

Bristol Avon Rivers Trust Educational Programme



Bristol Avon Rivers Trust are a local charity who work to improve the health of our rivers and educate communities about these amazing watery spaces. We deliver a range of classroom and outdoor river sessions to schools within the Bristol Avon catchment. Sessions align with National Curriculum content and provide inspiring hands-on experiences where children form life-long memories.

Classroom sessions

We offer classroom based sessions from 1-3 hours with a range of interactive activities to choose from, including:

- invertebrate ID (live creatures collected from a local river)
- map activity: find river features on an OS map
- build a river friendly house from Lego
- build a model water supply and test it



Outdoor river sessions

We offer field trips to local rivers and streams.

The content of these sessions is flexible and can include:

- river dipping
- sketch mapping
- outdoor art
- mini raft building and racing



School assemblies

Our knowledgeable staff can talk about a variety of topics and are always keen to hear children's opinions and experiences.

Example topics:

- Looking after your river
- Saving water
- River pollution



Session costs

BART's ongoing project work sometimes allows us to offer sessions free of charge in specific locations. Please enquire to see if your school would be eligible to take part in any of our currently funded projects. Otherwise, we offer sessions at a fee to cover our costs. The costs below are approximate and based on one class participating. Extra preparation may be required which can sometimes incur an extra cost (e.g. locating a field site). The content and duration of sessions is flexible. Please contact us and we will provide a quote.

Session	Duration	Example content	Cost
Assembly	20 minutes	An engaging session about the issues rivers face and what people can do to help.	£140
Classroom Workshop	2 hours	Find your river on an OS map Build a water supply model Identification of live river invertebrates Build a river-friendly house from Lego	£375
Riverbank Session	2 hours	River dipping: kick sampling and invertebrate identification Mini raft building and racing River map sketches	£375
Full day	9:30 - end of school day	Combination of classroom and riverbank sessions.	£550

Where is our catchment?

We work in the Bristol Avon river catchment which includes the Bristol Avon river and all its tributaries. We are only able to offer sessions to schools within this area.



If your school is interested in an educational session, please contact our Engagement and Education Officer, Amy Wade: amy@bristolavonriverstrust.org

