

NIDDERDALE AONB Visit Planners

These “visit plans” are to give teachers/leaders ideas for planning day visits to Nidderdale AONB. They are all based on arrival at the sites for 10.30am and departure at 2.30pm with around 30-40 minutes for lunch break (the times given allow for movement around the site). Many of the sites could be visited for a whole day at the appropriate time of year giving the opportunity to mix a variety of activities and curriculum areas.

Brimham Rocks is an interesting geological site with human impact studies potential which could be used as an alternative half day to the sites near Pateley Bridge. The pack includes ideas for follow-on and alternative activities in the classroom.

Visit Plan 1: Lime Tree Farm Habitats visit (A)

- 10.30am Arrive at the farm and leave bags in the barn area.
- 10.45am Guided Walk around the site by Mr Foster the owner to introduce the concepts of conservation and wildlife value. (35 minutes)
- 11.20am Carry out hedgerow survey or meadow survey plus environmental game to look more closely at how a tree “works” or parts of a flower. (35 minutes)
- 12.00pm Lunch. (35 minutes)
- 12.40pm Pond dipping activity session. (40 minutes)
- 1.20pm Environmental games to illustrate food chains and adaptation. (35 minutes)
- 2.00pm Sensory activity to record feelings from the day. (15 minutes)
- 2.15pm Return to barn to collect bags etc.
- 2.30pm Depart.

Alternative habitat activities

- Mini beast survey (30-40 minutes).
- Wildflower survey (30-40 minutes).
- Woodland survey (30-40 minutes).
- Other environmental games illustrating how a tree ‘works’ etc.

Visit Plan 2: Lime Tree Farm History & Art visit (B)

- 10.30am Arrive at the farm and leave bags in the barn area.
- 10.45am Introduction to the stone circle and round house by the owner Mr Foster. (20 minutes)
- 11.05am Art/craft activities in and around the roundhouse - jewellery making, weaving etc. (50 minutes)
- 12.00pm Lunch.
- 12.40pm Sensory activities and environmental art in the woodland. (35 minutes)
- 1.20pm Story telling (provide own story) in the roundhouse or stone circle, could incorporate role play and drama. (50 minutes)
- 2.10pm Return walk to barn to collect bags.
- 2.30pm Depart.

Visit Plan 3: Fishpond Woods & the Tree Trail visit (A)

- 10.30am Arrive showground car park Pateley Bridge.
- 10.45am Walk the Tree Trail using the leaflet only. (around 120 minutes)
- 12.45pm Lunch back in Pateley Bridge.
- 1.15pm Walk to museum.
- 1.25pm Visit to Nidderdale Museum.
- 2.25pm Leave museum.
- 2.35/4.00pm Depart.

Visit Plan 4: Fishpond Woods & the Tree Trail visit (B)

- 10.30am Stop at Pateley Bridge Showground Car Park for toilets.
- 11.00am Drop off at Fishpond Woods entrance, walk to fishpond area. (15 minutes)
- 11.15am Tree identification activity or flower survey. (35minutes)
- 11.50am Activity looking at how tall the trees are and using the environmental games to show how a tree "works". (25 minutes)
- 12.15pm Lunch.
- 12.45pm Seed Collecting activity guided by Tree Warden.
- 1.45pm Walk over the fields (via Tree Trail walk) back to Bewerley for collecting by coach.
- 2.30pm Depart.

Alternative activities for Fishpond Woods

- Mini beast survey (30-40 minutes).
- Wildflower survey (30-40 minutes).
- Woodland survey (30-40 minutes).
- Environmental games illustrating how a tree "works" etc.
- Sensory and art work activities.

Visit Plan 5: Eagle Hall Woods

visit (A)

- 10.30am Stop at Pateley Bridge showground car park for toilets.
- 11.00am Arrive at Eagle Hall Woods in minibuses.
- 11.05am Walk up into the woods.
- 11.25am Historical investigation activity. (30 minutes)
- 11.55am Walk and talk session with the owner Mr Garforth. (40 minutes)
- 12.35pm Travel back to Pateley Bridge showground car park.
- 12.45pm Lunch.
- 1.15pm Walk to museum.
- 1.25pm Visit to Nidderdale Museum.
- 2.25pm Leave museum.
- 2.35/40pm Depart.

Visit Plan 6: Eagle Hall Woods

visit (B)

- 10.30 am Stop at Pateley Bridge showground car park for toilets.
- 11.00am Arrive at Eagle Hall Woods in minibuses.
- 11.05am Use the maps to navigate around the site to top pond.
- 11.30am Pond dipping activity/mini beast hunting. (40 minutes)
- 12.15pm Sensory activity on return to the buses.
- 12.40pm Travel back to Pateley Bridge showground car park.
- 12.50pm Lunch.
- 1.20pm Walk to museum.
- 1.30pm Visit to Nidderdale Museum.
- 2.25pm Leave museum.
- 2.35pm Depart.

Visit Plan 7: Scar House Reservoir

visit (A)

- 10.30am Arrive Scar House Reservoir.
- 10.40am Follow walk near the reservoir complete Scar House Quiz (included in pack) with picnic lunch on route. (around 130 minutes)
- 12.50pm Travel to Pateley Bridge showground car park.
- 1.30 pm Walk to museum.
- 1.40pm Visit to Nidderdale Museum to look at Scar House history etc. (45 minutes)
- 2.25pm Leave museum.
- 2.35/40pm Depart.

Visit Plan 8: Scar House Reservoir

visit (B)

- 10.30am Arrive Scar House Reservoir.
- 10.40am Study the remains of the village and observe the dam and views. (50 minutes)
- 11.30pm Sensory activity. (20 minutes)
- 11.50am Impact of humans on the landscape activities, field sketching etc. (30 minutes)
- 12.20pm Lunch.
- 12.50pm Travel back to Pateley Bridge showground car park.
- 1.30pm Walk to museum.
- 1.40pm Visit to Nidderdale Museum to look at Scar House history etc. (45 minutes)
- 2.25pm Leave museum.
- 2.35/40pm Depart.

Visit Plan 9: Northsidehead Farm

visit (A)

- 10.30am Arrive Middlesmoor, stop for toilets.
- 11.00am Arrive at Northsidehead Farm, guided walk and question and answer session with the farmer. (60 minutes)
- 12.00pm Land use sketches. (15 minutes)
- 12.15pm Travel to Scar House Reservoir nearby.
- 12.40pm Lunch.
- 1.10pm Create artwork using the dramatic landscape as inspiration.
- 2.15pm Depart.

Visit Plan 10: Northsidehead Farm

visit (B)

- 10.30am Arrive Middlesmoor, stop for toilets.
- 11.00am Arrive at Northsidehead Farm, guided walk and question and answer session with the farmer. (60 minutes)
- 12.00pm Land use sketches. (15 minutes)
- 12.15pm Lunch.
- 12.45pm Travel back to Pateley Bridge showground car park.
- 1.30pm Walk to museum.
- 1.40pm Visit to Nidderdale Museum to look at Scar House history etc. (45 minutes)
- 2.25pm Leave museum.
- 2.35/40pm Depart.

