

Looking for somewhere to take your class?

From farms to forests and country parks to castles, there's sure to be something in the High Weald that will engage and inspire your class.

Below is a summary of sites and organizations that welcome school visits. For further information please contact the sites directly.

Site Name (A-Z)	Audience					Subjects				No. of children	Adventurous Activities	Classroom facilities	Teaching staff	Self guided visits	Toilets	Car Park	Refreshment facilities	More info
	Foundation Stage	KS1/2	KS3/4	A-level	University /FE	Geography	History	Science	Other									
Ashdown Forest Wych Cross, RH18 5JP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Max. 60	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	www.ashdownforest.org T: 01342 823583
Ashdown Forest Llama Park, Wych Cross, RH18 5JN	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	✓	Min. 15	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	www.llamapark.co.uk T: 01825 712040 Llama talk; Quiz Trail and Information barn
Bateman's (National Trust) Burwash TN19 7DS	x	✓	✓	x	x	x	✓	✓	✓	Large parties welcome	x	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-batemans T: 01435 882302 Learning Officer available, trail and literacy packs available - Water milling experience Closed Thursday/Friday
Battle Abbey (English Heritage) Battle, TN33 0AD	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	11 - 25	x	x	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	www.english-heritage.org.uk/daysout/properties/1066-battle-of-hastings-abbey-and-battlefield T: 01424 773792
Bedgebury Pinetum Goudhurst TN17 2SJ	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	✓	✓	Max. 60	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	www.bedgeburypinetum.org.uk T: 01580 213045 Sensory walks also available for foundation year



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Bodiam Castle (National Trust) - nr Robertsbridge, TN32 5UA	x	✓	KS 3	x	x	x	✓	x	✓		x	x	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-vh/w-visits/w-findaplace/w-bodiamcastle T: 01580 830196
Borde Hill Gardens Haywards Heath, RH16 1XP	x	✓	x	x	x	x	x	✓	✓		x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	www.bordehill.co.uk T: 01444 450326
Bore Place (Commonwork) Chiddingstone, TN8 7AR	x	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	Dependent on activity	x	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	x	www.commonwork.org T: 01732 463255
Bowles Outdoor Centre Sand Hill Lane Eridge Green, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 9LW	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Max. 100	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	www.bowles.ac T: 01892 665665
Brede High Woods (Woodland Trust) Cripps Corner, Nr Battle	Downloadable activity sheets and further info from www.woodlandtrust.org.uk plus Brede High Woods resources & lesson plans - www.highweald.org/learn/education/education-resources.html									Any	x	x	x	✓	x	✓	x	Check out www.woodlandtrust.org.uk to search for woods near you!
Broadwater Warren (RSPB) Tunbridge Wells	No on site facilities, but a good site for organising your own nature trails, bird watching etc - see RSPB website link for activity ideas.															✓	x	www.rspb.org.uk/reserves/guide/b/broadwaterwarren/index.aspx T: 01273 775333

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Buchan Country Park Crawley	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Max. 70	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	www.westsussex.gov.uk/buchan-park T: 01293 542088
Camber Castle (English Heritage) Between Rye & Winchelsea	School visits can be arranged during months of July or September 01797 227784 Download walk leaflet and Information pack online.																www.english-heritage.org.uk/daysout/properties/camber-castle/ T: 01797 223862	
Hargate Forest (Woodland Trust) Tunbridge Wells	Downloadable activity sheets and further info from www.woodlandtrust.org.uk									Any	x	x	x	✓	x	✓	x	Check out www.woodlandtrust.org.uk to search for woods near you!
Hindleap Warren Outdoor Centre, Wych Cross, RH18 5JH	x	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	Min. 10	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	www.londonyouth.org.uk/centres/hindleap.html T: 01342 822625
Kench Hill Education Centre Tenterden, TN30 7DG	x	✓ (2)	✓	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	Min. 27	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	www.kenchhill.co.uk T: 01580 762073
Kent Wildlife Trust	For info on Kent Wildlife Trust reserves to visit in the High Weald www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/reserves/high-weald/																	
Swattenden Centre Cranbrook, TN17 3PR	x	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	www.swattenden.org T: 01580 713657
Wakehurst Place Ardingly RH17 6TN	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Max 30 (some 15)	x	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	www.kew.org/learn/schools/wakehurst T: 01444 894067
Wilderness Wood Hadlow Down, TN22 4HJ	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	Any	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	www.wildernesswood.co.uk T: 01825 830509

The following websites may also be useful to help you find somewhere to take your class:

Natural England - locate an educational access site near you that is supported by Countryside and Environmental Stewardship schemes:

<http://cwr.naturalengland.org.uk/Default.aspx?Menu=MenuSub&Module=EducationalSearch>

RSPB - locate your local RSPB reserve: www.rspb.org.uk/school_visits/index.asp

National Trust - locate your local National Trust site and the education options available www.nationaltrust.org.uk

English Heritage - site visits and teaching resources available for a range of topics and venues www.english-heritage.org.uk/education/

Farms – the following farms have all hosted visits from High Weald Hero schools in the past. They are excellent venues for taking groups of children to. Don't forget to take the [High Weald Farming Information Pack](#) with you if you pay a visit. If you would like help in finding a farm closer to you, please contact Farming & Countryside Education (FACE) or Plumpton College and they'll be pleased to help! Louisa.devismes@plumpton.ac.uk and www.face-online.org.uk

<p>Hazel Street Farm Horsmonden, TN12 8EF</p>	<p>Hazel Street Farm is a fruit farm. Apples and pears are grown and the farm has cold stores and a pack house on site where the fruit is packed. The farm is a member of Produced in Kent and does much work to manage the land for wildlife as well as food. Wonderful views over the High Weald can be seen from the farm. The farm is keen for young people to have a chance to see and take part in the process of producing fruit and sending it to supermarket.</p>	<p>T: 01892 722222 M: 07949 837730</p>
<p>Little Scotney Farm Lamberhurst, TN3 8JF</p>	<p>Little Scotney Farm is part of the National Trust's Scotney Estate. Ian grows organic hops which are used to brew Scotney Pale Ale. There are also sheep and arable crops and the property is managed for wildlife and its historic buildings. This is a very typical and beautiful High Weald farm.</p>	<p>T: 01580 211404 M: 07799 111819</p>
<p>Park Farm Hawkhurst, TN18 5AY</p>	<p>On Park Farm sheep, pigs and cows are raised for meat and chickens for eggs. All produce is sold in the butchers shop in Hawkhurst. Park farm is a typical and beautiful High Weald farm and is managed for wildlife and the landscape, as well as food.</p>	<p>T: 01580 753274 E: Clarke@parkfarm1.idps.co.uk</p>
<p>Pippins Farm Pembury, TN2 4AB</p>	<p>Pippins farm is a fruit farm near Pembury growing apples, plums and cherries. The produce is sold through the onsite farm shop, as well as to supermarkets via a cooperative. The best times of year to visit are April/May when the trees are blossoming, or June/September, when the apples are on the trees.</p> <p>The farm offers a range of biodiversity through varied habitats, including ponds, a lake and adjoining woodland. The farm has many interesting features, such as its historic farm yard, signs of iron workings and its location on a sunken lane. The farm can also be enjoyed on the Tunbridge Wells Circular Walk. 40 acres of grassland have been left for habitats on the farm, helping play a part to the environmental stewardship scheme. The grassland provides homes for insects and small mammals, as well as feeding ground for owls and other birds of prey.</p> <p>Pippins Farm provides good access, with parking for coaches and its location on a bus route. The barn is a great education facility and open days with the farm shop give an interesting insight into farm life.</p>	
<p>Woodside Farm Iden Green, TN17 4EZ</p>	<p>Woodside Farm maintains woods and wildflower meadows as well as sheep farming. Habitats are varied, with wildflower meadows, woodland and hedges, providing for a vast collection of animals and insects. April - May can be the best times of year to visit, as the woodland floor is flooded with bluebells. The farm is of great interest historically, with a sunken lane on site, signs of iron ore pits and use as an army camp back in the second world war. There are also fantastic views across the land all the way to Hastings.</p>	<p>T: 01580 240027, 07771 710134 E: bird5@compuserve.com</p>

Alternatively...

If you would like someone to visit your school, the following organizations offer tailored activities and workshops on a variety of environmental themes. Please contact them to discuss your needs and ideas.

Organisation Name	Information	Contact
Buchan Country Park, West Sussex	Provide an outreach service for schools, and can offer wildlife/environmental education advice for schools using their school grounds or local green spaces.	buchan.park@westsussex.gov.uk T: 01293 542088 Buchan Country Park, Horsham Road, Crawley, West Sussex RH11 9HQ
Commonwork	As well as offering visits and workshops at Bore Place, Commonwork's education team is able to work with teachers and youth workers to introduce sustainable and global topics that can then be taken further with school teaching staff. Numerous topics are available including Critical Thinking Skills, Water, Global Food, Climate Change, Sustainable Buildings, Ethical fashion, Citizenship and Renewable Energy. Commonwork are also happy to tailor workshops to suit your needs.	www.commonwork.org T: 01732 463255
ESAMP (East Sussex Archaeology and Museums Partnership)	ESAMP aims to raise awareness of the rich environmental, archaeological and cultural heritage of East Sussex. ESAMP brings archaeological periods to life for children in their own classroom. These day long sessions involve handling, recording and interpreting artefacts, looking at settlements, making copies of pots, weaving cloth etc. Periods from the Mesolithic (early hunter/gathers) through to the Victorian are covered. Advice and support also available to build reconstruction buildings in school grounds.	www.esamp.com T: 01273 486 959



North West Kent Countryside Partnership (NWKCP)	For schools in the Sevenoaks district of the AONB, NWKCP can help support development of school grounds e.g. nature areas and ponds, offer advice for outdoor projects and provide learning resources for a range of activities.	www.nwkcp.org T: 01322 294727
Kent High Weald Partnership (KHWP)	KHWP offer school grounds advice, development and activities. They also provide field trips to local nature reserves Barnett's Wood, Cinderhill & Hilbert's Wood and support the delivery of the wider High Weald Hero e.g. landscape based workshops, assemblies and outdoor learning opportunities for your school. Most activities are based in the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) within the Tunbridge Wells Borough.	www.khwp.org.uk T: 01580 212 972
Kent Wildlife Trust	Bringing environmental education to your school, Kent Wildlife Trust can offer practical advice and support for developing your school grounds into wildlife-friendly habitats. Education Officers are also available to run Curriculum-based sessions e.g. creative crafts, games, studies and workshops, to help children recognize trees, plants, manifests and topography. Themed assemblies are also available.	www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk T: 01622 662012
Mid Sussex County Council - Environmental Education for Schools	Schools in Mid Sussex can take advantage of the Greener Spaces, Better Places scheme. The Environmental Education team visit schools (for free!) and deliver sessions on a variety of topics from community safety to recycling and visits to parks and nature reserves. Each session is packed with information and fun activities delivered by trained and	www.midsussex.gov.uk/enveducation T: 01444 477561



	enthusiastic staff. The programme is linked to the National Curriculum.	
Sussex Wildlife Trust	Apart from delivering sessions on Ashdown Forest, members of the Sussex Wildlife Trust are happy to visit schools for school grounds development and wildlife visits.	www.sussexwt.org.uk T: 01273 492630
Young People's Trust for the Environment	FREE conservation, wildlife or environmental interactive talks and sessions available for schools within 60 miles of Education Officers based in Brighton and East Sussex.	www.ypte.org.uk/school-talks T: 01460 271717