

Westcountry Rivers Trust

Learning Programme

2025 - 2026



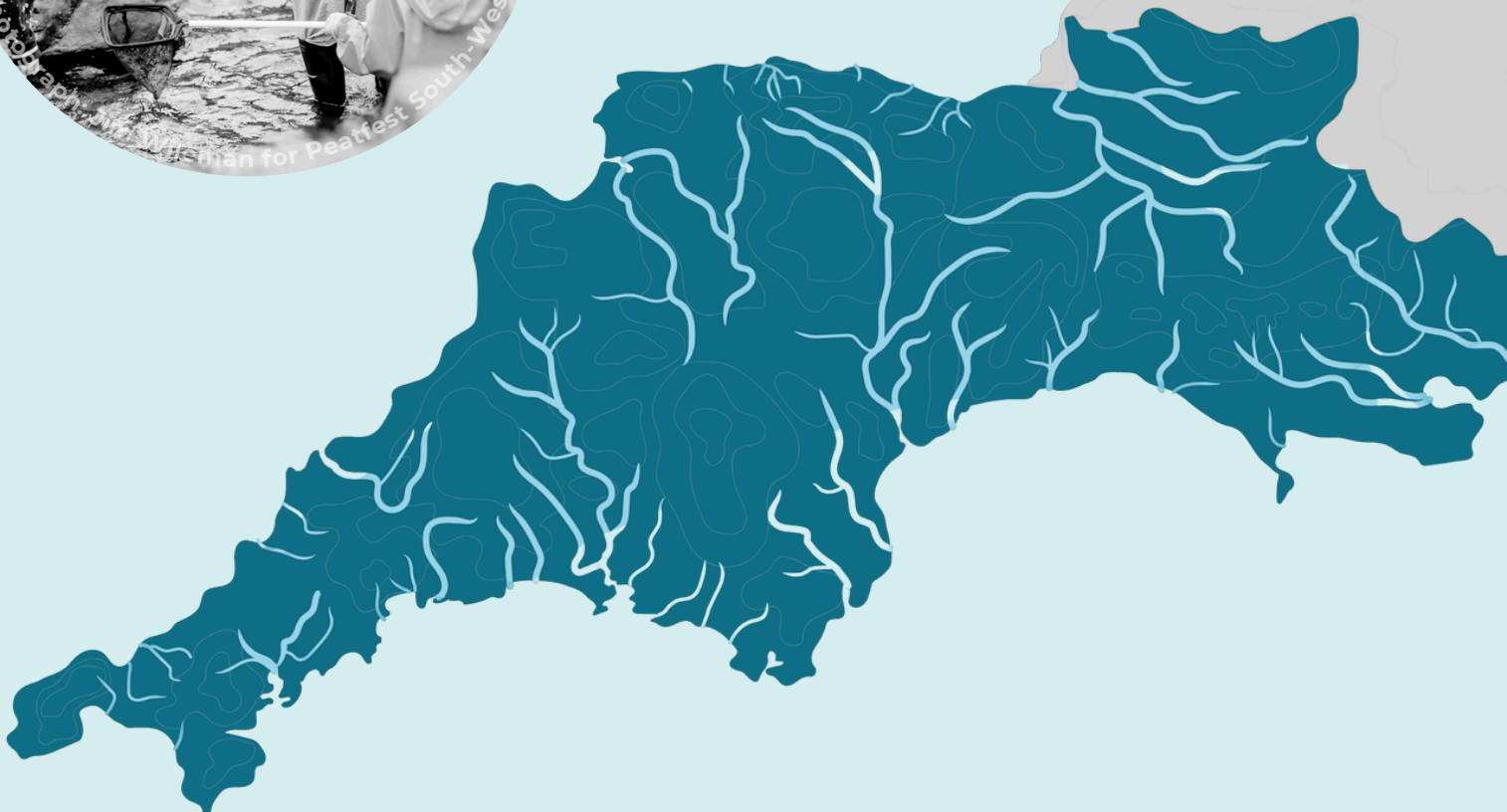
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WHY CHOOSE WRT?

Westcountry Rivers Trust (WRT) is an environmental charity. Established in 1995, our aims are to preserve, protect, develop, and improve the region's watercourses, whilst educating people about the value of this natural resource.

We aim to inspire and enthuse the next generation of river advocates through a range of inclusive, curriculum linked learning opportunities - suitable for young people in Key Stages 1 to 5.



OUR SESSIONS COVER:

- 🐟 Working scientifically
- 🐟 Living things and their habitats
- 🐟 Animals, including humans
- 🐟 Evolution and inheritance
- 🐟 Human and physical geography
- 🐟 Geographic skills and fieldwork

WHERE DO WE COVER?

We can provide sessions local to your school or education group in Cornwall, Devon, Somerset, and West Dorset.



LEARNING SESSION OPTIONS



	Unit Cost*	What's covered in the session?	Session Length	Time of year
Interactive Assembly	£200	River ecosystems	1 hour	All year round
Classroom Session	£430	Choice of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Food webs• Life cycles• Adaptations• Water Cycle and Slow the Flow	1.5 hours	All year round
	Free of charge*			
Riverside Kick Sampling Session	£625	Introduction to Aquatic Invertebrates: Bio-indicators of Water Quality	2 hours	June - October
WRT CSI Water Quality Session	£625	Introduction to Water Quality Testing	2 hours	All year round
	Free of charge**			
Bespoke Session	Price and details available on request			

All chargeable sessions will be charged mileage at an additional 45p per mile

*Occasionally we may have fully funded classroom sessions available in certain catchment areas – please contact us for details

**WRT CSI Water Quality sessions are free of charge for schools in selected catchments, that are signing up to our WRT Schools/Youth Group CSI Volunteer Programme.



MAKE A BOOKING

To make a booking, please complete the booking form and send to **learning@wrt.org.uk**

Once received, a member of the WRT Engagement and Learning team will be in touch to secure a date for your session(s), and a confirmation email will be sent to you.

If you have selected a riverside session and do not have a suitable local site, we can look for suitable sites for you.

PAYMENTS AND CANCELLATIONS

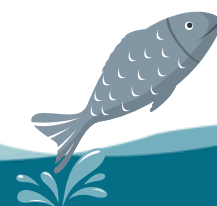
An invoice will be sent to the supplied email address following the session delivery.

Cancellations should be made no less than one week before the booked session date. If the session is cancelled less than one week before the session, the full charge will still apply.

Sessions can still go ahead in light rain and cold conditions, but all attendees will be expected to dress appropriately for the conditions (please see guidance below). If the weather forecast does not show safe weather conditions for the booked session date, the session will be cancelled at least one day prior to the session date. In this case, the session can be re-booked or cancelled without penalty.

RIVERSIDE SESSIONS

Where possible, we encourage riverside sessions to be held as close to the school as possible, preferably within walking distance. If transport is needed to the site, this is the responsibility of the school.



RATIOS

WRT Engagement and Learning staff will be leading the session. However WRT staff are not able to be responsible for the supervision of children and should be supernumerary in all staff: children ratios.

WRT recommend at least 1:6 (4-8 year-olds), 1:8 (9-12 year-olds) and 1:10 (13 - 18 year-olds) adult to child ratios for any riverside sessions.

PHOTO PERMISSIONS

WRT would like to take photos of some sessions for educational and promotional purposes. These can include our website, social media, press releases and our WRT monthly newsletter. WRT staff will provide a photo permission form on the day should this be appropriate.

WHAT TO WEAR ON THE DAY

Please ensure that both adults and children are dressed appropriately for outdoor sessions, and for the weather.

Wellies (or sturdy footwear that can get wet) should be worn for all outdoor and riverside sessions. Flip flops and sliders etc. are NOT suitable.



We also recommend wearing **long sleeved t-shirts** and **trousers** to minimise the risk of stings and scratches.

In warm weather, please bring a **hat** and **sunscreen**.



In cold weather, please bring a **waterproof coat**, **waterproof trousers**, a **warm hat**, **gloves** and **extra layers**.



HEALTH AND SAFETY

All WRT engagement and learning sessions are fully risk assessed, a copy of which will be forwarded to the school for review prior to the session. Please note, these risk assessments are not designed to replace the school's own risk assessments for children learning outside of the classroom. Schools/education groups should provide antibacterial wipes/gel for use while out on site.

If the weather forecast does not show safe weather conditions for the booked session date, the session will be cancelled. Please refer to the bookings and cancellation section for more details.

SAFEGUARDING

WRT is committed to providing a safe and secure learning environment. If a WRT member of staff is concerned about the welfare of a child this will be reported in line with WRT's Safeguarding Policy (a copy of which is available on request) and will be reported to the School's Designated Safeguarding Lead. It is the school's responsibility to follow up the concern where appropriate.

Children must remain accompanied by their Teachers/TAs at all times during both river based, and classroom sessions, in line with WRT Health and Safety and Safeguarding policies.

MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Please inform us via the **booking form** if there are any medical details or additional needs of both children and adults that we should be aware of.





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