

Avon Wildlife Trust—Join Us



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Avon Wildlife Trust is the largest local charity working to protect local wildlife. With the support of 17,000 members, we care for over 37 nature reserves, advise landowners, run award-winning education and community projects and inspire people to be more concerned about the natural environment.

We rely on the support of people like you, who volunteer, donate or become a member. You can help make a difference and discover the wildlife on your doorstep by joining the Trust from as little as £2.50 a month. And why not consider giving the gift of membership to family and friends?

Other ways to support the Trust include:

- Use your spending power! Hire Folly Farm Centre for your event and use the Trust's Ecological Consultancy for habitat surveys
- Remember the Trust in your will
- Champion nature! Make space for wildlife in your garden, challenge your MP to do more and encourage others to explore our nature reserves
- Volunteer for us

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the folly farm centre

Set in the heart of the 250-acre nature reserve, Folly Farm Centre is Avon Wildlife Trust's award-winning education, conference and wedding venue.

- Accommodation for up to 45 people in the 18th century farmhouse and converted cow shed studios
- Inspirational **conference** and meeting venue
- Unique **team-building** activities, including sheep-herding
- Beautiful, relaxed **wedding** venue
- **Private hire** available for family celebrations and retreats
- Creative **environmental education** in a stimulating venue
- Wheelchair accessible

Did you know?

The Centre boasts a range of eco-features, including rainwater harvesting, bio-mass heating and solar panels. All profits from the Centre are gift-aided back to Avon Wildlife Trust, meaning you will be helping the Trust to protect wildlife and inspire future generations.

Where to find us

By car: from the A37, turn onto the A368 towards Bishop Sutton. After two miles, take the small turning on the left (before reaching Stowey). Watch out for the brown tourist signs.

By public transport:
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Folly Farm nature reserve

Welcome to Folly Farm nature reserve – 250 acres of wildflower meadows and ancient woodlands, with stunning views over Chew Valley lake

Reserve Highlights

The best way to get to know Folly Farm is to take a walk through its beautiful meadows and woodlands and slip away from the everyday world into a landscape that has not changed for centuries. We also have an access-for-all trail, ideal for visitors with wheelchairs and pushchairs, with its own badger-viewing platform.

Folly Farm is a very special site. Part of the reserve and part of Dowling's Wood have been designated as Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). This is because Folly Farm is such a good example of traditionally managed, unimproved neutral grassland, of a type now rare in Britain.

A place for every season:



Spring

Listen for the clamour of newly-arrived black caps and chiffchaffs in Folly Woods as you pass carpets of bluebells and early purple orchids.



Summer

Walk up to the ridge of Round Hill and you'll feel on top of the world, with soaring buzzards and wildflower meadows, attracting bees and butterflies.

Autumn

Time for berry picking! The brambles along the edge of the pastures of East Hill are laden with blackberries and dusky sloes. Red wax cap and yellow sulphur tuft fungi thrive in the woodland.



Winter



The leafless trees provide a dramatic silhouette on the skyline, as barn owls fly over the meadows. Plain Hill provides the perfect spot for admiring the winter skies above Chew Valley Lake.

Did you know?

Folly Farm nature reserve was once a medieval deer park and in the 1700s it became a ferme ornée (a farm made for pleasure).