

# Hollow Trees Farm - Visit Details

## DATES:

The farm visits in 2012 are available for booking on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1st May until 27th September 2012 (inclusive)

## NUMBERS:

We can accommodate children from the ages of 3 onwards with a maximum group size of 30 children, however we are happy to discuss accommodating larger groups. This may just entail some timetable changes

## COST:

The cost per child is **£5.00** or **Minimum visit charge of £120 inclusive of VAT**.

This includes all activities and use of facilities, trailer ride, animal feed, any 'take home' items made during visit, drink and biscuit at mid morning break.

## The cost per adult is £2.50

This admission charge is for all adults on the visit, parents, helpers and teachers and includes tea, coffee or cold drink and biscuit during mid morning break.

All prices shown are inclusive of 20% VAT

## PAYMENT:

This will be discussed at your pre visit meeting. Your invoice will be charge for the number of children and adults attending on the actual visit day. A V.A.T invoice and receipt will be issued at time of payment. Cheques should be made payable to Hollow Trees Farm Ltd.

## BOOKING

A calendar guide, where you can provisionally check date availability, can be found on our web site [www.hollowtrees.co.uk](http://www.hollowtrees.co.uk) however, it is essential to phone Sally or Jo to confirm date availability. Once a date has been provisionally set then we will hold the date for one week whilst you return the booking form to Hollow Trees

- 1) A letter of confirmation will be sent to you on receipt of this form
- 2) A pre visit meeting will be arranged.

**PRE VISIT MEETING:** Safety is paramount throughout your time at Hollow Trees therefore once your visit date has been booked we ask that the leader/teacher meet with Sally at an agreed time to discuss the timetable, the needs of the visiting group and to view the facilities available. You may also wish to carry out your own risk assessment at this point. Hollow Trees Farm carry out a written risk assessments before each visit and we will issue you copies of these together with government guidelines on visiting farms with children.

Should you like any more help or information please contact.....

Sally or Jo on 01449 741 247 or email [shop@hollowtrees.co.uk](mailto:shop@hollowtrees.co.uk)



This mixed family farm is run by third generation farmers, Sally and Robert Bendall, together with a dedicated team of over forty staff. Traditional methods are maintained on this working farm and survive alongside a commitment to environmental schemes that encourage wildlife, flora and fauna.

The farm grows a wide range of vegetables, plants and flowers; rears livestock including cattle, pigs, sheep, chickens and goats. Everything produced is sold through the farm shop and plant centre which was established in 1987. There is also a farm trail that takes you to the livestock barns and fields to see the animals and activities. An addition to the site in 2007 was Woodlands Coffee Shop, where the emphasis is very much on good home grown ingredients to produce good home cooked food.

The farm has evolved over the years into a popular attraction enjoyed by all ages. Community spirit, education, agricultural understanding and history are important to the farms philosophy. School, playgroup and nursery visits are encouraged and during the summer months the farm plays host to many children's birthday parties. Brownies, Cubs, Guides WIs and adult groups who can all be found visiting Hollow Trees on a summers evening.

The very diverse nature of our business means we are able to tailor the visits, tours and activities to suit each group individually, whatever their age or ability. The farm offers a wonderful resource that will fulfil all areas of the National Curriculum, both on site and post visit projects back in school. We represent every area of the food chain, from seed planting to growing, harvesting, retailing and catering.



Three  
Visit Options

1 - Set Visit

2 - Tailor Made

3 - Field Study

**The Corn Barn  
is yours  
for the day!**

A dedicated barn means that students and visitors can have a base to use for any length of time during their visit. We only book in one visit per day. Hollow Trees team lead activities in the morning, you can then have a picnic in the barn - leaving any free time in the afternoon to go onto the farm trail or in the farm shop for any follow up activities

# Option 1 Set Visit

## The Amazing Food Adventure 2012

This visit timetable is suitable for and can be adapted to all ages and to fit any QCA units . It is tailored especially to Pre School, Early Years, Reception Class and Key Stage 1

It is a general fun farm visit, lead by the Hollow Trees Farm Team with a wealth of opportunity for visual, tactile and sensory situations.

### Timetable –Approx 2 hours duration

- 1) Arrive at a pre arranged time and gather at meeting point.
- 2) Short walk to The Corn Barn
- 3) Introduction and safety talk by Hollow Trees Farm Crew.
- 4) Seed Planting A look at different seeds and an opportunity to plant some in a 'take home' container.
- 5) Tractor and Trailer Ride to the vegetable field.
- 6) In the Vegetable Field we will, depending on the season, plant or harvest vegetables or a similar appropriate activity
- 7) Return to The Corn Barn ( walking )
- 8) Short Break approx 15 minutes . Drinks and biscuits will be available and are inclusive of your fee.
- 9) Feeding the animals Lead by the farm crew walking the farm trail and feeding.
- 10) Hand Wash and Hand Inspection are essential before eating lunch/departing.
- 11) Return to The Corn Barn either for picnic lunch or conclusion if the group are departing at this point.

### *Depart or Lunch*

12) If staying for a picnic lunch afterwards, supervisors/teachers or parents are welcome to return to the farm trail or visit the farm shop with the children. The Hollow Trees Farm Crew will be on hand to answer any questions.

12) Meet at The Corn Barn approx 10 minute before departure time for farewells, a recap and to distribute any 'take home' material.



# Option 2 Tailor Made

The Set Visit is by far our most popular option and covers all aspects of the farm however should the Set Visit not be suitable for your group or you wish to **add further** afternoon workshops to your day Hollow Trees can tailor your visit accordingly.

Sections of the set visit can be substituted i.e trailer ride replaced with a nest building session. Should you wish to have a workshop in addition to the Set Visit ( after lunch) **an additional charge** will be made according to the activity and required resources .

Workshops available are :

**Scarecrow Making** - make and take home a miniature scarecrow and learn just how these colourful characters came to be used in the farmers fields.

**Nest Building**- find out all about how birds make their homes and why they use what materials they do. Build a nest from materials found in the hedgerows and farm yard.

**Mini Beast Hunt** - dig and delve and find out what mini beast live on the farm and amongst the vegetables



# Option 3 Field Work

This is an opportunity for teachers to let Hollow Trees Farm be your resource and lead your own group. Hollow Trees Team will be on hand to guide and support where required.

Suitable for Key Stage 3 and 4 - ages 11 to 16 (and above)

We can offer our facilities for your own field work . There is a broad scope of opportunities to work within all areas if the National Curriculum.

This could be - Landscape for sketching, Photography, Collecting data, Soil studies, Farm History, Orienteering, Weather studies, Food Technology Research, Music, Design & Technology and any other ideas you want to explore.

A charge will be applied depending on facilities and resources required.

