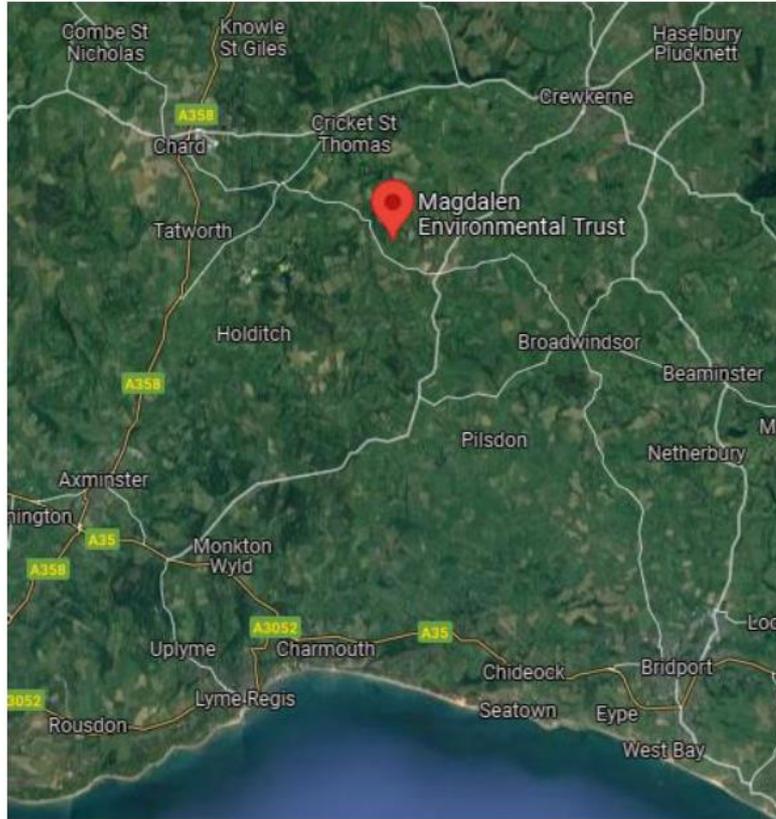




Year 6 Residential Visit to Magdalen Farm in Chard, Somerset September 2024

Where is Magdalen?



The farm is located on the Dorset/Somerset borders.

Chard – 6 miles

Crewkerne – 7 miles

Lyme Regis – 11 miles

Magdalen Farm

Magdalen is an environmental education centre set on an organic farm in beautiful West Country surroundings.

At Magdalen, learning is an adventure, and we pride ourselves on our experiential educational approach.

Adults and children are inspired to learn in an exciting, safe environment, surrounded by nature and animals in peaceful countryside.

Our 'hands on' activities stay with our visitors for a lifetime.

The Farm



Example days

Date – Day 2	
Time	Activity
08:00	Breakfast
09:00	Morning Jobs – Chicken Feeding
10:15	Hands on Farming
13:00	Lunch
14:00	Low Ropes Challenge Course (subject to weather conditions)
16:45	Reflection Activity
17:00	Free Time (supervised by visiting staff)
18:00	Supper and Magdalen Staff Departs
19:00	Self-Led Evening Activities

Date – Day 3	
Time	Activity
08:00	Breakfast
09:00	Morning Jobs
10:15	Jurassic Journey – Board Coach to Charmouth (subject to tide times)
11:00	Jurassic Journey – Fossil Hunting on the Beach (subject to tide times)
12:30	Picnic Lunch
13:30	Jurassic Journey – Board Coach to Lyme Regis

Fossil hunting



Our Animals



Kitchen Garden



Activities



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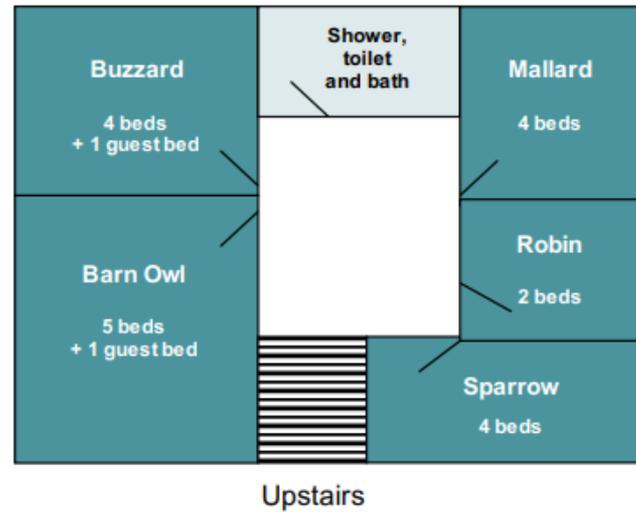
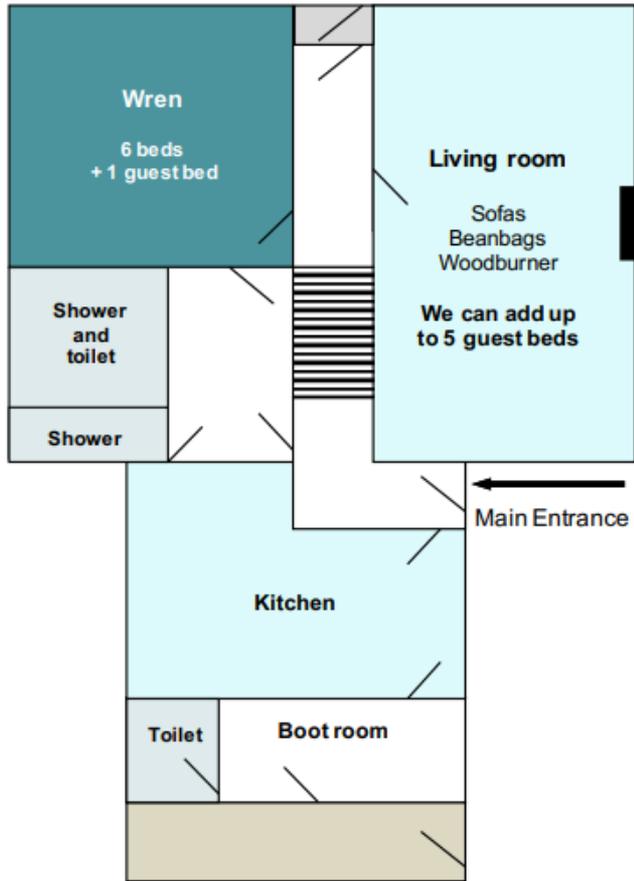


Activities



The Farmhouse

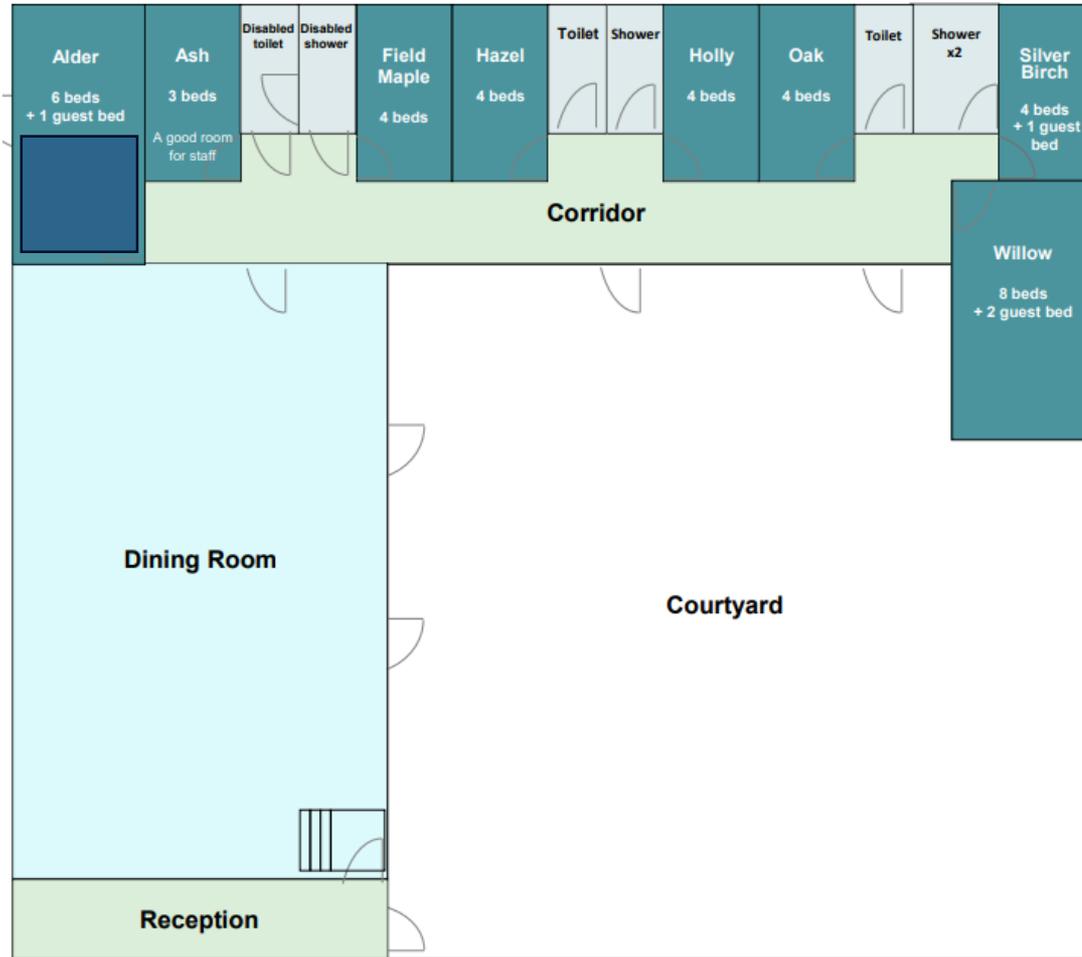




Indoor Facilities



The Old Dairy



Dining Room



Bedrooms



Bedrooms



Living Room



Roundhouse



Playing Field



Magdalen Kit List

Magdalen activities are all outside so regardless of what time of year you visit, the following items are essential:

Waterproof jacket – large enough to fit over several layers of clothing

Waterproof over trousers

Wellington boots or walking boots with thick socks

Water bottle labelled with child's name

Warm hat

Plenty of layers of warm comfortable old clothing (jeans are not good for outdoor activities as they do not dry quickly), non-cotton tracksuit type clothing is best. Clothing that can be worn in many layers is much more flexible and allows adjustment to the weather and conditions.

Thick socks (including a long thick pair to wear with Wellingtons)

Underwear

Pyjamas

Backpack (for packed lunch on first day, clipboards etc.)

Outdoor shoes such as trainers or walking boots (designated to only be worn outside the building). These are ESSENTIAL if your group will be doing the Low Ropes Challenge Activity (Wellies and converse style canvas trainers are not suitable)

Indoor shoes such as slippers or trainers (designated to only be worn inside the building)

Trainers or shoes to wear on the coach

Warm coat (if waterproof jacket is thin material)

Towel and wash kit

Sun cream and sun hat

Torch and spare batteries

Camera (optional)

A game or book for quiet time e.g. Top Trumps

Three spare plastic bags to take home dirty laundry, muddy waterproofs and muddy wellies

Teddy bear

Kit list continued

Packed lunch for the first day

If the visit is in the colder months you will need to bring a lot of layers of clothes, extra thick socks, a warm hat, scarf and gloves. If the visit is in the warmer months and have planned a beach visit, you may want to bring swimwear and an extra towel for paddling in the sea.

Please ensure all personal items are clearly labelled.

Food and Mealtimes

Your exact menu won't be decided until shortly before your visit, and it will depend on the dietary requirements of your group, and what ingredients are in season on the farm.

Most dietary requirements can be catered for with notice. There is usually 2 choices for each main meal –one meat and one vegetarian.

We also understand that some children just won't eat some things – and that's ok. We really encourage everyone to give things a try ...but we also have a well-stocked store cupboard, just in case. So please trust us ...your children will not go hungry. They will eat lots of delicious, home cooked food that is good for them, and good for the planet.

We have been feeding children for years. One of the things we love most is that when we connect children with where food comes from, even the most particular will eat (and love!) things you never would have expected.

Can you imagine a whole year 5 class coming back for seconds of leek and celeriac soup? This happens at Magdalen ... especially when the children have picked the leeks and celeriac, and brought them to Lucy and Roz in the kitchen, themselves.

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Please bring a packed lunch for arrival day.

The first dinner is always pie night – maybe chicken, or a cheesy potato pie for the veggies. We may use puff (or gluten free) pastry or mashed potato, for the topping.

Night two is pasta night – maybe a choice of sauces, or our famous “Mag’n’Cheese” – macaroni cheese, Magdalen-style (with sneaky hidden greens).

Night three (if you're here that long) is rice night – maybe served with a choice of curries and naan bread or fried with some egg or meat and delicious vegetables.

Night four is jacket potato, with choices of toppings (maybe cheese, beans and coleslaw).

Pudding (every night!) could be jam roly-poly and custard, or jelly and ice cream, or chocolate sponge cake and ice cream.

Lunch could be a hot dog, pizza, soup and rolls, or maybe a tasty cheese and tomato pastry. We have snack breaks in the morning and afternoon, and there is always a bowl of fruit for everyone to help themselves.

September 2024

Cost: £170 per person

Proposed payment plan

1.12.23	Deposit – non refundable	£35
29.2.24	Payment No.2	£30
28.3.24	Payment No.3	£35
10.5.24	Payment No.4	£35
30.6.24	Final Payment	£35