

Magdalen Activity Choices



We offer a selection of enjoyable yet challenging activities which can be tailored to suit the age and needs of your group as a whole, incorporating particular topics or curriculum elements. These are some of our most popular choices, however please contact us with any request.

The Magdalen Farm Adventure

A great way to get to know our 132 acre farm. Small teams will embark on an exciting adventure to discover the four corners of the farm, following our tree-mendous tree trail, going on a scavenger hunt and creating natural sculptures to be shared with the other groups.

1 hour - 1/2 day activity - suitable for all ages



Hands on Farming

Experience life as a real farmer by carrying out valuable and fun day-to-day jobs on the farm, such as sowing seeds, harvesting vegetables, wheelbarrowing watering and animal feeding. We will visit the farm animals, learning about animal welfare and different farming practices. In the kitchen garden we can go on a taste tour, discuss pollination and look at how changing farming practices affect biodiversity on our farms. 1/2 day activity - suitable for all ages



Survival in the Wild

Survival in the Wild is a chance for groups to experience tribal life, building their own shelters and lighting fires without matches. We will apply tribal face paints and enjoy a drink around the campfire.

1/2 day activity - suitable for all ages



Habitat Hunters

A chance to become wildlife detectives! We will track down evidence of wildlife around the farm from mini-beasts to nocturnal animals, exploring habitats and playing games to help us understand topics such as food webs, predator-prey relationships, lifecycles and hibernation, as well as human impact on wildlife. 1/2 day activity - suitable for all ages



Eco-cooking

What better way to learn about food than to pick your own fresh ingredients from our kitchen gardens. Choose between using our outdoor cob ovens to cook delicious pizzas or cooking on an open fire to create tasty omelettes. For residential visits, this option includes an activity about seasonality and food miles. For day trips/younger visitors it includes making scarecrows.

1/2 day activity - suitable for all ages



Surprise Your Senses

A series of activities designed to reawaken the senses and help visitors to explore the environment in inventive ways. Activities may include creating art with plants and natural materials, making mud monsters, smelly potions, nature's palettes or sensory egg boxes.

1 hour - 1/2 day activity - suitable for all ages



Nature's Art

Embracing Magdalen's rural surrounding, we will use natural materials from the land to make unique mementos such as dream-catchers, clay creatures, felt pictures or twig photo frames to take home.

1 hour - 1/2 day - suitable for all ages



Junk Band—New for 2017!

Using our creativity and natural rhythm we will compose and perform a range of music using our new Junk Band; a musical workshop inspired by recycling and sustainability.

1 hour - 90mins - suitable for all ages

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Rivers and Streams (March to October—weather dependant)

Why not learn about rivers by standing in one? Magdalen has a beautiful, safe and shallow section of the River Axe where groups can safely wade in to enjoy a selection of fun activities such as:

Dipping and ID, Scientific Study, Teddy Bear Raft Racing, River Haikus and River Terminology.

1 & 1/2 hours to 1/2 day activity—suitable for all ages.



Together We Stand, Divided We Fall: Team Building and Problem Solving

Learning to work with others cooperatively is a skill we all need. Through a series of fun and imaginative challenges, teams will experience a variety of problems to solve, testing leadership and group skills along the way. This activity provides laughter, frustration and fulfilment, and visitors will learn relevant skills easily transferable to different situations.

60 - 90 minutes - suitable for age 7 upwards



Low Ropes Adventure Challenge

Groups must tackle a series of apparatus up to one metre off the ground that act like puzzles. Effective teamwork and communication are vital in these activities that test leadership, the ability to give and follow instructions, trust, coordination, agility, and thinking outside the box. With an underlying focus on personal development and group dynamics, the challenge provides an action packed, creative and exciting experience you'll talk about for weeks after! *1/2 day activity - Suitable for age 9 upwards*



Fire Lighting Challenge

An exciting team challenge where visitors must use skill and teamwork to light a fire under a small can of water (which has a few drops of washing up liquid in it). The race begins to see which group can utilise their resources to keep their fire alight and be the first team to boil the water in their can, so that the soap bubbles spill over first!

1 hour - suitable for age 9 upwards



Jurassic Journey—Fossils and Fun (Offsite Trip)

The nearby Jurassic coast provides a fascinating visit where visitors can paddle, play and make sand sculptures on Lyme Regis beach. This can be combined with a trip to Charmouth to go fossil hunting. Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre offers an excellent short informative video outlining fossil formation and coastal processes, which is a great way to precede the hunt!

1/2 to whole day activity - transport and Heritage Centre video (optional) costs not included.



Magdalen Orienteering Challenge

This challenge can be tailored to the needs of your group and can be done using maps or compasses. Learn about wildlife by locating the clues and answering questions as you race against the other teams. This activity can be done in the day or at night. *Suitable for all ages - 1 hour activity.*



Evening Activities (All 1 hour—suitable for all ages)

Campfire: Around the campfire, we'll sing songs and tell stories in a magical setting. This is a great opportunity to perform and share your talents. If you come in winter when it is dark at 7pm, we'll wrap up warm and take our torches out in the dark with us, which is very exciting!

Orienteering: See above.

Night Walk: Explore the mysterious sights and sounds of the farm by taking a night walk. Listen the Tawny Owls calling, experience the woods in the dark and maybe even spot some Roe Deer!



GCSE and A-Level Geography/Biology practical curriculum activities are also available for older groups to fit the requirements of a variety of exam boards. Please contact us for more information.



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If you have any questions regarding our activities, or would like to discuss ways in which we can tailor or develop activities to suit your requirements, please do not hesitate to contact us

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