

# 15 Sustainable Development Education



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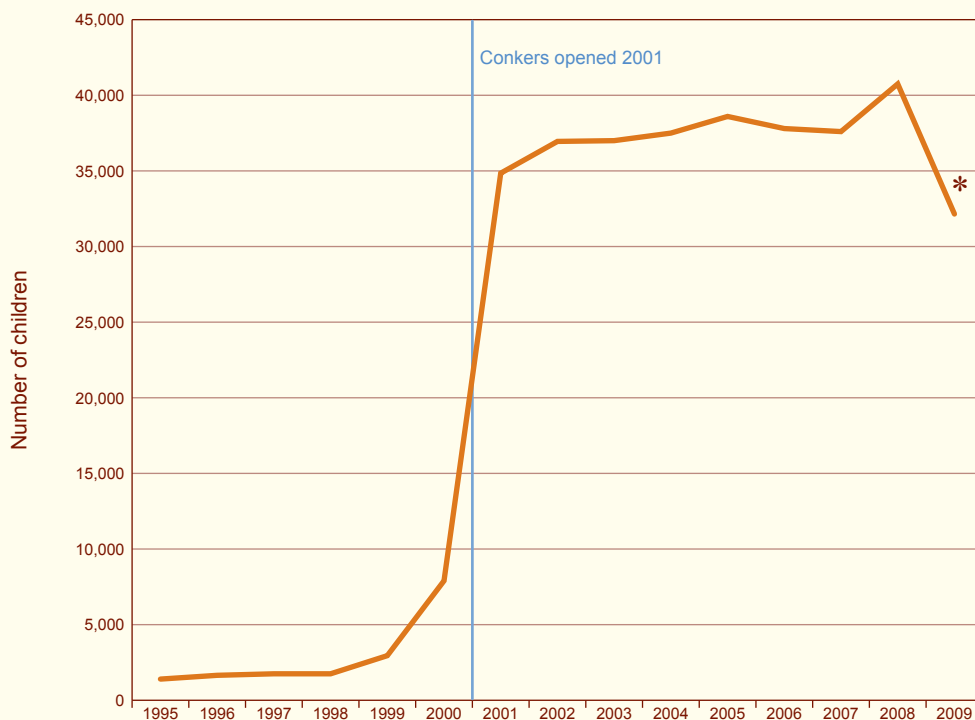
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The National Forest Company promotes environmental education and lifelong learning to help develop understanding and appreciation of the Forest and a sense of 'ownership' for its long-term management. This indicator measures environmental education activity involving school children and adults.

## ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FOR SCHOOLS

- From 1995 to 2010 over 341,000 children experienced Forest-related environmental education visits to Conkers Discovery Centre, Rosliston Forestry Centre and other educational centres in the Forest area<sup>1</sup>. Since 2007, visits have increased by 110,500.
- Following the opening of Conkers and expansion of activities at Rosliston, these centres have involved over 30,000 children each year since 2001, peaking at 40,700 children in 2008/09<sup>1</sup>.

### Educational visits to Rosliston & Conkers



\* The reduction in numbers in 2009 is considered to be a reflection of the effects of the economic downturn and the threat of swine flu. Visits to a wider range of education centres continue to increase.

- From 2000 to 2010, 683 schools have been involved in growing trees from seed, the Tree for All scheme, community tree planting, sculpture, music and art projects. This represents an increase of 311 new schools since 2006/7<sup>1</sup>.
- Additional environmental education activities are also run by partner organisations.
  - Between 2004 and 2010 134,300 children were involved in activities run by Severn Trent Water at their Cropston reservoir centre<sup>2</sup>; and over the same period, 11,100 children experienced activities at Snibston Discovery Park (Leicester County Council)<sup>3</sup>.
  - Between 2007 and 2009, 52040 children were also involved in educational visits to Calke Abbey (National Trust)<sup>4</sup>.

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## LIFELONG LEARNING FOR ADULTS

This area of activity also continues to grow, for example:

- From 2003 to 2010, 1,135 people have taken part in practical conservation training courses run by the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV)<sup>2</sup>. Since January 2010, the BTCV also runs two NVQ Level 1 and 2 courses, hosting 16 participants<sup>1</sup>.
- From 2002 to 2010, more than 320 people were trained as volunteer health walks leaders at Rosliston Forestry Centre. This represents an increase of over 120 people since 2006<sup>1</sup>.
- Between 2000 and 2010, at least 58,500 adults also took part in environmental education sessions, courses and training activities at Conkers, Rosliston Forestry Centre and other centres<sup>2</sup>. Many of these were accompanying school visits.
- Between 2004 and 2010, 26,440 adults were involved in environmental education courses run by Severn Trent Water (at Cropston reservoir)<sup>2</sup>; and over the same period, 7,260 adults participated in events run by Snibston Discovery Park<sup>3</sup>.

### \* ACTION:

- 1) Work with partners to maintain and where possible expand environmental education activity.
- 2) Monitor activity annually.

### DATA SOURCES:

- 1) 1) NFC annual monitoring [2010]
- 2) 2) Severn Trent Water annual monitoring.
- 3) 3) Snibston Discovery Park annual monitoring.
- 4) 4) National Trust annual monitoring.