

Activities at Wildside Experience

Richard & Alison Whiteside run Wildside Experience from their home at Seville's Croft, which is a 5 minute walk from Windover Farm Cottage. Richard & Alison are both expert naturalists, enthusiasts and good communicators, personable and used to working with all ages.

Richard & Alison have put together a programme of activities specifically for visitors to Windover Farm Cottage. If any of these activities appeal, please contact them directly to book and arrange a date for your chosen activity. Telephone 01823 680931 or email info@wildsideexperience.co.uk

The food that they provide is excellent quality being fair trade, organic and locally sourced whenever reasonably possible.

A walk on the Wildside! (1 or 2 hours)

A circular, guided walk from Windover Farm Cottage looking at the history and nature of the local area. Walk across the fields & the Madford River to the ruins of the historic Dunkeswell Abbey, a Cistercian monastery built in the early 13th Century. Then back to Windover Farm Cottage, or continue on through beautiful woodland with views back over the valley.

Short loop (1 hour) @ £10 per person

Extended walk (2 hours) @ £20 per person, or a family ticket (2 adults and 2 children) @ £60

Evening Nature walk (approx. 2 hours e.g. 6pm – 8pm)

A guided walk around the nature reserve at Wildside Experience looking at flora, fauna, animal tracks / signs and finding wild foods. Then return to the campfire for hot chocolate and toasted marshmallows or crumpets. A great family activity!

£20 per person, or a family ticket (2 adults and 2 children) @ £60

Dawn Badger walk (approx. 3 hours e.g. 6am – 9am)

An early start to look for badger activity and signs of other wildlife. Richard will take you to a place where you can sit still in peaceful woodland and wait for the creatures to emerge! Round it off with a full English or continental breakfast included in the price.

£25 per person, or a family ticket (2 adults and 2 children) @ £75

£20 per person for 2 hours without breakfast

Dawn chorus (approx. 3 hours e.g. 6am – 9am)

Listen to & learn some of the many bird songs on a nature walk here in our rich valley. Return to the house for a full English or continental breakfast, whilst watching the birds at close range coming into feeders.

£25 per person, or a family ticket (2 adults and 2 children) @ £75

£20 per person for 2 hours without breakfast

Owl evening (approx. 2 hours from 6pm – 8pm)

Listen to & watch for tawny owls, & use bat detectors to locate and identify some of the local bat species.

£20 per person, or a family ticket (2 adults and 2 children) @ £60

Spoon carving day with home-cooked lunch (10am – 4pm)

Gather a piece of willow from the local woods and craft it into a spoon! Including a home-cooked lunch and drinks through the day.

£60 per adult, age 11-18 £40

'Fire by friction' day with home-cooked lunch (10am – 4pm)

Spend the day firemaking 'Ray Mears style', learning ancient firecraft skills and the technique of fire by friction. Including a home-cooked lunch and drinks through the day.

£60 per adult, age 5-18 @ £40 per person or a family ticket @ £150

Wild food day (10am – 4pm)

Discover more about the 'free' foods we have growing in our countryside. To include a home-cooked wild food lunch.

£60 per adult, age 5-18 £40 or a family ticket @ £150