



Warriner  
School  
Farm

Bloxham, Banbury, Oxon OX15 4LJ



## Outreach Programme Sept 2011

We aim to provide a unique venue for educational visits through our outreach programme at the farm, catering for:-

- Pupils of all ages and abilities, including those with special needs
- Pre-school children
- The wider community

## The Farm's Outreach Programme

Here at the Warriner we are able to offer a safe environment for children to experience a commercial farm. There are opportunities all year round to meet and handle livestock, watch farm machinery at work, find out about conservation and land use and learn at first hand where food comes from.

As part of the programme, we offer a range of workshops delivered either here at the farm, or in your own school if you would prefer.

Workshops can be arranged to suit your requirements and vary in duration from a basic one-hour session to an entire day.



What you will need to bring with you:

- Winter - warm clothing: long trousers, Wellington boots, coats and hats.
- Summer - long trousers (we have nettles and thistles!) sun hats, sunscreen.
- Enough adults for your staff: pupil ratio - farm staff do not count towards this.
- Medication for any visitors with allergies.

Whilst a visit to the farm provides a memorable experience to all those concerned, we realise that for some schools, problems such as prohibitive transport costs or timetabling issues make such trips unrealistic.

**We are delighted to now be able to offer free visits to you, in your own school, to talk and run activities about food and farming.**



## Pricing structure for Farm Visits

### Visits to the farm:

We are delighted to be able to offer Educational Access visits about food and farming **free of charge**, to groups of up to 30 children, funded by Natural England - please enquire about eligibility. A standard farm visit lasts approximately 2 hours – extra activities and/or craft workshops taken here on site may be subject to the additional charges listed below.

### Visits by farm staff to your school or group:

**Teachers INSET or presentation to staff** outlining how you can use our facilities and education programme to enhance the curriculum - free of charge. A contribution towards the cost of travelling to your site may be requested, depending on distance.

**Talk, activities and/or slideshow for pupils** about food, farming, the environment or a related topic of your choice - half day visits now free of charge.

**Craft workshop** - the following charges will apply: £25.00 per hour or £150 per day, plus cost of materials when applicable. (We provide all the necessary materials and equipment.)

Please note: as a guideline, most craft workshops will require a minimum of 1½ - 2 hrs per group. Material costs generally range from 50p to £2.00 per head depending upon the chosen activity. Accurate costs can be given once we have discussed your particular needs. Travelling expenses may be charged, depending upon the distance from the Farm.

**'Let Nature Feed Your Senses'** is a project run jointly by LEAF and The Sensory Trust, under Natural England's Access to Nature programme, running free visits for elderly people, disabled people and their families and carers, to farms and nature reserves across England.

We are a host site for the project and are able to offer hands-on, sensory-rich experiences, putting our visitors in touch with nature and the

delights of engaging with the great outdoors. The project is designed to encourage a lifelong love of nature through food and farming.



We tailor all of our visits individually, however if you are stuck for ideas, the following are a selection of our available topics:

- 'Where our food comes from'
- 'Food miles and our environment'
- Harvest, bread making and tasting
- Spinning and Weaving / Feltmaking
- Natural dyeing
- Drawing and painting from nature / Environmental art
- Printmaking using natural objects
- 3D projects in a range of different media
- Living willow structures
- 'Darwin days' studying adaptations
- Bat box / bird nestbox / feeding station construction
- Pond dipping / freshwater habitats
- Minibeast hunt: food chains, habitats, identification
- Recycling and composting
- Orienteering or scavenger / 'treasure' hunts, map-making



Bev James - Farm Education Coordinator



Having trained in woven and printed textiles, I ran a textile printing business for a number of years, providing, as part of this venture, demonstrations and teaching workshops for youth and community groups.

Later I moved to working in schools and now have many years of experience in a variety of roles, both teaching and non-teaching. This post has offered me a unique opportunity to combine my skills and allows the farm to provide a wider range of schools and organisations with the opportunity to benefit from its resources.

For further details and bookings, please contact me at:

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