

How Barnswood can help you achieve 24 in 24

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24 things to do outside in 2024

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Barnswood has taken the suggestions in the blog and identified those where it can help. See below;

Build a den: Work with your friends to [make a strong and interesting den](#) from natural materials. **Barnswood has lots of material suitable for making a den or bivouac, and even a special area dedicated to it.**

Sit around a campfire: Songs, stories, skits, and [s'mores](#) might feature, but what really makes a campfire special is the people around it. Learn how to [build and light a campfire](#), then [sing campfire songs](#) or [tell stories](#) around it. Take a look at our [carbon monoxide guidance](#). **Barnswood has a large open air campfire circle, a covered campfire circle and altar fires you can use wherever you want to.**

Sleep in a tent: [Sleeping in a tent](#) gives you the chance to connect with nature and build your independence. **Barnswood is a very good place to do this.**

Cook something outdoors: Whether it's on a campfire, barbecue or camp stove, try [cooking something tasty outside](#). Make sure to keep the area well-ventilated and extinguish the fire after use. Remember to never take a campfire, barbecue or camp stove indoors and be [carbon monoxide](#) aware. **Although Barnswood only allows fires on the ground on the specified campfire areas, we provide altar fires which are excellent for cooking on whether it is simple twists or smores, backwoods fare or full meals.**

Go fruit picking: [Forage](#) for some brilliant fruits, such as blackberries or strawberries, in safe locations, then create a fantastic fruity crumble or snack. **Barnswood is speaking with a foraging group to see if they would like to visit and identify what is available. Why don't you beat them to it?**

Make some wild art: [Make some art using nature](#). You could create natural paintbrushes from leaves, use leaves and natural items in a collage or sculpture. **Its in the name - Barnswood. Plenty of leaves.**

Watch the clouds: Go [cloud spotting](#). The clouds in the sky are way up high. One, two, three – how many can you see? **Use our plentiful open spaces.**

Go stargazing: Wrap up warm, then head outside to [explore the night sky](#). What can you spot high above you? **Barnswood does not suffer from much light pollution, so is ideal.**

Take part in a wide game: From [Capture the Flag](#) to [Escape the Jail](#), [wide games](#) are lots of fun! Why not pick a few favourites and try playing them at Barnswood. **We have both open spaces and wooded areas so provide the environment for a wide range of wide games.**

Plant a tree and then nurture it. **Barnswood will support your planting a native British tree. Just ask where to plant it. Can you find the tree that an ex-DC has grown from an acorn?**

Go for a walk in the rain: [Go for a walk](#) in the rain to admire nature. **Guess what? Barnswood can often provide rain.**

Hike or walk with a journey stick: Create your own journey stick to hold your memories and to share your adventures with family and friends. **Use Barnswood as a base.**

Watch the sunrise or sunset: Wake up early or stay up later to watch the sunrise or sunset. Can you see both in one day?

Learn to recognise 10 leaves and barks: **Explore our woods like a detective and see if you can recognise trees by their leaves. Use our cards to identify them and which are good for a fire.**

Spot 10 different birds: See if you can spot 10 birds, either from your tent or out on a walk. You could [make a bird feeder](#), packed with delicious treats for our feathered friends, to see who will visit. **Barnswood is full of woodland and garden birds. Use the information at <https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/a-z> to identify and learn about a bird.**

Spot 10 different fungi: See if you can spot 10 fungi. **Wander round Barnswood in the Autumn and early Winter (you don't need to leave the main area), We have identified over 30 on site and are producing cards to aid identification.**

Spot 5 different mammals or their tracks: **Wander round Barnswood, we have seen 12, so this will be a big challenge. Use our cards (available from the warden) to help you find traces even if you do not see them yourselves.**