

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*



Waste Not Want Not - NEW FOR 2023/24!

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*



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, woodland exploration time and an opportunity to learn fire lighting using a flint and steel. *1/2 day activity - suitable for all ages*

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.*



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*

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

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



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. We will take a look at how fossils collected from nearby Charmouth show us how life on Earth has changed over time, and encourage people to raise their own questions about how our plants and animals are adapted to their habitat. *90 minutes - suitable for upper KS2*



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*



Investigating Rivers and Ponds (March to October—weather dependant)

An opportunity to get hands on and investigate what is living in our rivers and ponds! We have a safe shallow section of the River Axe for our guests to enjoy, or our fabulous pond dipping platform which is large enough for the entire class! Choose from: **River Study, Pond Study or River & Pond**

Comparison (please ask for further information). *90mins to 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*

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 bingo, bat and moth, nature's palettes or sensory treasure boxes. *1 hour - 1/2 day activity - suitable for all ages*

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*



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 know our 132 acre farm. Small teams will embark on an exciting adventure to discover the four corners of the farm, learning about some of the "tree-mendous" trees that grow here. Groups will also go on a scavenger hunt and create natural sculptures to be shared with the other groups. *2 hours - 1/2 day activity - 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 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: As per daytime activity. See front of page.

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!

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!



Off Site Trips

Including visits to the Jurassic Coast to look for fossils, create beach art, paddle in the sea and enjoy an ice cream. *Groups must provide their own transport. 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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