

# Wild in the City Festival 2024 – FAQs

### Question 1 – When and where is The Wild in The City Festival 2024 being held?

Answer – The festival will take place on FRIDAY, 14th to SUNDAY, 16th JUNE 2024 at Broomlands Farm, Colestock Cross, Broomlands, Cowden TN8 7EA

## Question 2 - How do I get to the festival location?

Answer -

By train: Nearest stations are Cowden train station and Edenbridge train station

You would need to order a taxi in advance from Cowden station, there isn't a rank and Ubers are difficult to get in this area. Please also note that although it is walkable distance, the roads have very fast traffic and no pavements, so this is not advised.

You would need to order a taxi in advance from Edenbridge train station

- By car: Parking is included in the price of all tickets. There is a capacity of 200 parking spaces. Please note this car park is on a field, is used at your own risk. Wild In The City cannot accept any responsibility for any incidents or damage from the use of this parking area. We do encourage car-sharing, which can be a fun and sustainable way to travel to the festival too.
- By taxi:

A few suggested local taxi services:

Name: Ashurst Private Hire Company

Website: Ashurst Private Hire

Number: 07393 613917

Name: Country Hire & Go

Website: About us | Country Hire & Go | eBike Hire and Sales

(countryhireandgo.com)

Number: Call 07723054863

• Name: Edenbridge Taxis

Website: Welcome to Edenbridge Taxis | Edenbridge Taxis

Number: 01732 759 821

By plane: Nearest airports are Gatwick Airport (29 miles) London City Airport (44 miles) and London Heathrow (47 miles)

#### Question 3 – Who is the audience of the festival?

Answer - The festival is for people of colour who want to deepen their relationship with nature. You'll find a warm welcome whether you have little experience in nature and wish to feel more comfortable navigating the natural environment or whether you are already active or even an expert camper, naturalist or hiker; you will find a like-minded nature loving community.

#### Question 4 – What is the vision of the festival?

Answer – We strive to decolonise the environmental space and the Wild in the City festival is one way in which we work to do that. The festival celebrates people of colour in nature and seeks to provide a safe space for people of colour to connect with the environment and one another. In the UK, it is not common to see people of colour gather in nature, and we want to create a unique opportunity to enjoy and build a relationship with nature without feeling observed or disrupted by the white gaze. The feedback we received after the first edition of the festival showed that attendees highly valued meeting in an atmosphere that was free of this pressure and didn't carry any racialised feeling of being watched or judged. To continue this tradition and respect it.

#### Question 5 - What are the ticket fees? And what's included in the ticket cost?

Tickets must be purchased via the WitC website here - Wild In the City Festival - Friday 14-16 June 2024

Wild In The City Festival 2024 Ticket tiers	Cost per ticket	Description
Adults	£120/Early Bird £108	is for individuals aged 22+.
Family	£250/Early Bird £225	is for 2x adults with up to 2 children (children age from birth, up to 17 years old)
Young Persons	£75	is for persons aged between 18- 21 years old

All tickets include access to 3 days of festival activities, 2 nights of camping, and free parking.

Please note: Booking for Early Bird tickets will close at 3.00 pm on Tuesday 30th April 2024.

All bookings for this festival will close at 3.00 pm on Friday 7th June 2024. All tickets must be bought in advance. No tickets will be sold on the day.

(For information: Attendee thresholds are Max. 200)

Check out our festival summary here

# Question 6 - Do you provide any additional discounts for unwaged participants?

Answer - Through the pay if forward scheme; these generous donations will help us to fund others to attend and participate who may not be able to afford partial or full payment of the Wild In the City 2024 festival tickets. We are currently seeking further external funding and grants to support the festival too.

# Question 7 - What activities are set out for each day? Do you have to do all of them or do you just jump in where interested?

Answer - There will be a range of different activities each day, from walks, yoga, meditation, talks, demonstrations, art, natural history, bushcraft and traditional crafts. Most of which you can simply turn up, for some sessions you will be required to register by putting your name down in advance. There will be an information point on the day where you can find out about activities and where they are being held. There will also be a host of in person and hybrid talks and panel discussions hosted by some of the industry's leading international and UK based practitioners of colour and Black led organisations. You are free to move between activities, but please be mindful when doing so as not to cause disruption to the workshop or session going on. Some activities will be repeated multiple times across the 3 days so you should have plenty of opportunity to have an enriching experience.

Question 8 – What are the accommodation and eating arrangements for the festival? What can you bring to the festival? Do you have a list of equipment or supplies you suggest we bring?

Answer -

Camping: Please bring your own camping essentials

We recommend;

Essential items

- Tent
- Sleeping bag
- Sleeping Mat
- Wash kit
- Head torches and extra batteries
- Cup/bowl/spork
- Personal medication
- Layers of clothes (evenings by the fire can be much cooler than the day)
- Waterproofs
- Sturdy footwear to protect you in woodland and uneven ground
- Rucksack for carrying personal items during the day
- Sun protection
- Refillable water bottle (at least 1 litre capacity)

You need to bring your festival ticket and camping essentials. Due to the set up of the festival we are not able to accommodate campervans or other similar mobile homes.

Food: You can bring in your own food and drinks (please be mindful that the festival is for the quiet enjoyment of nature and there is a zero tolerance on disruptive or disorderly behaviour). Spot checks may be in place. We do not have bag size restrictions for entry although, we advise packing as light as possible. There are no cloakroom or storage facilities on site. Illegal substances or legal highs are not permitted.

Additional Catering: Food from vendors/catering trucks will be available. Ensure you check with the vendor before making purchases on the day if you have any specific dietary needs. We do recommend you bring you own food and drink, snacks for the 3 days.

First aid: The Festival will be supported by designated Outdoor First Aid respondents, including your walk leaders. Please report any injuries to a designated first aider. We recommend bringing your own personal first aid kit to attend to cuts and scrapes which can happen when handing natural materials and in the woodland. You should also bring any personal medication e.g. asthma inhaler, epi-pen.

Clothing: Please dress appropriately for the weather so that you are comfortable throughout the day and be prepared for changes to the weather which may occur whilst outdoors. If planning on attending hikes during the festival please bring sturdy footwear, appropriate for walking for longer periods in rural terrains and changeable weather conditions. We suggest bringing suitable amount of change of clothing, layers for warmth, and having waterproof clothing with you. On sunny/hot days we suggest bringing sun protection such as a sun hat and sun cream. We recommend a hat, gloves and scarf in colder weather. A rucksack is usually the most comfortable type of bag to bring.

# Question 9 - What welfare and other facilities will be available on site?

Answer -

Water: There will be access to drinking water.

Electricity: There will be designated points for electricity/charging points. We suggest you bring portable chargers where needed for personal use.

Showers: There are no showers. You might find a portable/foldable washbowl and facecloth useful for keeping clean, or biodegradable wetwipes.

Toilets: There will be access to portable toilets.

### Question 10 - How will waste be managed?

Answer - We ask everyone to respect the environment by not littering and using the bins provided: Wild in the City will be working with a local company to support with waste management. Where possible try to separate your recyclable materials, and we can all be conscious and try not to cause excess waste.

If you have any further questions please contact info@wildinthecity.org.uk.

Please carefully read our terms and conditions here: <u>Festival Terms and Conditions | Wild in the City</u>