



GROUP VISITS SUMMARY SHEET
(Including Farm Facts Leaflet)

Site Name:	Manor Farm Park and Woodland
OS Landranger Sheet:	129
CPH:	32/151/0091
GENESIS or AESIS Number:	AG00582971

Access start date:	1/10/14
Access end date:	30/9/24

Adviser name:	Martin Banham
Adviser office location:	Nottingham
Adviser phone number:	0300 060 0463

Is there other permissive access on the same CPH holding?	
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Site description:

We are a Farm Park & Woodland (rather than a working farm) who promote accessible countryside and educational experiences.

Our Wolds landscape includes a lake, pasture, hedgerows and woodland.

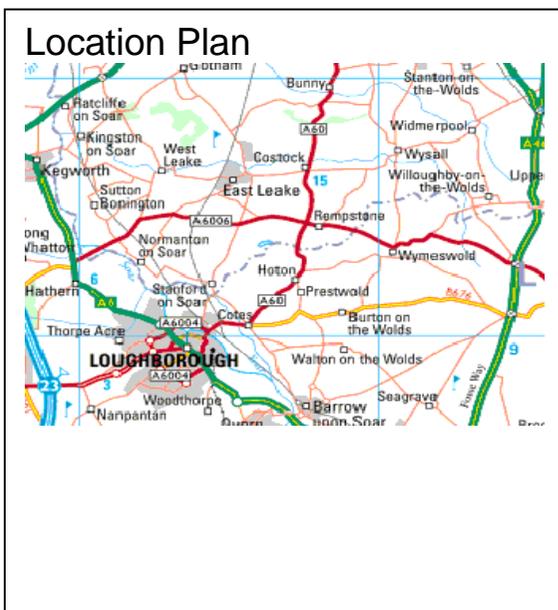
We have hosted visits since 1995 and offer opportunities to learn about a variety of domestic and farm animals; discover more about birds; enjoy the countryside flora and fauna and undertake habitat studies and other curriculum-related topics.

Our well-maintained paths assist easy access for all abilities and we regularly improve our range of facilities:

- visitor rooms
- interpretation displays
- play areas (in- and outdoor)
- refreshments
- toilets
- car and coach parking
- Tailor-made environmental education programmes.

We have all the ingredients to make your visit a trouble-free success.

Educational Access



As part of the Environmental Stewardship (ES) and Countryside Stewardship (CSS) Schemes, the Government pays certain farmers to invite groups of the public to visit their farms to countryside. Groups can be school parties studying farming as part of the National Curriculum, or groups wishing to learn about food production, farming, wildlife conservation, landscape and historical features. **These visits are free of charge to the group.** A fuller description of the type of visits available is contained in "Educational Access-Information for Land Managers and the Public" available from Natural England offices or from the farmer.

Natural England

Natural England is here to conserve and enhance the natural environment, for its intrinsic value, the wellbeing and enjoyment of people and the economic prosperity that it brings. Natural England administers these schemes to help land managers achieve this goal.



Environmental Stewardship & Countryside Stewardship Educational Access

FARM FACTS

Site Name

Manor Farm Park & Woodlands

Address and Postcode

**Castle Hill, East Leake,
Loughborough, Leics LE12 6LU**

OS Grid Ref

SK559257

Nearest town

Loughborough

To visit contact

Philip Titterton

Telephone Number

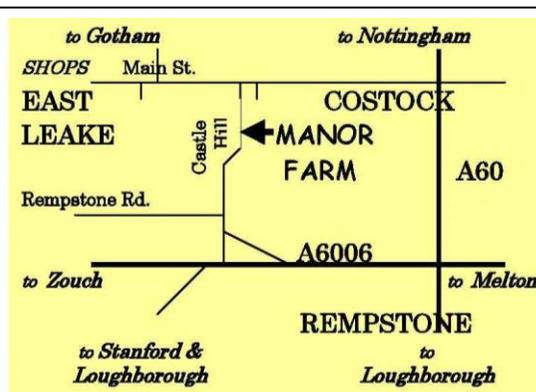
01509 852525 or 07788 721655

E-mail address

headoffice@manorfarm.info

Website address

www.manorfarm.info



Opening Times
10 - 4pm Tuesday to Friday 10 - 5pm Saturday & Sunday Limited opening in January – Please check our website for more detail.

Suitability for people with restricted mobility:	
Hard surface parking area	Yes
Surfaced paths	Yes
Toilet for the disabled	Yes

Parking available for:	
Coaches	Yes (2)
Minibuses	Ample
Cars	Ample

Other facilities:	
Toilets/hand washing facilities	Various
Shelter	Various
Picnic areas	Various
Play Areas	In- and Outdoor
Animal Chat Room	Yes
Forest School sites	Two
Nature Trail	Yes
Owl Garden	Yes
Visit 'Base Room'	If required
Day Plan for Visit	If required

Activities available:
Wide variety of activities available and, if required, our teachers can tailor a programme to meet your requirements.
See Farm website www.manorfarm.info for more information and the on-line **Teachers' Information Pack**

Habitats available for study:			
Flower-rich grassland	Yes	Heathland	No
Pond	Yes	Woodland	Yes
Wetland	No	Intensive grassland	No
Hedgerows	Yes	Arable	No
Dry stone walls	No	Other	Non-intensive grassland
Orchards	Small		

Species/Features of Interest:

Traditional wildflower meadow, native mixed woodland areas, spring-fed lake created 1994, reed bed, living willow structures. Southern Marsh Orchid, Common Spotted Orchid in July. Several varieties of willow are grown.

Until 1960s willow was a very important crop grown in East Leake to support the local basket making industry. Now children get the opportunity to use the farm-grown willow for a variety of craft purposes. Each year a proportion of sheep fleece is kept and used for felt-making and weaving workshops.

The Farm is also home to a number of rescued owls enabling children to learn about them and observe them at close quarters
Our Forest School promotes an interest in the natural environment.

Wildlife, Archaeological or Landscape Designations e.g. Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, National Park, Scheduled Monuments, Site of Special Scientific Interest, etc.

Our wildflower meadow (by the lake) has been recognised as a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (a SINC site) with over 50 species of flowers and grasses. We are especially careful only to use traditional management techniques here.

What is being done for conservation on the farm?

Our ongoing land management programme protects and encourages:

- our species-rich wildflower meadow ((traditional hay cutting, etc.)
- hedgerows as feeding/nesting sites for farmland birds
- the creation of ponds and woodland for small mammals and invertebrates
- habitats – e.g. areas of long grass, 'dead hedges' and 'brash banks'
- selective coppicing
- quiet 'wild' areas and woodland to which the public do not have access, to provide a refuge for plant and animal species