

Cheshire



Jodrell Bank Centre for Astrophysics



Educational Visits

Jodrell Bank Visitor Centre is open all year round for pre booked educational visits.

Outdoor Attractions

- Walk along our Observational Pathway around the base of the Lovell Telescope and discover how it works, why it was built here, how it is used and what it observes.
- Explore the Solar System on our Planet Path.
- Discover the natural woodland and wildlife in the 35 acre Arboretum.
Find out how trees help sustain the Earth's environment in our Tree Planet exhibition exhibition.

Indoor Attractions

- Discover the wonders of the Universe or take a Journey to Mars in the 3D theatre
- Learn about the history of the Lovell Telescope and its discoveries in our small indoor exhibition area.

For more information: http://www.jodrellbank.manchester.ac.uk/visitorcentre/education_visit.html

The Potters Barn

The Potters Barn is set in the heart of the UK in the beautiful Cheshire countryside, situated next to the Trent and Mersey canal and within easy reach of junction 17 on the M6 motorway. They offer a choice of activities with skills suitable for all age groups and they can accommodate individuals, schools and other large parties.

"Our year 5 and 6 pupils really enjoyed their afternoon of clay modeling and they were really pleased with the finished products. My colleagues and I were also pleased with the two afternoons that were completed. They were really well organised and paced excellently to match the capabilities of the children and I also thought they represented great value for money as the children kept everything they made to take home." **Mrs. L Hemming, Class teacher, Haslington Primary School**



They have over 25 years experience in making pottery. They are passionate about teaching it and welcome the opportunity to work with your school and pupils. For schools, out of school clubs, nurseries and childcare groups The Potters Barn provides creative clay visits, which prove very popular with all age groups. Children respond positively to the hands on immersive sessions, which are taught in a supportive and positive environment. Key skills are learnt while exercising their imagination and creative expression.

Visits to the pottery can be as short as one hour or all day in length. You can choose the type of things you would like to do during your session and if curriculum topics are to be included.

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HACK GREEN SECRET NUCLEAR BUNKER



Welcome to one of the nation's most secret defence sites. Hack Green has played a central role in the defence of Britain for almost sixty years. As you approach Hack Green over the picturesque farmland and rolling Cheshire countryside, it's hard to imagine a more peaceful location, but it was not always like this!

From April 2004 the public can for the first time see the ultra-secret weapons that only a few of the UK's military commanders and defence staff have been privileged to see. You will see and be close to a real thermonuclear weapon, which if detonated over a Russian city could have killed millions in a blinding flash. But don't worry it has been made quite safe now. If anyone doubts that the Soviet threat was real and that the government had the weapons to defend its people, visit Hack Green Bunker to see for yourself.

For more information: <http://www.hackgreen.co.uk/index.htm>



STOCKLEY FARM

Re open's on the 14th March 2010.

Open since 1987, Stockley Farm is an organic farm set in the beautiful Cheshire Countryside on the Arley Estate.

The Walton family farm 750 acres of land on which they grow a variety of crops and also vegetables for their organic box scheme. The farm also milks 200 dairy cows twice a day.

Stockley Farm is the current holder of Cheshire Farms Competitions 'Supreme Champion Farm' and has also been awarded 'Farm Attraction of the year 2007' through the National Farm Attractions Network.



Here at Stockley Farm we offer schools and teaching establishments a unique learning opportunity. Our exceptional facilities and resources enable us to deliver educational visits to both Primary and Secondary Schools and to offer more specific based educational packages to Colleges and Universities. With over twenty years experience Stockley Farm would like to welcome you and your students to visit us and make learning interactive and exciting with a real "hands on approach".

For more information: <http://www.stockleyfarm.co.uk/educational-visits.php>



Monkey Forest at Trentham

Learning has never been so much fun!

Trentham Monkey Forest is the ideal location to be creative and innovative with topics within the national curriculum, and provide excellence and enjoyment to teachers and students alike. Science, as well as many cross curriculum links (numeracy, art, I.C.T, literacy and many more), can be explored and learnt at all age levels. Monkey Forest is dedicated to ensure that all schools have a beneficial, rewarding and educational visit. We will endeavor to help you organize your trip in any way that we can. There are a number of direct downloads that can help you with your visit or if you require anything further please don't hesitate to contact us direct.

Experience this unique opportunity to visit 'Monkey Forest' an exciting walk amongst 140 free roaming Barbary macaques.

You will be able to discover this amazing species as they exhibit their natural behaviour with no bars or cages to hinder your view.



The interactive facilities at Monkey Forest include:

- Animals exhibiting natural behaviour as in the wild
- Knowledgeable guides along the forest path
- Information boards
- Feeding talks every hour
- 18 minute continuous video on Barbary macaques through the seasons
- Free quiz available at the kiosk
- Education led sessions **(to be booked in advance)**
- Classroom **(to be booked in advance)**

For more information: http://www.trentham-monkey-forest.com/education.php?id_cat=3

ceramica

exploring pottery from every angle

Ceramica uses an exciting combination of interactive exhibits, videos, models and artefacts to explore the journey of clay from its raw state in the ground, through an array of stages of production, to its destination in our shops and homes. There is a wide range of cross curricular links with particular reference to Materials, Process' and Changes, art and design, manufacturing and leisure and tourism. Our staff of 'Visitor Services Assistants' are on hand to enhance your groups learning experience.



We recommend you visit Ceramica prior to booking your group visit. For a free teachers pass or to book your visit, short sessions and workshops, please contact Karen Burgess on 01782 832001

There are lots of carpeted areas around the exhibition which can be used to focus groups on particular exhibits. Work shops take place in the education room, and this room is also used as an eating area.

For primary schools we recommend a minimum of 2 hours for your visit, not including lunch. For secondary schools you should allow a minimum of 1 hour, not including lunch or a workshop.

For more information: <http://www.ceramicauk.com/index.html>