

# BRECON BEACONS NATIONAL PARK

Brecon Beacons National Park Education Service  
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## Investigating Minibeasts KS2 Science

### Learning Objectives

During this half day course pupils should learn :

To identify the key features of contrasting habitats.

To make predictions about the types of minibeasts to be found in different habitats.

How minibeasts may be grouped by observable features and identified using keys.

To use a variety of equipment to sample habitats and to collect minibeasts.

To observe and to record minibeasts found in different habitats.

That plants and animals in a habitat are interdependent and are adapted to their environment.

To treat minibeasts with care and sensitivity and to return them back to their habitat.

To gain an appreciation of the natural environment and the importance of natural habitats.

**Course description:** This half day course enables the children to investigate at first hand minibeasts in different habitats and to learn how they are adapted to their environment and their importance in the food chain.

**Main Activity:** Through exploration, discussion and investigation the children will study minibeasts found in two different habitats. Minibeasts will be identified using keys. The numbers and varieties of species will be recorded and the role played by minibeasts in the ecosystem considered. The concept of a food chain will be explored through a food chain game.

### Links with QCA Unit 4B Habitats