

MARSH FARM

EDUCATION VISITS 2023



FARM INFORMATION

Contact details

Marsh Farm Animal Adventure Park
Marsh Farm Road
South Woodham Ferrers
Chelmsford
Essex
CM3 5WP

Tel No: 01245 321 552

Grid reference: TQ 810 961

How to get here

By Road: Marsh Farm is 20 minutes from both Chelmsford and Southend-on-Sea and just 40 minutes from London.

Marsh Farm is easily accessible from the A130, A127 and M25. From the A130 exit at the Rettendon Turnpike follow the brown tourist signs to Marsh Farm.

By Bus: Public bus services stop within one quarter of a mile of the attraction.

By Rail: South Woodham Ferrers station is located one mile from the farm.

Booking a visit

In the first instance, please email lucy.staab@partyman.co.uk



Our Farm

We are situated alongside the River Crouch in mid Essex.

A farm visit can offer your school a real **hands on experience** of visiting a farm and get the chance to get up close to the animals.

We can tailor your visit to fit any area on the National Curriculum such as **English**, **Maths** and **Science**, as well as covering **PSHE** and **Citizenship**.

A DAY OF LEARNING & FUN

Filled with educational activities and engaging tasks, perfect for the whole class!



If there is anything in particular you would like to cover, our education rangers are waiting to take your calls on: **01245 321 552**.

Please note

That where we refer to "a class" this is based upon a maximum of 30 children. For pre-booked groups of 15 or more children.

OPTION ONE

TOURED Visit

Whether your visit is an end of term treat, or to cover part of the curriculum, we can take all the stress out of the day for you!

Learn about the animals

You can decide which ones to see with your ranger, or let us pick for you depending on your learning focus.

Choose from a range of activities from
ONLY £9.75
per child



What your day includes:

- ✓ **FREE** pre visit for 2 teachers to risk assess facilities
- ✓ **1 FREE** adult with every 5 paying children
- ✓ Use of designated area to store bags/ lunchboxes
- ✓ Animal food supplied
- ✓ Use of indoor and outdoor play areas
- ✓ Farm Ranger to accompany you until lunchtime, who will tell you all about our lovely animals, get some of our furry friends out for you to meet
- ✓ Afternoon for free time
- ✓ Complete access to everything on our daily itinerary
- ✓ Choose up to four of the following activities:
 - Pony Grooming
 - Kune Kune Pig Feed
 - Goat Feed
 - Meet the Rabbits, Guinea Pigs and Ferrets
 - Meet the Chicks (seasonal)
 - Farm Trail and animal facts with educational ranger
 - Funfair Rides

OPTION TWO

FREE RANGE Visit

For pre-booked groups of 15 or more children

Marsh Farm is perfectly suited to your little lambs, and we believe our Free Range package is baa-rilliant value for money! Perfect for Pre-School and Nursery Visits.

We appreciate the young need to learn through play and hands on experience, and for many, this will be the first time they get to feed a goat.



Your Free Range Visit:

- ✓ **FREE** pre visit for 2 teachers to risk assess facilities
- ✓ **1 FREE** adult with every 5 paying children
- ✓ A designated lunch area
- ✓ Use of our indoor and outdoor play areas

AND...

- ✓ Complete access to everything on our daily itinerary!

Prices are only
£8.25 PER CHILD

With **1 FREE** adult per
5 paying children.
Any additional adults are

ONLY £8.25

ANIMALS YOU CAN EXPECT TO SEE:

Pigs, goats, cows, llamas, alpacas, poultry including chickens, ducks, ponies, and small furry critters in the pet barn such as rabbits, guinea pigs, ferrets, chinchillas and rats.

FACILITIES:

- ✓ Ample free parking for coaches and cars
- ✓ Numerous hand washing facilities
- ✓ Conveniently located lavatories
- ✓ Dedicated disabled changing rooms suitable for adult or child
- ✓ Wheelchair access to all areas
- ✓ A covered area suitable as a meeting point, for packed lunches or for wet weather activities

WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING ALONG:

- Sturdy sensible shoes (wellington boots in wet weather as we do get very muddy on the farm!)
- Our site is very exposed and lots of the animals are outside, coats and appropriate clothing for the time of year please
- In the summer, suncream, hats and extra drinks are a must!
- Packed lunch and water bottle
- If you wish to play in our play barn or on the bouncy pillows, socks must be worn
- Optional, spending money for an ice cream

DON'T FORGET

To dress weather appropriate!



HEALTH AND SAFETY

You are no doubt aware that visits to a farm do carry a very small but real risk of infections to humans. By following simple hygiene procedures, as you would with your own pet, teachers and parents should have, however, no reason to worry. We believe the benefits of such a visit far outweigh any reason to stay away.

Marsh Farm prides itself on its cleanliness and its excellent hand washing facilities located by every animal area. It is advisable to bring a spare pair of shoes, allowing for dirty footwear to be taken home in a disposable plastic bag.

USE YOUR FREE ADMISSION

Before your visit to help you plan, and complete a health and safety risk assessment.



BEFORE YOUR VISIT:

Parents and pupils will benefit of being notified advance of the following:

- Advice on what the children should wear. We have little shade in the summer, and can get very muddy in the winter.
- A spare pair of shoes and a plastic bag.
- A reminder that all existing cuts and abrasions should be covered before the visit with something like a plaster.

DURING YOUR VISIT:

- ✓ Food **cannot** be eaten in the animal enclosure areas. Food can only be eaten in designated picnic areas or the restaurant in the play barn.
- ✓ After contact with animals (and before children eat their lunch), please ensure that hands are washed with soap and dried properly.
- ✓ Young children should have adult supervision to ensure that hands are washed properly.
- ✓ When children are petting or feeding the animals, please warn them not to place their face or mouth against the animal's or put their hands in the animal's mouth.
- ✓ Before you depart, please ensure all children wash their hands thoroughly one last time.

SPECIAL NEEDS FACILITIES

We pride ourselves on being a fully accessible site. From extra wide paths, to double doors on most buildings, getting round shouldn't be a problem.

We are also pleased to be able to offer a purpose built disabled toilet and changing area, with a bed and lift mechanism suitable for adults, and a height adjustable sink, perfect for wheelchair users.

Our helpful staff are on hand to discuss any special requirements you may have!

**CALL US ON
01245 321 552**



MARSH FARM SCHOOL GROUP BOOKINGS

Terms and Conditions

Payment and Booking:

- School Group visits are only available Monday-Thursday, term times as per ECC education time table.
- A non-refundable deposit is required to secure the booking and will be deducted from the final cost of your visit.
- Changes to the date of your visit will be accommodated as far as possible, but cannot be guaranteed.
- The group bookings rate of £9.75 per child is for groups of 15 or more children that have booked in advance. You will be entitled to 1 adult free for every 5 children that you pay for. This will not be rounded up e.g. if you bring 34 children you will be entitled to 6 free adults and not 7. Additional adults will be charged at £8.25. Disabled groups get 1 complimentary adult carer per paying qualifying child.
- **Full payment for your visit is due before the visit starts, either on or before the date of your visit.** Payment can be made by credit or debit card by phone or in person, or by cheque made payable to: The Partyman Company Ltd.

On the day:

- Please arrive 15 minutes before your allocated arrival time and report to Admissions to pay the balance if still outstanding, and to receive wristbands for your free adults. Your guide (if you have one booked in advance) will meet you and talk to your group about health and safety.
- Please do not leave valuables here as Marsh Farm cannot be held responsible for your property as the lunch area will not be locked.
- You will be allocated 30 minutes for using the lunch area. Please be aware that another group may be using this space immediately before or after your group, so please leave the room as you would wish to find it and place all rubbish in the bins provided. Please keep to your allocated times. If the weather is fine, you are welcome to use the outside picnic area for lunch instead.
- Marsh Farm reserves the right to make last minute changes to your itinerary, but wherever possible will endeavour not to change this without informing you beforehand. Please ensure that all the adults in your group have a copy of your itinerary and a map of the farm. Please turn up to your activity at the correct time and try not to disturb other groups who may have an activity booked before you.
- Your visit will go ahead whatever the weather, but please come dressed according to the weather conditions as although part of the attraction is under cover, many of the animals will be in paddocks outside.
- The adults will be responsible for the supervision of children and for ensuring that the children wash their hands thoroughly with soap and warm water after touching the animals. They should also ensure that they do not put their hands in their mouths and only eat and drink in the designated areas.

Cancellations and changes to the Group Booking:

- The deposit paid at the time of booking is non refundable if the visit is cancelled, irrespective of the notice given.
- In the event of there being a reduction in the number of children visiting, the farm must be notified as soon as possible so that places on the booked activities can be offered to other groups.
- In the event of there being an increase in the number of children visiting, the farm must be notified as soon as possible.
- In the event of Marsh Farm having to cancel your visit due to unforeseen circumstances, an alternative date will be offered. This only happens in instances beyond our control – e.g. Closure of the farm due to adverse weather or animal health etc.

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