

Study Visits
exclusively for
Primary Schools
and associated nursery classes



A Brilliant School Outing

Simple to plan, and loads to learn

The Almond Valley site includes a farm, a museum, and a host of other attractions that are enjoyed by over 130,000 visitors every year. We're particularly well equipped to welcome group visitors, and have ample picnic barns, toilets, hand-washing stations and all other necessary practical facilities.

As a charity that exists to promote learning, we especially welcome study visits from schools, and offer a range of demonstrations and learning experiences that can add value to projects and studies carried out in the classroom. Study Visits enjoy special discounted admission rates.

While exploring the farm, and the rest of the Almond Valley site, students will encounter all manner of things to inspire and engage. There are also more structured activities that promote learning.

Throughout most of the year, we're delighted to offer a range of curriculum-linked discovery sessions; highly interactive demonstrations delivered by experienced staff, that link to the Curriculum for Excellence and can be tailored to your specific course of study. Many of these involve the farm's animals. Such study sessions require the children's full attention and as learning spaces have a limited capacity, the number of adult helpers involved in this part of the visit may need to be restricted.

What qualifies as a Study Visit?

The special facilities and discount cost of a study visit are only available to teacher-led visits from primary schools that take place mid-week during term time. Such visits must be pre-booked and involve at least twenty children who pay admission.

Nursery classes that operate as part of a primary school, and share their premises, also qualify for study visit discount if it is intended to link the visit to curriculum-based studies.

All other pre-school, community and children's groups can enjoy discount admission using the GROUP VISITS booking form.



Discovery Sessions

Little Creatures

A gentle introduction to the smallest creatures at Almond Valley, including rabbits, guinea pigs and chicks. The session can be adapted to suit children of all ages and may address science outcomes related to classification of living things by comparing and contrasting their various characteristics.

Big Responsibility

A closer look at many of the small animals, focussing on the care that's needed to ensure that they remain happy and healthy, then reflecting on the responsibilities of keeping a pet. The session can address learning outcomes related to social responsibility

Meet the Animals

Our animal house is home to many farm animals, which normally include goats, sheep, cattle and horses. Meet the residents, discover their role on the farm, and learn what makes each different and what characteristics they share. This activity can address learning outcomes related to classification and characteristics of living things.

Farming Life

A further opportunity to encounter many of the larger farm livestock, and consider their role on the farm. This experience can be applied to studies of where food comes from, or to reflect on how agricultural practices and farming life have changed through the years.

What's Hatching?

A study of life-cycles beginning with fertile poultry eggs, examining development inside the egg, the hatching process, and how chicks change as they grow up. This session is suitable for primary school children aged 5+ and can address learning outcomes related to life cycle and reproduction.

Shale Oil Stories

For West Lothian schools, we offer special sessions in the museum that explore the history of the shale oil industry, community life, and other local history themes

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See www.almondvalley.co.uk for full details and resources

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Study Visits Booking Form

Visits can also be booked through our website; www.almondvalley.co.uk

Date of visit

Time of arrival

Time of departure

Name of school

Name of organiser

(the person in charge during your visit)

Address of school

Mobile number of organiser

(not essential but useful if we need to contact you during your visit)

Postcode

Which classes ?

Ages of children

Telephone number

Number of children in group
charged at £5 each

e-mail

Total number of adults in group

Which, if any, "discovery session" is required?
A charge of £10 per session (max 25 children) applies

*One free adult for each seven children,
or for nursery classes, one free adult for every four children.
Any additional adult is charged at £5 each*

tick if required

Covered accommodation
for packed lunches

Play session in Adventure Zone
indoor playground
no charge, over 4's only

Tractor and trailer ride
50p per person, adult or child

Train ride (when available)
£1 per person

Morag's Meadow soft play
£1 per child - up to 8 years only

With which topic or course of study is your visit associated ?

All requirements of your visit must be booked in advance. Please complete this form and return it to us. We will acknowledge receipt of your booking by e-mail and send out a timetable of activities at least two weeks before your visit.

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