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Activities at the Boyle

These activities will be led by trained and qualified instructors from Boyle River Outdoor Education Centre [BROEC]. BROEC is a Canterbury based Outdoor and Adventure Education provider - we hold the 'OutdoorsMark', New Zealand's leading outdoor safety audit certificate, and is registered with Worksafe NZ as an Adventure Activities provider - as required under the HSE (Adventure Activities) Regulations 2011. Thorough hazard management, staff training, equipment checks and emergency response systems are in place.

ABL and Initiatives

Instructors facilitate sequenced activities and challenges that can be undertaken anywhere and anytime to develop interpersonal skills, teamwork, getting to know each other and communication with others.



Low Ropes

The low ropes activities encourage participants to develop their personal and group skills in a fun and challenging way. We utilise sequenced activities building on skills as we go. Balance beams to team challenge swings are located on our site and many more extend into the great outdoors!



Swamp Crossing

Your actions have consequences as the ultimate test of team work as you and your team work together to cross a swamp with only some wooden boards and your wits to get across without falling in.



Orienteering

We have a variety of courses from beginner start courses, where participants practice map to ground navigation. Building up to loop courses and finally full compass bearing and how to combine all skills. Participants learn the principals of map reading and navigation.



Bald Patch & Mud Run

A half day walk partway up Mt. Faust one comes to stunning views of the Lewis valley and surroundings before traversing through thick native forest and descending to the river flats. Here you encounter our mud run, it is self-explanatory, nevertheless a fantastic rite of passage for many a kiwi child.



Two Wire

A short walk up the St. James from the lodge locates the two-wire site; this is where one can experience two methods of crossing the Boyle River without getting their feet wet. This is a great start to river crossing techniques and a good launching spot to river gadgets.

Tramps & Camps

Being situated in the heart of the Lewis Pass we can facilitate day tramps in the local area all the way to multiday tramps in the surrounding valleys & tops. Students learn how to prepare & pack their own gear along with soft and hard skills for future ventures.



High Trees

We have four separate activities set up in the trees nearby where students can climb up and challenge themselves in progressively harder obstacles. The rest of the group don't just hang about but belay and keep climbers safe.



High Poles

A step up from the high trees with a mixture of solo and group challenges. From a Ricketty bridge that you cross to our Giants Ladder where three people have to work together. With High Poles, there is a challenge for everyone.



Flying Kiwi

The chance the bird never got! Your team assist each other in making people fly into the air in different directions. This is great fun for those more nervous with heights as you can control how high you go. Promotes team bonding and communication.



Crate Stack

What goes up must come down. The team need to work together while building the tallest tower out of crates they can. They must also help each other stay safe while one person stands on top to keep the tower growing.



River Crossing

The skills needed to know when, where, and how to cross a river safely along with a variety of techniques from self-crossing to crossing with others and supporting each other. The session includes both theoretical and practical skills.



Bush Craft / Survival Skills

This can be tailored to the group outcomes & needs but can include but is not limited to! Leave no trace principles, maps, bivy / shelter building, water collection, bush and environmental interpretation and fire lighting.



River Art

A chance to get back in time with nature and take time to notice what often gets missed. Students involve themselves physically with the environment and start to think about how they interact with it by creating sculptures from the local materials that mean something to them.



Service / Kaitiakitanga

Want to encourage positive behaviours and giving back to the community. You can give back to the environment, take ownership, and guardianship with options of planting natives, weed busting, track maintenance helping keep out invasive species.

Tubing

Located a 5-minute walk from our lodge, students donning wetsuits, spray jackets, pfd's and helmets embark on a grade 2 white water experience using inner tubes. Starting small the participants are educated on hydrology, river safety and white water techniques. Working their way up to running rapids. Safety is first and our expert educators keep everyone safe.

Rock Climbing

An opportunity to release your inner Billy goat. We have a natural rock climbing site just 10 minutes' drive south of the Boyle River. Rock Climbing provides participants a challenging range of skill acquisition, trust and safety at height. Belaying highlights the importance of effective communication and everyone can push their boundaries in a controlled environment.



Compass Navigation

Learn some great navigation skills using, maps, the surrounding land features and the compass. We have a progressive learning system which allows participants to comprehensively learn how to navigate using a compass. One of our challenging activities is navigating in small groups through the bush on a compass bearing where participants need to get to a certain mark over 1km away!

Heaphy Campsite

This campsite is about 20 – 30 minutes' hike from the Boyle Lodge, but could be longer if you wanted to implement a journey day. There is a permanent shelter in place, along with a toilet and camp fire circle. A great place to get everyone together, debrief and enjoy campfire games and stories.



Journeys

Most of our days are action packed activity based journeys. These days could be a combination of lots of activities including bush craft skills. Journeys can be planned and run over multiple days.

Sylvia

Gearing up in wetsuits, helmets and life jackets; the group will cross the Lewis River. They then head up Sylvia Stream, deeper into the canyon. Two roaring waterfalls await, the big pool seemingly endless, the water clear and ice cold. This is a fantastic activity for challenging the students in many ways, pushing themselves out of their comfort zones and having FUN! So, make like a fish and jump into the Sylvia Canyon.



Maori / Cultural aspects and activities

As strong advocates of Kaitiakitanga (guardianship of the land), we at the Boyle strive to incorporate the Maori and cultural aspects of the area and Aotearoa throughout our time with the students. We have stories, activities, history and names for plants and animals.

Night Orienteering

In small groups the participants explore the surroundings looking for control points, can be made into a competition or just participation. Participants can expect to develop map reading skills, confidence at night and improved communication.

Nature Walk

A teacher led activity, following a trail through the bush stopping at key spots to investigate certain aspects of the New Zealand flora.



Environmental Activities

A range of environmental aspects to investigate, from leave no trace, trapping, local geography and geology, flora and fauna to human interactions with the surrounding environments.

Small Abseil

Outcomes from this Abseil are being able to step outside of your comfort zone, peer encouragement, building trust and confidence within one's self. Participants will lower themselves down an eight-meter cliff while under the safety of a qualified instructor.



Big Abseil

This impressive 35m abseil is located 10 minutes' drive from the lodge. Excellent for those wanting to extend themselves and those with previous abseil experience, outcomes are the same as small abseil plus the thrill of exposure and personal challenge. It's located in a breathtaking environment finishing on the bank of the Boyle River.



Solo

One of our night activities but can be a valuable tool no matter where it is in the programme. Self-reflection and learning to be are all important aspects of this activity. How often do you spend time by yourself? Participants will get dropped off individually around a loop close to the Centre for a pre-determined length of time. This is great for time to think and reflection about different aspects, from school life, lessons from camp to future goals.



Nightline

Another night activity where participants follow a rope that twists and winds its way through the forest, you will need to navigate various obstacles whilst being blindfolded. Can be done in silence or in little groups. Participants get to experience the bush at night, a great opportunity to see the stars.

Don't see what you want - ask!

Here at the Boyle we pride ourselves on quality Outdoor Education programmes that are tailored to focus on the Outcomes and Objectives of the group. Get in contact now to develop your Boyle Experience.