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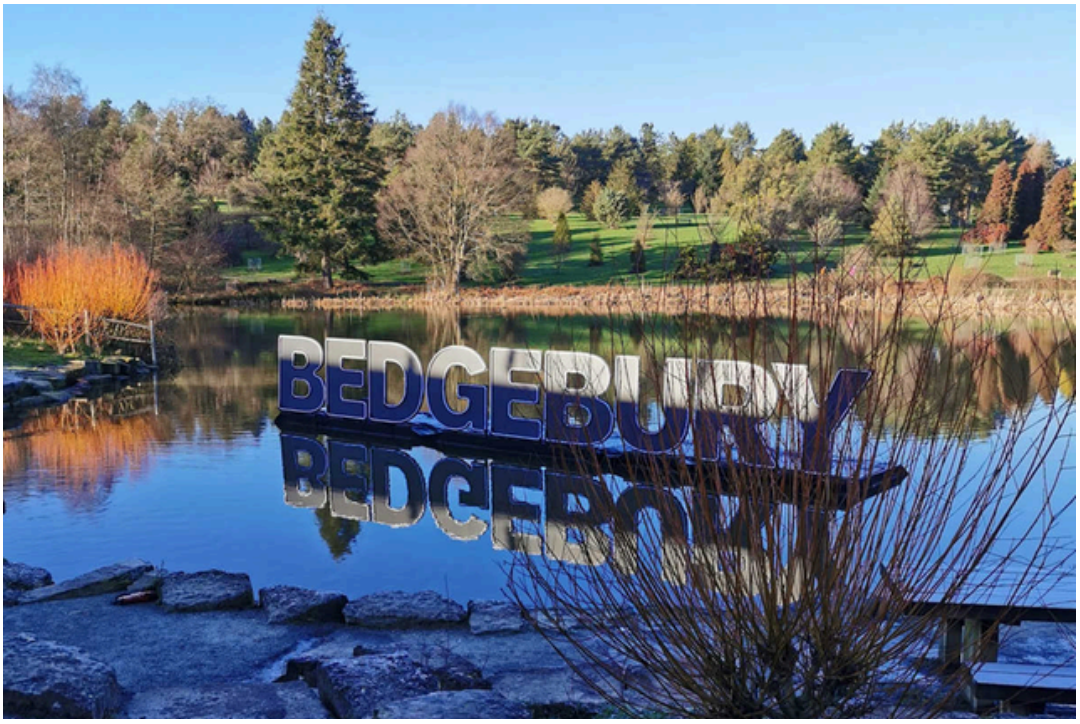
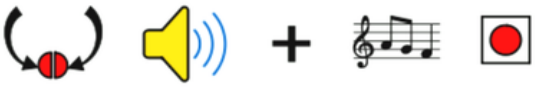
Sounds Wild at Bedgebury Pinetum, Kent,
19th & 20th August 2026



Sounds Wild sessions use music, sound, and silence to help us connect with nature. These sessions are specially designed to be accessible for Learning Disabled people of all ages with complex support needs and their families.



Contact details for the day of event:
Rebecca Tunley: Community Support - 07737051135

Location & Travel

Address:

Sat Nav Postcode:
TN17 2SJ
Lady Oak Lane, Goudhurst

Parking:

There are two car parks on site. Please park in the main car park and not the walled garden car park.

There are 16 blue badge spaces on site.

Please note Soundabout will be covering your parking costs. We will take your car registration on the day of the event and share with the site teams.

Public Transport:

Take the 1066 bus from Tunbridge Wells towards Hawkhurst. The nearest bus stop is Flimwell, approximately a 30-minute walk.

The closest train station is Etchingham (on the Hastings line from Charing Cross or London Bridge). It would then be a 15 minute taxi ride from Etchingham station to the venue.

Where we will meet:

Once you have parked in the main car park. Go through the gateway pictured on the right. Soundabout staff will be there to meet you on the path in Blue Soundabout tops. You may be able to hear them before you can see them! We have circled your meeting spot on the map on the left.

If you get lost, head to the visitors centre and venue staff will direct you.

Venue

Pictures

The Outside Space

Path to the visitors centre

The carpark

Accessible and changing places toilet at the Visitors centre

The Gazebo

The Quiet Space

There is plenty of grounds to explore at Bedgebury Pinetum, if participants feel overwhelmed or upset, there will be plenty of space for a quiet moment.

Accessibility Information

Access

As this is an outdoor venue, the grounds can be bumpy and uneven at times. The site is wheelchair friendly in terms of pathways being wide enough and level.

Bedgebury Pinetum has an accessibility webpage with detailed information: click here.

Toilets

There is a Changing Place facility on site, situated in the visitor centre.

It has a manual door which is 100cm wide.

A Radar Key is needed for access.

You can borrow one from the information point if necessary.

Participant

Wellbeing

Care will be taken by staff to keep noise levels to comfortable volume for our participants.

The sessions will be based around the engagement and interactions of the participants.

Therefore, our practitioners will be sensitive to the needs of the participants wellbeing throughout.

Schedule & Safety

Schedule

Dates:

Wednesday August 19th
Thursday August 20th

Morning session:
10:30am - 12:30pm

Afternoon session:
2.00pm - 4.00pm

Safety

The Soundabout Team will direct you to the site where we will be making music. It will not be far from the Visitors centre. The paths to the site are pictured on the right. Please take care moving around the site. Though the paths are level, they may be bumpy at times.

If there are any specific sensory needs/sensitivities or safety considerations we need to be aware of before the session, please could you contact Rebecca (Community Support) on:

rebeccatunley@soundabout.org.uk, 07737051135

What to wear?

Please ensure you wear something cool if it's a warm day. We have a gazebo that we will sit under in case it rains but please bring something waterproof to move around the grounds if it's raining.

What to bring?

Participants should have suitable clothing/skin protection for the weather. If hot and sunny weather - hats, sunglasses, suncream; if it's wet - rain protection (i.e. coats/all-in-one rainsuits/ponchos/umbrellas)

Sturdy footwear (for mobile participants) is also advised.

There is a cafe on site in the visitors centre however, please feel free to bring your own food and drinks. Please don't share food and drink in between participants in case of allergies.

Participants must be supported by a parent or carer if attending the event.

Any other information?

If you need any more information that you cannot find in this booklet, please contact Rebecca on:

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There may be other people visiting Bedgebury Pinetum but will not be taking part in the session.

There will also be staff from Bedgebury Pinetum working on site.

If you have any queries, concerns or need any support prior to the event or on the day, please contact:

Rebecca, Community Support and Safeguarding Lead:

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Link to Concern Form