

welcome to the folly farm centre

The Folly Farm Centre is at the heart of Folly Farm, a stunning 250-acre nature reserve between Bath and Bristol which is owned and managed by Avon Wildlife Trust. It is a very special place – a place to learn and explore, a place for inspiration, a place to lie in the grass and discover a new world. It's a place for everyone.

Whether you're going on a course, holding a business seminar, arranging a team-building event, attending a wedding or are part of an educational group, the Folly Farm Centre offers you a unique experience.

The Centre is equipped with state-of-the-art conference and education facilities and exceptional en-suite accommodation. At Folly Farm you'll discover a place that opens your eyes and changes your perspective.



what can people do at the folly farm centre?

A place for inspiration – with an exciting and diverse range, we offer both daytime and residential adult courses. All courses focus on exploring the beauty of the local area in a fun and informative way.

A place for education – educational programmes have been designed for all ages and abilities to learn about science and ecology, sustainability and conservation, geology and geography. Personal growth and improved teamwork skills develop naturally in this inspiring environment.

A place for business – with conference facilities and on-site accommodation, together with opportunities for team-building sessions on the nature reserve.

A place for weddings – this is your special day, so whether you want to organise it yourself or would like us to arrange it from start to finish, the choice is entirely yours. **Contact us today for a wedding brochure on 01275 331590**

The Folly Farm Centre is designed to be accessible and enjoyable for disabled and special needs groups.

adult courses a place for inspiration

The Folly Farm Centre has teamed up with some of the UK's most acclaimed educators, naturalists and field experts to bring you exciting new opportunities.

Whether you want to learn more about wildlife or gain skills to promote and interpret the natural world, the Centre has created a wide range of adult courses to meet your needs. Try out a twilight badger watch or treat yourself to an all-inclusive residential wildlife film-making weekend.

Available Courses:

- Wildlife identification**
- Wildlife film-making and photography**
- Bushcraft and survival skills**
- Arts and crafts**
- Sustainable living**
- Personal and professional development**

The Folly Farm Centre course programme offers everyone the opportunity to get involved with their environment and enjoy the countryside. There's something for everyone – from professional development for those who already work within the environmental sector, to activities for those who have a passion for exploring their natural heritage through art, photography, hands-on craft, or just understanding what makes this a very special place.



accommodation come and stay at folly farm

Imagine falling asleep at night to the rustle of the wind in the woods and the call of the owls, with your nearest neighbours the badgers in Folly Wood. In the morning watch the sun rise over Chew Valley Lake and take a stroll over Round Hill for a birds-eye view of the world around Folly Farm.

The Folly Farm Centre has delightful accommodation, suitable for groups, families, couples and nature enthusiasts. Beautifully converted farm buildings, which date back to the 18th Century and retain many original features, provide 10 delightful self-catering studios.

The refurbished period farmhouse offers comfortable accommodation, including family rooms. The farmhouse also boasts a large restaurant with inglenook fireplace, fully equipped kitchen and several lounges.

The residential centre also includes:

- Teaching and training rooms**
- Interpretation Centre**
- Multi-use reception space**
- Conference Centre**
- Syndicate and breakout rooms**
- Multi-function workshop**

The nature reserve is open to everyone at all times, to enjoy, explore and discover.



education a place for learning

The Folly Farm Centre offers a diverse education programme for all ages; bringing concepts and theories to life and inspiring students to enjoy and understand the natural world through the outdoor classroom. Students are immersed in the wonder of 250 acres of stunning nature reserve offering a wide range of habitats to be explored and researched.

Key Stage 1 – Discover and explore the wonders of the natural world and the wildlife of Folly Farm using an exciting range of environmental activities.

Key Stage 2 – Reinforce Curriculum links by immersing students in a diverse range of habitats surrounding the Centre.

Key Stage 3 – Enjoy learning about Geography and Science with hands on experiences in the outdoors and improve on personal development skills.

GCSE – Geography and Science fieldwork opportunities to enthuse students and support their understanding.

A Level – Stimulating fieldwork programmes supporting the core specification requirements of each of the exam bodies.

Programmes designed by the Centre's education team are tailored to meet the specific requirements of each group, whether it is focusing on curriculum learning or taking part in the **John Muir Award** by discovering and conserving wild places. The Centre has been sympathetically and sustainably restored to provide a holistic experience to both daytime and residential groups.

