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# Walk on the wild side

## Family fun in the New Forest

Overview

Take the family on a wildlife adventure in the heart of the New Forest and get closer to amazing animals from local inhabitants to those that come from further afield.

A day of two halves split between Longdown Activity Farm and the New Forest Wildlife Park, it'll be a fantastic day creating wonderful family memories. Children and adults alike are sure to enjoy this hands-on, up-close walk on the wild side.

Leave the car at home and jump on a train to Ashurst or park on the outskirts and take advantage of the eco-friendly bus routes which provide easy access into the heart of the New Forest.

## Morning

**Farming fun**

Start your day in the wonderful surroundings of family run farm, Longdown Activity Farm, where you and the children can meet a whole host of friendly animals to interact with. Bottle feed the kid goats and the calves, feed the ducks, meet the pigs, donkeys and ponies and even cuddle the baby rabbits. You'll find out all about them and what they need in the fascinating daily talks and demonstrations.

Once they've met the animals, let your children explore the farmland and burn off some energy in the outside play area, bouncing on the trampolines, hiding in the straw of the Farmers Straw Den or racing the go-karts and ride on tractors. For those inclement summer days, which even the New Forest experiences, there is an indoor play area where they can whoosh down the slides and clamber through tunnels, keeping them entertained for hours while you relax with a delicious coffee from the tea room.



### Lunchtime

You'll all be getting hungry by now, so time to head off to dine al fresco with a picnic in the idyllic woodland of Deerleap Inclosure which is nestled between Longdown Farm and your afternoon activity.



Morning & Lunch

## Afternoon

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Set in 25 acres of unspoilt woodland, the New Forest Wildlife Park is your playground for the afternoon. Immerse yourselves in the animals' environment and let the children get up close to Sika, Fallow and Roe deer that roam freely throughout the park. Owls and otters to wolves, bison, wild boar, red deer to Muntjac deer, Scottish wildcats and lynx, wallabies, water voles, adders, foxes, polecats, pine martins and ferrets, these are just some of the friends you'll encounter here.

Meet the experienced keepers and find out all about the animals that live in the park. Got a question you've always wanted to ask about wildlife? Now's your opportunity. They can tell you what otters like to eat and why wolves howl to name just two interesting facts.

There is also a fantastic adventure playground with a zip wire, log jumble, 'birds' nests' climbing ropes, swings, spider nets and more. For the younger members of the family, they can explore the sand pits, drive the diggers and clamber up the climbing frames.



## Evening

**Feed your own little animals**

After such a busy day, you'll be needing to feed your own little animals, so head back to Ashurst and settle in at the family-friendly New Forest Hotel, adjacent to Ashurst Station, for a sumptuous meal based on local New Forest produce.

There are many, many more exhilarating days out for you and your family to discover, so come back again soon, or better still, stay for longer next time and experience some more of what the New Forest has to offer.



Afternoon & Evening