

The Tour

- Your visit is led by a Tour Guide and lasts approximately 90 minutes. Large groups are split between several tour guides who will work with 30-40 children each.
- We offer enjoyable and educational interaction with a variety of animals - chicks, rabbits, goats, etc.
- Tours can be focused on a number of themes such as Animals and Their Young, Nursery Rhymes, Animal Detectives, Traditional Tales, Food and Farming. These tours are designed to reflect the interests and curriculum of different ages. See **Themes** below.
- Depending on the time of your tour, other attractions can be added to your visit, e.g. Birds of Prey Centre - discuss this with our office when you book to see what is possible in the time frame of your visit. Note: these are all chargeable extras. Alternatively, if there is time after your tour and lunch, you can revisit the animals "free range", supervising your own children. Unfortunately you can't enter the animal area unsupervised before your tour.

Facilities

- Linked animal barns and good paths make it easy to stay dry
- A picnic barn, heated in winter, is allocated to each group
- Farm Education Building and outdoor play areas
- Good toilet and hand-wash facilities
- Farm Shop with pocket-money priced souvenirs (or we can make-up a fixed price bag)

Themes

Most suitable for toddler groups:

- **Nursery Rhymes Tour** - acting and singing during the tour

For Early Years including reception classes (also Rainbows and Beavers):

- **Nursery Rhymes Tour** - acting and singing during the tour
- **Animals and their Young** - looking for similarities and differences
- **Farm Tales** - focus on animals in stories - Three Billy Goats Gruff, Little Red Hen etc.

For KS1 and KS2:

- **Farm Tales** - focus on animals in stories - Three Billy Goats Gruff, Little Red Hen etc. (literacy focus)
- **Animal Detectives** - similarities and differences, adaptation for purpose and lifecycle (science focus)
- **Food and Farming** - care for animals; food, clothes from animals (citizenship focus)

Group Pricing

Peak season is *March through August*. Group prices are **£6.95 per child**, with a minimum booking of **£150** (approximately 20+ children). **One free adult is offered per 5 paying children** (to include any teachers, SEN carers, parents). Any **additional adults are £5.95 per person**. You are charged for those you bring on the day (minimum £150 applies), but please advise us if your numbers change significantly.

Christmas period: usually the last week of November and all of December, see section below for pricing and other details. **Off peak:** we offer reduced prices or free additional activities – please phone to check.

Extra Activities: Depending on the time of your tour, other **chargeable** attractions can be added to your visit for a small extra cost. These **must** be pre-booked. Please discuss this with the member of staff that takes your booking as some of these options are only available for certain ages and specific time slots. For guidance ...

FOR SCHOOLS, all charged at £1.50 per child

BIG PLAY: The Big Play Barn has a large area of walkways, clambering challenges and slides for all ages. The huge bouncing pillow and inflatable assault course add to the fun!

HAYBARN THEATRE: A participation play of The Three Little Pigs or Billy Goats Gruff that involves the group in the storytelling with some children invited on stage.

ALLOTMENT ACTIVITY: Growing season only. Learn about growing different fruit and veg. Look at different varieties and pick herbs.

BIRDS OF PREY CHAT: Meet our knowledgeable Bird Man and his beautiful birds.

CREEPY CRITTER BARN: Get up close to our minibeasts and reptiles. Hands-on for brave children.

TRACTOR AND TRAILER RIDE: Tour the lower field and paddocks on our bumpy tractor ride.

FOR PLAYGROUPS or PARENT AND TODDLER GROUPS

TRACTOR AND TRAILER RIDE: Tour the lower field and paddocks on our bumpy tractor ride. **£1.50 per child**

BIG PLAY BARN: Our huge indoor and outdoor play facility **£2.50 per child (with their adult)**

NOTE: ALL Bookings must be secured with a deposit. ALL coach parties/groups must pre-book.

Christmas Period

From the last week of November, through December, we offer a popular Nativity and Father Christmas Visit. We charge our normal entrance fee but there is a small additional charge for the gift from Santa (£3.00). We provide this at cost. **The minimum booking at Christmas is £185, not including any optional extras (such as Play Barn add-on).**

As part of your tour, you enter our 18th century farm stables, which is staged as a Nativity Scene (with a real donkey). Children from the group participate in the Nativity Story (the first Christmas) and all are encouraged to sing songs. The children then go through to meet Father Christmas. There's more singing and each child receives their gift. While on the farm, you meet and sing to Rudolph. Please note, however, that the animal part of the tour is shorter to leave time for the Nativity Scene and Santa.