



## Magdalen Activity Choices

We offer a selection of educational, enjoyable and 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 requests.

### Hands on Farming

Experience life as a real farmer by carrying out valuable and fun day-to-day jobs on our organic 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*



### Farmer for a Day - NEW FOR 2024!

An extended version of our popular "Hands on Farming" activity. This extended session allows you to take part in a wider range of hands on jobs around the farm, spend more time with our animals, cover a wider range of educational content and re-enforce your learning with a series of games.

*Full day activity - suitable for all ages*

### Survival in the Wild

Survival in the Wild is a chance for groups to experience tribal life! They will apply tribal face paint, head into the woods, build dens and pit their wits against the other tribes. The session includes hot chocolate around a campfire (or an alternative in the warmer months), woodland exploration time and an opportunity to learn fire lighting using a flint and steel.

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



### 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*

## 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.*



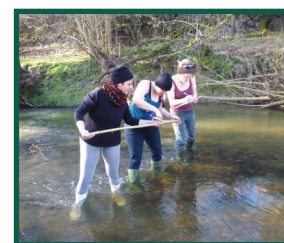
## Waste Not Want Not - NEW FOR 2024!

Soil is the most valuable natural resource we have on earth, and is responsible for 95% of the food that we eat. So why do we throw so much of the food it produces away? Get hands on in helping us save our soil and discover what you can do to make a positive difference at home!

*60—90 minutes - suitable for all ages*

## Investigating Rivers (March to October—weather dependant)

The best way to investigate all aspects of a river is by getting in one! We have a safe shallow section of the River Axe for our guests to enjoy, and to take part in activities such as: **Scientific River Study, Dipping and Identification, River Terminology** or **Miniature Raft Building and Racing** (please ask for further information). *90mins to 1/2 day activity—suitable for all ages*



## Pond Dipping (March to October—weather dependant)

Discover some of the fascinating creatures that live in this aquatic habitat using our fabulous pond dipping platform which is large enough for the entire class! Choose from: **Dipping, Identification & Classification** and/or **Scientific Pond Study** (please ask for further information).

*45mins to 90mins activity—suitable for all ages*

## Adaptations and Evolution - NEW FOR 2023/24!

Discover the fascinating ways in which plants and animals are adapted to their environment, and how over time this can lead to evolution. Through fun experiments and challenges people will be encouraged to raise their own questions and become curious about the world around us.

*90 minutes - suitable for upper KS2*



## Eco-cooking

What better way to learn about food than by using ingredients from our kitchen gardens? Choose between using our wood fired oven to cook delicious pizzas, making pedal powered drinks on our blender bikes, or cooking on an open fire. As you sample your creations we will explore seasonality, food miles and sustainability. *1/2 day activity - suitable for all ages*



## 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*

## Habitat Hunters

A chance to become wildlife detectives! We will track down evidence of wildlife around the farm from mini-beasts to mammals, explore habitats and play games to help us understand topics such as food webs, predator-prey relationships, lifecycles and hibernation, as well as human impact on wildlife.

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



## Fire Lighting Challenge

An exciting team challenge where visitors must use skill and teamwork to light and maintain a fire under a small can of soapy water. Discover the science behind fire lighting, and learn the art of making fire without using matches or a lighter. In an activity that requires preparation, communication and strategy, does your team have what it takes to complete the challenge?

*1 hour - suitable for age 9 upwards*

## The Magdalen Farm Adventure

A great way to get to discover more of our 132 acre farm. Building on from the skills learnt in our Orienteering Challenge, small teams lead their own adventure around the farm completing nature based challenges as they go. Groups will create natural sculptures and a poem inspired by their adventure to share with the other teams.

*2 hours - 1/2 day activity - suitable for all ages*



## Surprise Your Senses

A series of activities designed to stimulate the senses and help visitors to explore the environment in inventive and interactive ways. Activities may include creating smelly potions, colour hunts, bat and moth, nature's palettes or sensory treasure 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, woodland medallions, clay creatures, wet felting or twig photo frames to take home.

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





**Evening Activities** *(All 1 hour—suitable for all ages. Can be led by Magdalen staff or visiting staff during self led evenings).*

### **Campfire**

Around the campfire, we'll sing songs and share jokes and talents in a magical setting. 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!



### **Night Walk**

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

**Bat Pack** *(March - November. Bat emergence times vary with sunset, so please check for more details)*

An exciting introduction to the world of bats! The Bat Pack includes - bat detectors (and all of the information required to use them), suggested walks, facts and games!

### **Orienteering**

As per daytime activity.

## **Off Site Trips**



### **Jurassic Journey**

Discover life from 185 million years ago by visiting Charmouth on the nearby Jurassic Coast! We will look at how the geology of the coastline leads to an continual supply of fossils being found on the beach, before sharing with you the skills you will need to find them. Any fossils you find are yours to keep! Lyme Regis is also an excellent location for beach art, paddling and an ice-cream!

*Subject to tide times. Groups must provide their own transport. Please contact us for further details.*

### **Village Walk**

Embrace our rural surroundings and explore the countryside with a walk to the small village of Thorncombe. The village has a small shop where you can buy drinks or an ice-cream, and there is a small park to enjoy playing games before making the return journey.

*Walk is approx. 40 mins in each direction along footpaths and through fields.*

*Please contact us for further details.*



**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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