

# USP College – 2022 Group Presentation



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## **ABOUT CORNWALL**



### **Your Conservation Field Trip Explained**

- An educational conservation experience located in the beautiful county of Cornwall
- The opportunity to experience wildlife conservation in the UK on both land and sea
- Work with the Cornwall Wildlife Trust and learn about their work
- 6 Day adventure
- Access to conservation & Wildlife Specialists
- **Educational visits include:** 
  - Cornish Seal Sanctuary
  - **Eden Project**
  - Screech Owl Sanctuary
  - Blue Reef Aquarium
  - Cornish Beaver Conservation Project
  - Boat tour/marine safari







#### Location

Cornwall is a beautiful rural part of the United Kingdom. Occupying the south westerly peninsula of coastline - all 400 miles of it, providing a home to an abundance of wildlife both on the land and in the sea.

Cornwall has its own organisation to protect and conserve every species found in the county. The Cornwall Wildlife Trust (CWT) manages over 50 nature reserves including an island for wildlife and people of Cornwall.







#### Location

You'll be staying on Woodlands Valley Farm; it has been in the Jones family for three generations since 1960.

As its name suggests, the farm is in a beautifully secluded valley, also includes ancient woodland, ponds, streams and wetland.

The Cornwall Beaver Project is situated on their farm, they have partnered with the CWT for this. The Jones' want to share the farm with the wider community and to use it as an outdoor classroom.









### **Cornish Sea Sanctuary**

- Participate in the guided seal pup hospital experience
- Learn how to deal with a seal pup found in the wild
- Q&A with seal rehabilitator















### **The Eden Project**

- Learn about conservation at a plant & ecosystem level
- Over 20 acres of gardens
- Over 3,000 varieties of plant
- Specific tailored lectures by Eden **Project Specialists**















### **The Cornwall Beaver Project**

- Monitor the beaver dams during daylight and dusk
- Monitor beavers and wildlife using camera traps
- Guided walk through the 5-acre site of plantation woodland along Nankilly Water















### **Woodland Valley Farm**

- Farm and Woodland walks to learn about agro-ecology and the farms conservation efforts
- Meeting the farm's animals, learning about organic farming
- Experiencing the ancient woodlands, ponds, streams and wetland flora and fauna
- Woodland team building activities available\*
- Wild camping experience available\*













### **Screech Owl Sanctuary**

- Spend a morning at the centre to understand the conservation needs of owl species and the breeding programme
- **Educational Workshops and** displays
- Visit to Wildlife Park















### **Marine Wildlife Watching**

- 90 Minute boat tour of the south coast of Cornwall
- Chance to spot seals; look out for sun fish, dolphins, whales and basking sharks
- Low impact wildlife viewing from a catamaran















#### **Possible Lectures**

Depending on the groups learning objectives, lectures on various subjects can be delivered throughout the programme:

- Wildlife & veterinary Rachel Simmons a veterinary surgeon who lives and works in Cornwall
- Wildlife rescue & rehabilitation Michelle Barley, who has over 25 years experience will talk on rescue & rehabilitation
- British Divers Marine Life Rescue, a talk by an active Cornwall volunteer outlining their work









### **Itinerary**

- ❖ Day 1 Arrive Woodland Valley Farm, greeted by the proprietors, health & safety briefing followed by an introductory session about the itinerary and the area.
- ❖ Day 2 Visit to Cornish Seal Sanctuary followed by a 90minute catamaran trip to spot seals. Great experience with 12 people max on the boat, back-to-back trips will be made for groups up to 24. When not on the boat, we'll suggest some things to do at leisure in Penzance
- Day 3 Set off with Janet or Felicity on the Farm Walk. Meet the animals, learn about organic farming, experience the ancient woodlands, ponds, streams, wetland flora and fauna. There are research projects that students can conduct whilst at the farm providing numerous learning opportunities

- Day 4 Dedicated tour by Woodland Valley Farm staff of the Cornwall Beaver Project, which is run in conjunction with the Cornwall Wildlife Trust on a 2 hectare area on the farm. There are optional volunteer activities which can be arranged such as tree planting and hedge laying. Late afternoon guest lecture on wildlife and rehabilitation
- ❖ Day 5 Full day visit to the Eden project. Guest lecture by BDMLR volunteer outlining their work in Cornwall in the evening
- ❖ Day 6 Visit to Screech Owl Sanctuary in the morning. Afternoon departure for home













## **ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE**



### **Woodland Valley Farm's Converted Barns**

Woodland Valley Farm is tucked away in the Cornish countryside and provides accommodation in three carefully restored barns. They received a Gold Award from the Green Tourism Business Scheme; crediting their environmentally-friendly practices.

The Cow's House, with dormitory style sleeping is great for groups up to 30. The Cat's House sleeps 4 and The Stable accommodate 6, which is suitable for staff and has ensuite bathrooms.

Three meals a day are provided.















## **BOOKING YOUR ADVENTURE**



#### **Proposed dates and key deadlines**

#### **Proposed trip dates are:**

#### 25th June 2022 to 30th June 2022

#### **Trip Cost:**

#### 6 days 5 nights est. £650

Based on minimum numbers of 18 Students

#### (extra days can be arranged)

#### **Key deadlines are:**

- Return of booking forms or online application by:
- Deposit of £200 to confirm placement within two weeks of provisional booking to confirm place
- Balance payment due 8 weeks before departure
- Final documents will be issued 2 weeks prior to departure and emailed to students

#### What is Included?

- Accommodation
- Breakfast, Dinner and a packed lunch daily
- Transfers whilst at the project
- All activities as part of the project
- 24/7 support
- Return travel to/from project location

#### **NOT Included**

- Personal travel insurance
- Lunches on days of travel
- Any activities not specified as part of the project



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