



Set in 385 acres, Cob House Fisheries and Berrow Farm, offer students and guests aged 5 and over, the chance to engage and learn in the countryside, giving valuable life skills and qualifications to meet their individual's needs.

Outdoor Opportunities



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Cob House Fisheries & Berrow Farm

Totalling 385 acres set in the stunning Teme Valley with woodland, arable, pasture, river, over 30 pools, Geopark, ancient monument and much more!

Cob House Fisheries offer great educational opportunities; not only on its 45 acre site with 26 pools situated at Wichenford but also, just 3 miles away at its Berrow Farm. The farm stands in 340 acres of the beautiful Teme Valley in Martley. Within the farm there is an ancient Iron Age Fort called Berrow Hill which is a National Beacon and Trig Point. Also passing through the farm is a section of the Worcestershire Way.

The Geological site of Martley Rock on Berrow Farm is of some great geological significance. At this old gravel pit, first recorded by Sir Roderick Murchison in 1839, there are interpretation boards and leaflets to help explain what is on view. On display here is the most northern exposure of Malvern Complex (Pre-Cambrian) rock (age +-700Million Years), Cambrian Quartzite (age est. 500MY), Silurian (Raglan Mudstone 418MY, Carboniferous (Halesowen Formation Coal Measures, 308MY) and Triassic (230MY). Cob House is also a partner of the Abberley and Malvern Hills Geopark.

The undulating topography of Berrow Farm; with grassland, woodland and a mile stretch of the River Teme together with pools, offers a unique setting that just encourages exploration and natural inquisitiveness, developing the minds and enthusiasm of students.

With such a diverse landscape and scope, there are many opportunities that we can offer students of all abilities and age ranges, some of which are listed below, lifting interest in the countryside.

Whether you lead the visit yourself or ask our tutors to do so, you will find your visit most enjoyable.

Woodland Management

With ancient grasslands and woodlands, there is plenty to ensure that the students are occupied!

- Bivouac building
- Extensive orienteering trails through the Teme Valley and along the River Teme into some of the UK's most ancient woodland
- Ornithology
- Badger & Deer watching
- Hide building
- Manufacturing and locating of bird boxes to be monitored on behalf of the RSPB
- General Woodland Management
- Coppicing
- Monitoring of ancient grasslands and hedgerows; all encapsulating a wide array of flora which the students can monitor as there are some wonderful species of plant life in this area. Some of the areas on the farm are designated SSSI (Special Site of Scientific Interest)
- Habitat and sustainability improvement
- Forest School
- Den and Camp Fire Making
- Tree planting and maintenance
- Outdoor cookery, from popcorn to wild game. All ages
- Story days, to promote communication, environmental awareness and emotional literacy
- Disease recognition
- Stile building
- Fence Building
- Map making

River and Watercourse Management

- Team building
- River maintenance, enhancement and management
- Studies to select the best areas for peg building and maintenance of such through the layout of the river.
- Guided river walks
- Flora and fauna identification, cataloguing and monitoring
- Entomology
- Ornithology

- Topography
- Geography
- Bespoke guided fishing days – please see the angling section

Horticulture

- Sustainability project
- Worm Farming
- Composting
- Habitat improvement
- Organic Pest Control
- Seasonal structures
- Micro enterprise
- Soil Analysing
- Species recognition
- Herb Garden
- Market Garden
- Weather and Temperatures – effect of global warming on the land

Game keeping

- Sourcing and rearing poults
- Pen maintenance
- Disease recognition
- Vermin control
- Animal Welfare
- Government legislation

Geopark

- Explore 700 million years of history
- Earth's History
- Understanding how Geology influences the wildlife, archaeology, social and industrial history of the area.
- Learn about continental collision, tropical seas, hot deserts, swamps and lagoons plus much more!

Beekeeping

- Building Hives
- Managing the Bees
- Recognising diseases
- Choosing locations – area research, crop production etc
- Harvesting of honey
- Bottling and selling
- Enterprise
- Climate

Animals

- Rearing and caring for a variety of animals suitable for supplying to the Café at Cob House Fisheries.
- General animal husbandry
- Care of exotic species
- Breeding programme and cost analysis
- Pen building and maintenance
- Fencing
- Government legislation

Fish Husbandry

- Fish Farming
- Identification of species
- Fish diseases
- Aquatic vegetation
- Pool Management
- Water quality, testing and monitoring
- Stocking densities and management
- Water volumes
- Natural food source recognition
- FCR and monitoring growth rates.
- Topography of the pool
- Seine netting
- Sourcing and sizing
- Grading and health checks
- Government legislation
- Fish Calendar

Angling

- Angling – Coarse and Game – these can also be bespoke
- Bait preparation and identification
- Team building events
- Tackle recognition and maintenance
- Fly dressing
- Bespoke guided fishing days for both coarse and game group lessons
- Corporate Events
- Concentration
- Decision Making
- Environmental Changes
- Catch and Cook

Archery

- Great team building event
- Self-discipline
- Visual success
- Hand to eye co-ordination
- Tactic decision making
- Concentration
- Numeracy
- Motor skills
- Outdoor fresh air activity
- After successful completion of a course the individual would be competent enough to carry this sport forward with a local club

Entomology – Bugs and Beasties

- Trails
- Bug Hotel Building – team building and individual tasks
- Species identification both aquatic and terrestrial
- Habitat Management
- Guided woodland walks
- Tree identification and studies
- Insect Walk
- Create a home for insects/bumblebees/toads

All our courses encourage the children to have safety awareness, building relationships with their peers and responsibility for themselves and their peers.

All courses are bespoke to the individual requirements of the students that we are working with or the requirements of the School. Many elements will cross over into another subject if a diverse delivery is required.

Apart from the experiences mentioned, we also offer an opportunity for 6th form students to work with us to build confidence and life/work experiences.

Group sizes are dependent on the requirements of the students

We would like the opportunity to welcome you to Cob House and show you around our facilities both here and at the farm at your earliest convenience. Please contact us at any time to make an appointment or answer any queries that you may have, on 01886 888 517.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Helen Taylor and the Education Team at Cob House



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