

Nature play Forest Festival 2018

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Nature Play SA, Alexandrina Council, Mount Barker District Council, and ForestrySA are SO excited to bring the Nature Play Forest Festival back to the beautiful Kuitpo Forest in Autumn 2018!

Due to the popularity of Forest Festival in 2017, this year's event is being held over two days on Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19 April. Tickets are limited for each day to ensure the enjoyment of families in attendance. To purchase your tickets head to www.natureplaysa.org.au/events As Nature Play SA is a small team and there's always lots of interest in our events we've developed this FAQ info sheet to help with common Forest Festival questions. Ticket holders will receive location details and further information following registration and in the lead up to the event.

ACTIVITIES AND AGES

What can we do at Forest Festival?

Wild and free play is the aim of the day! There will be over a dozen nature play activities on offer including: low ropes, wild cubby building, nature potions and tinkering, bell tents for reading and loose parts play, nature crafts, orienteering and bushwalking trails, bush stick xylophone music sessions, environmental education activities, family yoga, wildlife displays and shows, along with as much free play as your children can handle in the forest surrounds. Many people plan to make a full day of the Festival, bringing picnic rugs and deck chairs, and organising to meet up with family and friends.

Our aim is to bring families to the Forest and let our kids 'be kids' – giving them the freedom to be wild, get dirty, see where their play takes them, and create memories outdoors with family and friends!

What age is Forest Festival targeted at?

Forest Festival has been specially created for families with children 0 – 12 years [older children are still welcome to attend!] Young ones will enjoy being outdoors with the people they love, interacting with nature, testing out our natural loose parts play tent, reading with you in the story-time tent, and enjoying the sensory experience of the nature potion station. Older children will enjoy the challenge and comradery of cubby building, orienteering, bushwalking, low ropes and environmental education activities. There's also no shortage of places for all ages to explore and nature play in the forest surrounds!

ACCESS

Is the event pram friendly?

Yes - there are walking trails around the event site and some light off-road terrain to access several of the activities. A parent's room will be available, along with a pram-accessible toilet.

Is there wheelchair access?

The main walking trails at the event site are accessible for wheelchairs and there is some light off-road terrain to access several of the activities. If you have a disabled parking permit or special rights you will be supported with appropriate parking. A wheelchair-accessible toilet will be available.

BOOKINGS

Do I need to book tickets?

Yes, tickets are essential and strictly limited to ensure the enjoyment and safety of attendees - tickets will be released in March and can be booked via www.natureplaysa.org.au/events. Please ensure you read the booking instructions carefully prior to purchasing your tickets.

Tickets are required for ALL children [aged 1+] AND adults attending. No further tickets will be available once the event has sold out and entry to the Festival will only be granted to those with valid tickets.

How much does the event cost?

Tickets are \$10 per child and \$5 per adult [plus Eventbrite fees] per day. Children under 12 months old do not require tickets to the event. At the Festival, you'll be able to make product and membership purchases from the Nature Play SA pop-up shop. Food trucks will also be onsite for food and drink needs!

How many days is my ticket valid for?

Your ticket is valid for **one day** only. You will have the opportunity to select which day you are attending when purchasing your tickets [unless sold out prior]. Your ticket is only valid for the date which you have purchased.

Is my ticket transferrable for the other Forest Festival event day?

Sorry, your ticket is only valid for the day you have booked for. Forest Festival is a major event and we plan for the number of people booked each day - the enjoyment and safety of event attendees is our priority so we cannot accept tickets for alternate days at the event.

Do I need to bring my ticket to the event?

Yes, you'll need to bring your tickets to the event [registered attendees will be provided more information prior to the event]. Entry to the Festival will only be granted to those holding valid tickets for attending children and adults. No ticket purchases will be available at the event.

Can I change my booking?

Nature Play SA is a small team and unfortunately we don't have the capacity to change bookings for an event of this scale and the level of community interest received. Please ensure you read the booking instructions carefully prior to purchasing your tickets to avoid disappointment.

PARKING AND TRANSPORT

What's the parking situation?

Ticket holders will be sent information outlining the parking arrangements prior to the event. To assist with your planning, we strongly encourage



car-pooling to support parking management and minimize environmental impact. A short walk to the event can be anticipated however a drop-off zone will be available. If you have a disabled parking permit, have special rights, or pregnant you will be supported with appropriate parking arrangements.

Are there public transport options?

There are no public transport options available at the Festival location however Mount Barker District Council will be running a community shuttle bus between a local township and the event site. Ticket holders will be provided further information on this service in advance of the event.

PLANNING YOUR DAY

What time does the event run and how long can we stay for?

The event starts at 10 am and you're welcome to enter anytime between the opening and 3pm closing time when we'll pack up activities. Come for a couple of hours or settle in for the whole day!

What should we wear and bring?

- Dress for the weather and Autumn play outdoors - clothing that can handle wild and free play and layers work well. Sturdy footwear is recommended, along with a hat and sunscreen.
- Picnic rugs, warm blankets or deck chairs if you wish
- BYO picnic, thermos, and snacks or make a purchase from one of the awesome food and warm drink vendors on the day!
- BYO refillable water bottles and a keep cup for your coffee

What shouldn't we bring?

- No pets please!
- Any implements for cutting trees or branches
- Fires are not permitted during Forest Festival [fire ban season in effect]
- Forest Festival is an alcohol and smoke-free event

Can we take anything home with us?

Your children, memories, and litter! We ask you support Nature Play SA's work as a not-for-profit organisation by not taking event materials, such as ropes, hessian, books and natural loose parts home with you so we can continue to provide these for other children and families to enjoy at future events. Please also be aware that Forestry legislation and regulations prevent the taking of anything from Kuitpo Forest to protect the area and keep habitat intact for flora and fauna.

Will the event be cancelled in bad weather?

At Nature Play SA we're all about outdoor play and go by the motto 'there's no such thing as bad weather, only inappropriate clothing!' Our events run with a forecast of rain and cold weather and we would only consider cancelling with severe weather warnings or in the instance a Total Fire Ban is declared for Kuitpo Forest [in line with ForestrySA regulations]. If circumstances do require us to cancel, we'll advise ticket holders via email, social media and our website. Refunds will be issued under these circumstances.

LOST CHILDREN & ASSISTANCE ON THE DAY

What happens if I lose my child at the event?

Please be aware that while there will be trained event and support staff on site children remain the responsibility of parents and/or carers. We have a lost child process in place at all our events so if you do become separated from your child or need assistance you can visit the information marquee or see event staff who will assist you.

ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

What can we do to look after the Forest environment?

We ask you to care for Kuitpo: be respectful of the environment, only use fallen natural materials in play [please don't cut or break branches off trees or vegetation], and provide space to any wildlife you may encounter! Please be aware of any areas closed off with safety bunting as these are in place to protect important species or to

keep you safe. You may also notice fungi in the forest – help us to protect these fairy homes and do not touch or eat as some species are poisonous. If you would like to learn more about the amazing fungi of the Adelaide Hills check out [this guide](#).

How can we contribute towards making the event as sustainable as possible?

Some easy ways to contribute to the sustainability of Forest Festival include:

- Car-pooling
- Minimising the waste you bring or purchase at the event – 'nude food' is encouraged!
- Bringing your own keep-cup for warm drink purchases and refillable water bottles
- Taking home your rubbish or disposing of any litter thoughtfully in the bin system provided.

We greatly appreciate your support for Nature Play Forest Festival 2018 and hope you have a magical day outdoors with family and friends. Happy nature playing everyone!

Nature Play SA is a non-profit organisation dedicated to increasing the amount of time today's generation of children spend playing and learning outdoors in nature.

