

ACCESSIBILITY

If your group requires anything to make a trip more accessible, then please let us know. Our site is fully accessible by wheelchair and we would do whatever we can to allow your group to enjoy their visit.

The level of information can be pitched to meet the requirement of the group. We will try to address specific areas of the National Curriculum if you tell us what you would like.

Farm Tours for older children can be arranged and will include more complex information. These groups may also choose topic-based trips.

For more information, please contact our Information Centre on 020 8545 2170 or ask to speak to our Education Officer.



RISK ASSESSMENTS

In order to help you meet your own Health & Safety requirements, the Farm has a standard **Risk Assessment Document** in relation to Visit Groups & Farm Tours.

You would be welcome to download a copy from our website (www.deencityfarm.co.uk) or request a copy by phone or email.

Farm Tours

One in a series of leaflets on Deen City Farm. Other include:

- How To Get to the Farm
- Our Education Programme
- Riding School Information
- Our Incubator Scheme
- Animal Sponsorship

Deen City Farm is an Educational Resource in Merton that provides a working example of a Farm to show rural & agricultural activities and processes to an urban community.

People of all ages can enjoy, and learn from, their contribution to the Farm through a visit or volunteering or participating in workshops.

Open 10am to 4.30pm

Tuesday to Sunday

(Closed on Mondays, except Bank Holiday Mondays)



**Admission is Free
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Farm Tours



**Details on
Farm Tours
&
How to Book**

Deen City Farm is a Community Project
supported by the London Borough of Merton



London Borough of Merton
a great place to live, work and learn

Deen City Farm has been running Farm Tours for many years and they are a very exciting and memorable experience for both young and old!

The tour provides a unique opportunity for children to get close to farm animals, touch, see and smell them first hand!

Children learn through feeding, petting and exploring the animal's environments.

Our new Growing Gardens area shows children first hand how various fruit, vegetables and flowers are grown. Some look very different in the garden before they are packaged and sold in supermarkets.

Simple information is provided, and questions are answered as the children explore the farm

The tours and activities will be age related and the rest of the this leaflet gives information on the different options available.



Practical Details

<i>When</i>	<i>Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays during school term time. (We are not able to do Farm Tours during school holiday periods)</i>
<i>Who</i>	<i>Any age or ability of group can book, eg. school, nursery, youth club, but we would advise that all participants are over the age of three to get the most from the Tour</i>
<i>The Number of People In Your Group</i>	
<i>Up to 15*</i>	<i>Basic tour takes about 45 minutes; classroom activity is an optional extra.</i>
<i>Up to 30*</i>	<i>Groups are split into two halves so each is no more than 15 people: children are more manageable and can gain full benefit from the information given during the tour. Two tours may run concurrently, taking about 45 minutes. You may choose to have a tour and a classroom activity which will take about 90 minutes.</i>
<i>Up to 60*</i>	<i>We are only able to accommodate larger groups on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On these occasions, the group is split into 3 or 4 smaller groups and the classroom activity is usually compulsory.</i>
<i>Costs</i>	<i>£2.50* / person for tour. £4.00* / person for tour & activity. Schools or nurseries can be invoiced for the Tour. Other groups must pay on the day. There is a minimum charge of £20. *Only the participants count, not the people supporting them, ie. parents, carers or teachers.</i>
<i>Booking</i>	<i>Demand for Farm Tours is high and we will have no more than two medium-sized tours or one large tour per day. Please book early to avoid disappointment. We prioritise groups from within London Borough of Merton by only taking bookings from outside of the Borough after 1st November 2006.</i>

What Exactly is a "Farm Tour"?!

Your Group is assigned a member of Staff and taken around whichever areas of the Farm are appropriate on the day for the Group. Information is given on the animals. The areas will usually include:

- The Farm Yard
- The Stable Yard
- Growing Garden
- Chicken Pens
- The Fields
- Small Pets Corner

Groups usually get to touch some of the animals (eg. to feel a sheep's fleece) and to feed some of them.

Nursery & Reception (3 to 5 year olds)

Discussions on animal colour, size, shape & movement. Naming animals and their body parts. Sharing nursery rhymes and animal stories. Exploring senses.

Classroom Activity

May include an animal "close encounter", stories or nursery rhymes, colouring, matching baby to adult animals.

Years 1 & 2 (5 to 7 year olds)

Discussions on the difference between male & female animals and their offspring. Basic needs for animal health and growth, and comparing it to ourselves.

Classroom Activity

May include an animal "close encounter", matching baby to adult animals, animal welfare.

Notes

We try to emphasize the cyclical nature of Farming: that the animal manure goes on the Garden to help grow the vegetables that we feed to the animals.

We do not shy away from telling the children that we get meat and dairy products from Farm animals.