

# HOGSHAW FARM

& WILDLIFE PARK

INSPIRING GROUP VISITS



EXPERIENCE THE BEST OF  
THE BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTRYSIDE WITH AN  
ENGAGING GROUP VISIT TO THE FARM



Get HANDS-ON with  
our rare breeds...



Come FACE-TO-FACE  
with wildlife...



EXPLORE our nature trails  
and walled veg garden...



and CONNECT with the  
great outdoors...

KEEP LEARNING...WHATEVER THE WEATHER

# LEARNING TO LOVE NATURE

Our education sessions are part of our mission to involve youngsters in the care of our local landscape and conservation of native animal & plant species. The farm is an accessible educational hub where learning can be interwoven with fun & adventure.

Our adaptable group sessions are supported by a team of expert keepers who are passionate about sharing their knowledge. Sessions can be tailored to your individual needs and are aligned, wherever possible, to the National Curriculum.

We welcome a range of groups, including primary & secondary schools, pre-schools, charities, youth groups, home educators, uniform groups and more!

*Adventure Awaits!*

# GROUP PACKAGES

**A**

## SELF-GUIDED VISIT

- ♦ Full access to the whole farm
- ♦ One FREE adult for every FOUR paying children (under 2's FREE)
- ♦ Self-led exploration of the farm – tailor your day to your needs!
- ♦ Reserved indoor picnic space (bags & lunchboxes can also be left)\*
- ♦ Access to large first floor events room, if required
- ♦ Hogshaw Farm staff member to meet your group
- ♦ Welcome health & safety talk

\*Catering can be provided for an extra charge (depending on day of visit)

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## SELF-GUIDED + KEEPER SESSION

- ♦ Full access to the whole farm
- ♦ One FREE adult for every FOUR paying children (under 2's FREE)
- ♦ One self-led session to explore the farm PLUS...
- ♦ One educational session led by an experienced Farm Keeper

Sessions designed to support National Curriculum topics and are tailored to the Key Stage or specific interests of your group so that content is age appropriate. Choose from one of these 3 educational themes:

- ♦ Animals & Us
- ♦ Adaptations & Habitats
- ♦ Predator & Prey

- ♦ Picnic space and welcome briefing – as per option A





# CURRICULUM LED TOPICS



## *Animals & Us*

This session is based around the farm animals including sheep, cows, pigs & donkeys. It may include a visit to the Goat Walkthrough where children can get really close to the animals and have the opportunity to feed some of them!

Our dedicated keeper will include a brief overview of different breeds & species, their various needs, and how we care for them here at Hogshaw Farm.

## *Adaptations & Habitats*

This session looks at animal habitats and how different species have adapted to survive in the wild. Our keeper will provide the children with information about the animals' daily routines, feeding needs and how we try to create natural habitats here at Hogshaw Farm.

There will be the opportunity to get up close to some of our birds, invertebrates & reptiles.



## *Predator & Prey*

This session focuses on what it means to be a predator or prey and the difference between the two. Our keeper will talk about how animals interact with other species and how we can encourage natural behaviours here at Hogshaw Farm.

Most of this session is based in the Wildlife Zone with visits to see our birds of prey, Scottish Wildcats & Lynx.

Please note that the animals needs vary on a daily basis so we can't guarantee that a particular species will be available. We sometimes need to make changes to your session on the day.

# TIMINGS & PRICES

## TIME SLOTS

Every week day, during term time

- Morning Arrival (10am)
- Afternoon Arrival (12:30pm)

Note: We are closed to the general public on Mondays & Tuesdays, so our catering outlets are also closed on these days.

## GROUP SIZES

- Minimum of 20 & maximum of 60 people per visit.
- For Special Educational Needs (SEN) groups, the adult to child ratio must be 1:1 and these adults will be admitted free of charge.

## GROUP PRICES

Self-led Group £7.50 per person

Self-led + Keeper session £9.00 per person

Under 2's FREE

- For educational groups, one adult is free for every four paying children.
- £50 non-refundable deposit and completed booking is required to secure your group visit date.

## EXTRA VISITORS

Adults £9.00 per person



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## PAYMENT TERMS

- A £50 non-refundable deposit is required within one week of booking to secure your chosen date.
- The minimum price for an educational / group visit is £50.
- On the day of your visit, a balance invoice will be issued based on your actual numbers. This invoice will be due for payment immediately.

## CHANGES & CANCELLATIONS

- Cancellations with less than one month's notice are non-refundable, but for an administration fee of £30 your visit can be rescheduled to another available date.
- Cancellations with less than two weeks' notice are non-refundable and non-transferable.

## BEHAVIOUR & SUPERVISION

- Visitors should be calm around our animals and listen carefully to instructions (animals can bite and kick!).
- Children are not to be left unsupervised at any time during the visit.
- We have lots of hand-washing facilities on site and encourage visitors to wash or sanitise hands thoroughly after any contact with animals.
- We expect all visitors to treat our staff with respect at all times.
- We reserve the right to ask a group to leave the farm if behaviour is deemed inappropriate or puts the welfare of our animals at risk.

## LEAVING

- It is your responsibility to check that you have collected all of your belongings before leaving the farm. We do try to reunite lost property with it's owner, but this isn't always possible.



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