward is left with an appropriate adult to supervise them.

Nappies & Clinical Waste

Please use the bins provided in the care suite for all nappies and clinical waste, the bins in the Jungle are not suitable for disposing of this type of rubbish. We would also like to request that all nappies are placed in nappy sacks if possible.

Dogs

Dogs are not permitted in the Jungle or the care suite unless they are official guide dogs, helping hand dogs or dogs in training for any of the named roles. If you are not sure then please contact a member of the team prior to your visit.

Bins

Please ensure that you use the bins provided, these are emptied on a regular basis to ensure that the Jungle is rubbish free. If however you do generate a lot of rubbish could you please take it away with you.

Scooters

We are happy for you to bring your own scooters into the Jungle, but it is on the understanding that they are your responsibility and that other children may want to play on them as they will not differentiate between Jungle equipment and personal equipment. When you arrive the team member on the gate will offer for you to leave them outside of the gate if you do not wish to take them in with you.*

**please note that staff reserve the right to request that scooters remain outside on the grounds of health and safety for example if we already have too many scooters in the Jungle or if the activity being delivered requires the space*



Get Involved

Volunteering Opportunities

We operate a gardening club, Jungle Buds, every Monday from 10am to 12noon. We actively encourage our participants to come along and get involved, there are no age restrictions on this session.

The group is very friendly and provides the community with an opportunity to meet up and give back to the community.

Donations

Any donations received during our activities are always paid back in to the project, this may be a contribution towards activities or resources. If people wish to make a donation then this can be done on the day in person or sent to the Jungle office, cheques to be made payable to Your Leisure.

Partnership Working

We are always looking for new partnership projects within the local community, in the past we have been involved with the following groups and organisations to deliver projects in the Jungle:

- Community Payback
- East Kent College
- Princes trust
- St. Anthony's school
- Uniform groups

If you have an idea for a project or you would like to speak with a member of the team about this then please contact us.

Contact details

Jungle office	01843 296687
Your Leisure	01843 868302
Thanet District Council	01843 577000
Emergency services	999

Jungle Email Details:

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Useful Websites:

yourleisure.uk.com/venues/secret-Jungle

yourleisure.uk.com

yourspa.uk.com

margatewintergardens.co.uk

theatreroyal margate.com

yourleisure.uk.com/oillies

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