

Activities During Your Stay

Make the most of your stay!

Many of our visitors like to take part in activities during their stay, whether to enhance their own programme of work, to relax, or purely for interest. Bore Place is in an area of outstanding natural beauty, so we invite you to take time to enjoy your surroundings and the company you are with. Availability is space and tutor dependent.

To discuss or check availability, contact Becky BeckyB@boreplace.org

Night Walk

This is a particular favourite, a chance to experience the surrounds of Bore Place at night. whether you walk in quiet reflection or share your experience as you walk and talk through thoughts and ideas. The walk goes through fields and past our wind turbine, down to Bough Beech Reservoir where roosting birds call to each other before settling down for the night. If you venture down to the reservoir in May, you may be lucky enough to hear the visiting nightingales.

Time allowed approx. 1-1¹/₂hrs depending on the route taken

Minimum group size 10 participants; Maximum 25 participants

Cost £8 per head

Pond Dipping

You're never too old to roll your sleeves up and delve into the underwater world of a freshwater pond. So, roll your sleeves up...what creatures will you find with our expert staff to guide you along the way.

Time allowed approx. 1hr

Minimum group size 10 participants; Maximum 20 participants Cost £9 per head

Bread Making

Discover the delights of dough and make a bread roll to take away. Explore the science, culture and history of bread and find out why you need to knead. You will make the dough from scratch. including grinding wheat grains to make flour. Experience how a sticky lump of combined ingredients develops into a soft and elastic dough. Shape into your own design of bread roll and delight in the smell of baking bread.

Time allowed approx. 1-11/2hrs Minimum group size 10 participants; Maximum 20 participants Cost £10 per head

Natural Dyes

Discover how to make natural dyes from a variety of plant materials foraged by you locally (weather permitting) and experiment with them using own cloth or on strands of wool provided by Commonwork.

Time allowed approx. 1-11/2hrs Minimum group size 10 participants; Maximum 15 participants Cost £10 per head

Den Building

A fun session, brilliant for team building and getting some fresh air. Work in teams to see who can build the sturdiest and most water tight den in our Green Man Glade.

Time allowed approx. 1hr Min group size 10 participants; Maximum 20 participants Cost £9 per head

Clay Work

Potting or sculpting, model an individual or group piece. No previous skill is necessary. Enjoy creating, and losing yourself in something 'earthy' for a while. We can dry and fire your work for collection at a later date, if requested. Alternatively work can be taken to dry at home.

Time allowed approx. 1-11/2hrs Minimum group size 10 participants; Maximum 25 participants Cost £10 per head

Paper Making & Notebook Binding

Recycle and reuse paper in this informative session. You will find out about the history of paper making (including how we were helped by wasps!), make your own paper and a notebook which reuses paper and cereal boxes bound in a traditional Japanese style.

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Organic Farm Tour

Experience the sights, sounds and smells of our working organic dairy farm. Our conversion to organic farming raises many issues of interest whether from an environmental, business or farming point of view. During the tour, you will discover the inputs, outputs and processes of a working organic dairy farm. Don't forget your wellies!

The farming calendar is largely divided into four seasons, each with very different challenges.

Spring (April-June)

It is time for the cows to be turned out to graze after being housed for the winter months. The ground becomes drier and grass growth accelerates. There are opportunities to discuss grazing management, crop rotation, spring sowing, soils and the impact of climate change.

Summer (July-September)

The summer season is the best time to go on a field trail and look at the grazing management and arable crops. Seeing the cows in the fields, talking about why we chose to become organic, and how it makes a difference.

Autumn (September-October)

The cows come in to the winter housing as the grass growth declines and the fields become wetter. The majority of the cows and heifers calve in September and October. See the new-born calves and milking in action. Milk production rises rapidly through the autumn to peak in mid-winter. A good time to talk about the organic milk market, past, present and future.

Winter (November-March)

The cows are coming in for the winter. Diets change and we move on to feeding silage. The silage making and management is incredibly important to ensure the cows are fed through until spring. Winter is also the breeding season, when the Farmers artificially inseminate the cows. See an A.I demonstration, looking at fertility, reproduction and the importance of nutrition.

Time allowed approx. 1hr Minimum group size 10 participants; Maximum 25 participants Cost £8 per head

Underwoodsman Ltd. Courses

Mallet Making and Woodland Walk/Talk

Find out how and why the woods are looked after at Bore Place, and make a greenwood log mallet.

Time allowed 2-3 hrs Minimum group size 2 participants; Maximum 12 participants Cost £90 per session

Willow Workshops

Learn the technique of willow weaving to create a sculpture or supports for your plants.

Sweet pea obelisks

Time allowed approx. 3 hours Max group size 10 participants Cost £90 per session, plus £10 per head

Sunflowers

Time allowed approx. 3 hours **Max group size** 10 participants **Cost** £90 per session, plus £5 per head

Dragonflies

Time allowed approx. 3 hours **Max group size** 10 participants **Cost** £90 per session, plus £5 per head

Christmas decorations

Time allowed approx. 3 hours Max group size 10 participants Cost £90 per session, plus £10 per head