

Wakehurst

Royal Botanic Gardens
Kew

Visiting Wakehurst on a School visit

A social story: Primary School

Visiting Wakehurst

Dear Teachers,

Please use this social story prior to your visit to Wakehurst.

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Wakehurst Learning Team

We are
going on a
school trip
to visit
Wakehurst.



Wakehurst
is a wild
botanical
garden.



What to wear

We will be outside for much of the day.



We need to wear clothes that are suitable for the weather.



When we arrive,
the Wakehurst
Teacher will
meet us and say
hello.



Coach & minibus parking



Wakehurst
staff uniform



School's
entrance to
Wakehurst

Then we will
have a snack.

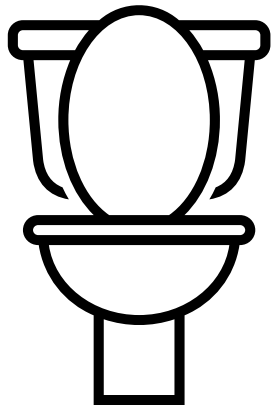


And go to the
toilet.



Toilets

We will have
toilet stops
throughout the
day.



The Wakehurst Teacher will explain how to stay safe at Wakehurst.

Good listening.

Walk.

Stay with your group.

Don't pick living things.

Take your rubbish home.

Ask questions!

We will have places to put our bags and keep them safe until we need them.



We will walk through
the gardens.

What might we see?

What might we hear?

What might we touch?



Millenium Seed Bank

We might see the
Millenium Seed Bank.

What can we find out
about it before we
visit?



Mansion

We might see the
Wakehurst Mansion.

I wonder how old it is?

Who lives there now?



We might see the
Mansion Pond.

What creatures live in
and around the pond?



Classrooms

We might have workshops in the education classrooms.



Gate to classrooms.



Workshops might look like this if we are inside.



Amazing Seeds Workshop



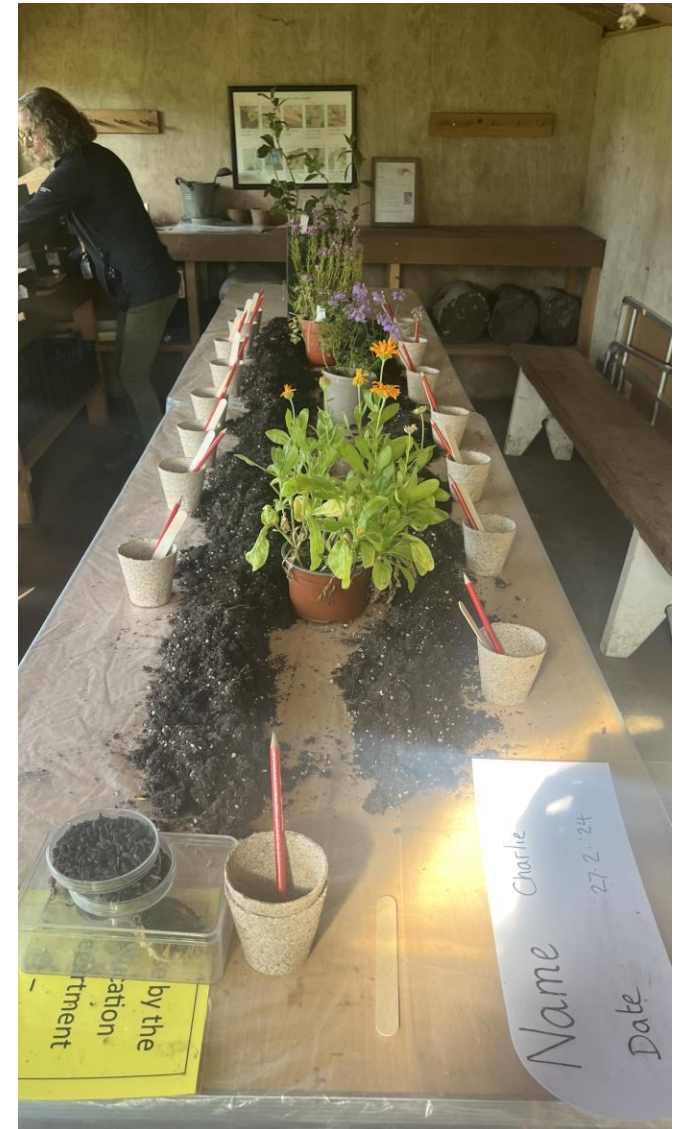
Flower Structure Workshop

Classrooms

We might have a workshop outside.



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Potting Shed

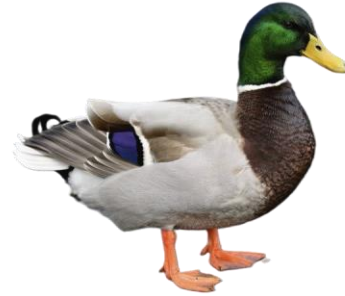
At lunchtime, if it is dry, we will eat outside.



If it is wet,
we will have
lunch inside or
under the tent.



As well as plants,
Wakehurst is full of
wildlife.

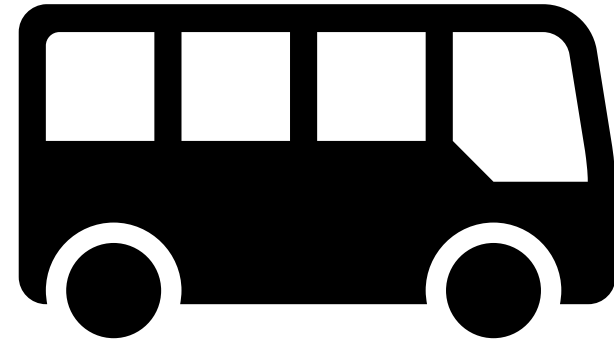
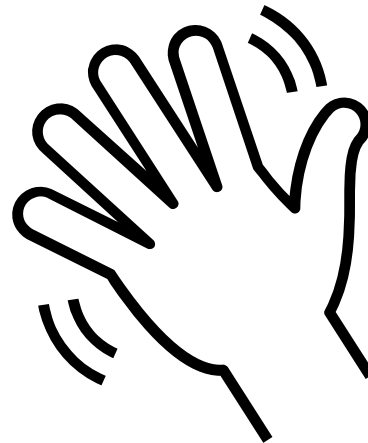
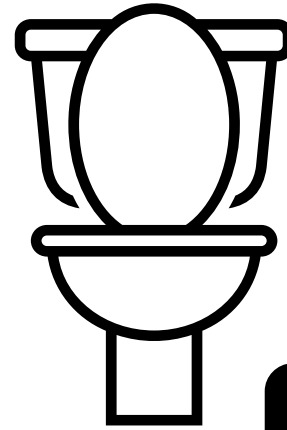


What might we see?



Stay calm
around
wildlife.

At home time we will go to the toilet, wash our hands and get back onto the bus.



Wakehurst Map

OPENING TIMES

Daily from 10am. Closing times vary according to season.
Wakehurst is closed to the public on 24 and 25 December.

GETTING HERE

Wakehurst is located in West Sussex on the B2028 between Turners Hill and Ardingly. Haywards Heath is the nearest railway station, approximately six miles away, and Gatwick Airport is less than 15 miles away. Our postcode is RH17 6TN.

KEY

Entrance

- Visitor Centre/ Shop/Seeds Café
- Schools' Entrance
- Gate to Loder Valley Nature Reserve (closed)

Paths

- Fully accessible path (hard surface, no steps or slopes)
- Made path (hard surface, may be uneven, with steps or slopes)
- Unmade path (bark, chippings or mud)
- Steep path (not suitable for wheelchairs, the chevron indicates the downhill direction)
- No visitor access

Symbols

- Way In
- Toilets
- Café
- Restaurant
- Viewpoint
- Shelter
- Field Studies Centre
- Nature Hide
- Picnic Area
- Car Park
- Bus Stop
- Steps
- Viewing Platform
- Walking tour meeting point

Millennium Seed Bank

- 1 Atrium Exhibition Space
- 2 UK Habitat Parterres

Mansion Gardens

- 3 Mansion
- 4 Stables Kitchen
- 5 Mansion Pond
- 6 Winter Garden
- 7 Walled Gardens
- 8 Water Gardens
- 9 Iris Dell
- 10 Bog Garden

Global Collections

- 11 Pinetum (Conifer Collection)
- 12 Bethlehem Wood (National Birch Collection)
- 13 Coates Wood (National Southern Beech Collection)

Asia

- 14 Asian Heath Garden
- 15 Himalayan Glade
- 16 Westwood Valley

North America

- 17 American Prairie
- 18 Horsebridge Wood

Chile

- 19 Southern Hemisphere Garden
- 20 Coates Wood

Australia & New Zealand

- 21 Southern Hemisphere Garden
- 22 Coates Wood

British Isles

- 23 Rock Walk
- 24 Bloomers Valley
- 25 Pearcelands Wood
- 26 Westwood Lake
- 27 Wetlands Boardwalk
- 28 Coronation Meadow (Closed October–April)

Playspaces

- 29 Tree Trunk Trek
- 30 Labyrinth
- 31 Children's Walled Garden and Mud Kitchen
- 32 Wild Wood



Further learning

For more opportunities to enhance your classroom learning, look on our website under teaching resources

<https://www.kew.org/wakehurst/school-visits/browse-sessions> , or sign up to

Endeavour <https://www.kew.org/endeavour-home> an interactive library of teaching resources about plant science and the environment, developed by teachers and experts at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

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