



Sri Sathya Sai Organisation United Kingdom

Tiny Forest Bedfordshire - Tree Planting Project

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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What is the Tree Planting Project?	The project is about planting tree saplings and shrubs in Bedfordshire	The project is about planting tree saplings and shrubs in a “tiny forest” otherwise known as a “Miyawaki Forest” in Bedfordshire
Where is the tree planting taking place?	In Ampthill, Bedfordshire	In Bedford Town
When are the events taking place?	Tuesday 23 rd and Wednesday 24 th January, from 10 am to 3 pm.	Saturday 10 th February 9am – 9:30am bhajans at the Sai Centre 10 am to 3:30 pm – Tree planting
Do I have to stay for the whole day?	It would be desirable if volunteers can participate for at least 3 hours. There will be options from 10 am -1 pm, 12 pm - 3 pm, or ideally the whole day would be preferred. Registration is on a first come first serve basis as there are limited numbers for the site.	It would be desirable if volunteers can participate for at least 3 hours. There will be options from 10 am -1 pm, 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm, or ideally the whole day would be preferred. Registration is on a first come first serve basis as there are limited numbers for the site.
Meeting Point	Marston Vale – The Forest Centre Station Road Marston Moretaine Bedfordshire MK43 OPR	We would prefer everyone coming for the morning tree planting to meet at: Bedford Sai Centre 71 Foster Hill Road Bedford MK40 2EX Please arrive by 9am for bhajans and then we will carpool to the main tree planting site. If you are coming directly to the tree planting site or just attending the afternoon session then the postcode is: MK41 8EL (Bedford).

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Where will the Tree planting take place?	Near Houghton House, Hazelwood Lane, Ampthill, Bedford, Bedfordshire, MK45 2EY	MK41 8EL (Bedford)
Is parking available?	Car parking is limited at the site and Information will be provided on the volunteer call about where to park. You are kindly requested to car share or use public transport (caring for environment).	Free street parking is available on Park Avenue close to the Sai Centre. There is also a car park with up to 5 free hours parking on Foster Hill Road. You are kindly requested to car share or use public transport (caring for environment).
Will transport be provided?	We humbly request volunteers to car share or use public transport where appropriate. Please speak to your Centre President or Service coordinator for advice.	We humbly request volunteers to car share, use public transport where appropriate. Speak to your Centre President or Service coordinator for advice.
How will I get to the planting area if I come by bus or train?	Details will be provided on the volunteer call about who to contact and location address. Our local volunteers will be able to collect you from the train or bus station if necessary. The nearest train station is Flitwick which is about a 15mins train journey from Bedford station which is on the St. Pancras to Sheffield mainline and is served by Thameslink services.	Details will be provided on the volunteer call about who to contact and location address. Our local volunteers will be able to collect you from the train or bus station if necessary. The nearest train station is Bedford on the St. Pancras to Sheffield mainline and is served by Thameslink services.
How many trees will we be planting?	600 tree saplings and 600 shrubs.	20 different types of trees – 1600 tree saplings in total.
I have young children, can I bring them with me?	This will be a school day so not it's not encouraged.	Children are encouraged with parent/guardian supervision.
Do I need to bring anything with me?	You just need to bring gardening gloves and a bottle of water.	You just need to bring gardening gloves and a bottle of water.
What type of clothing and footwear should I wear?	You will need to wear warm clothing, waterproofs (in case it rains), boots/wellington boots (as it can be muddy) and hats.	You will need to wear warm clothing, waterproofs (in case it rains), boots/wellington boots (as it can be muddy) and hats.
Do I need any tools?	All tools will be provided.	All tools will be provided.

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Will we be shown what to do?	There will be a team who will provide clear instructions on what to do. There will be support throughout the day.	There will be a team who will provide clear instructions on what to do. There will be support throughout the day.
Will I be planting trees on my own?	If support is required on the day it will be provided.	If support is required on the day it will be provided.
Will there be toilet facilities	At the Marston Vale Forest Centre.	On site.
Will there be a break?	Yes between 12:30 to 1 pm. However, you can take a short break as needed.	Yes between 1pm to 1:30 pm However, you can take a short break as needed.
Where can we have lunch?	It is recommended that you bring your own packed lunch.	Bedford & Milton Keynes Sai Centres have kindly offered to provide lunch and this will be served on-site. Volunteers with any special dietary requirements are kindly asked to bring their own packed lunch.
Do I need to bring bottles of water with me?	It would be advisable to bring a bottle of water with you as you will need it when you are working. We would advise you to label the bottle with your name on it.	It would be advisable to bring a bottle of water with you as you will need it when you are working. We would advise you to label the bottle with your name on it.
What happens if it rains, snows or there are sub-zero temperatures?	If its is raining the work will continue, unless we are advised differently by the Marston Vale Forest team	If its raining the work will continue, unless we are advised differently by the Marston Vale Forest team
Will there be first aiders available?	Yes, we will have first aiders with first aid kits.	Yes, we will have first aiders with first aid kits
Are there any other tasks I can do, other than planting?	There will be a need for support such as providing transport, catering, supply of water bottles to teams, taking photos and escorting volunteers between meeting point and the site.	There will be a need for support such as providing transport, catering, supply of water bottles to teams, taking photos, and escorting volunteers between meeting point and the site.