

## Backwood Farm

Backwood Farm is a retreat for all things wild, from bugs to owls! It's a great place to bring your class, hitting many curriculum topics. There are hedges, trees and plants of all varieties, a wormery where students can see plant roots growing and learn about soil and they can also learn about how plants got their names and what we can use them for. In addition, there are specialist wildflower/pollinator areas and an impressive native woodland to explore.

In the stunning gardens, which are so remarkable that they open annually for the National Gardens Scheme, you will find bug hotels, hedgehog houses, a stoat hotel, a bat wall, numerous beehives and owl boxes. There are around 150 bird boxes spread around the rest of farm, making it a great place to learn about habitats and creating safe places for wildlife.

As well as all of that, there are herds of cattle and sheep, often with their calves and lambs, offering students opportunities to learn about feeding and caring for these animals, as well as their life cycles and what they produce.

There is so much more on this farm to see; it's a fully packed day with plenty of room to roam and let off steam! Farmer Andrew and Farmlink tour leader Emma will also be on hand to guide you around this very special corner of East Devon.

Travel note- when visiting please come via **Butterleigh**. Enter 'Backwood Farm' into your 'maps' app on iPhone (rather than the post code) Backwood Farm, Bickleigh, Tiverton, EX16 8RA

The cost for a whole group of up to 30 students is just £30 and the day runs from 10am till 2pm. We can also help towards the cost of transport- please ask more information on this.

