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Wildlife Trust



Nethergill Farm is situated in Langstrothdale at the head of the River Wharfe in the Yorkshire Dales on the 'Dales Way' walk. A 400 acre mixed hill farm with native sheep, rarebreed White Shorthorn cattle, multicoloured chickens and an indispensable working sheep dog. Woodland planting of 30,000 trees, bird hides, feeding stations and a woodland trail. Nethergill also has 2 self-catering Haylofts, B&B business and a Field Centre.

Farm Information

Farm name: Nethergill Farm
Oughtershaw
Buckden
Nr. Skipton
BD23 5JS
North Yorkshire

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Grid reference: SD862822

The Farmers

Chris and Fiona Clark own and run the farm and other enterprises

Where is Nethergill

South of Hawes, North West of Skipton, full details <http://www.nethergill.co.uk/accommodation/contact>

Access/Parking

Restricted access for coaches, maximum size 30 seater.

Car parking for up to 20 cars

Group Organisers' and Coach Drivers' Guide to the YorkshireDales.

<http://www.yorshiredales.org.uk/outandabout/planningyourvisit/traveldales/travel-car/group-organisers-coach-drivers-guide-yorkshire-dales.pdf>

Offering

Activities can include: farm introduction/farm tour, pond dipping, kick sampling, tree planting, eco-energy and sustainability, wildlife observation using hides both static and mobile, learning about farm animals, rarebreed meat and production of ready meals. Egg collecting. Feeding animals depending on time of year. Filling bird feeders at the feeding stations. Show various bills and beaks and their uses from our large collection.

Facilities

Hand washing and disabled toilet. Clothes changing area

Refreshments

Drink and homemade flapjack on arrival

Clothing

Waterproof clothing recommended. Spare wellingtons available in mixed sizes.

Health & Safety

Risk assessment available. First Aid Kit on site

Resources

Links to Science, Geography, Biology

Charges

Free for children under 16, part funded by Natural England. Other groups please ask for details.

Opening times

February until November subject to weather conditions, by appointment only.

History

Nethergill Farm is a hill farm, 350m above sea level, situated in Langstrothdale at the head of the River Wharfe within the Yorkshire Dales National Park. It consists of four hundred acres with far reaching views of moor and meadowland on the well-known Dales Way. Oughtershaw Beck meanders along the full length of the farm attracting Otter, Dippers, Herons, Sandpipers and a host of other wild birds and mammals. More recently Black Grouse and rare Hen Harriers. The large Victorian farmhouse and traditional farm buildings nestle into the side of the hill. It was originally part of a large estate owned by the Woodd family, cousins by marriage to the late Charles Darwin. Until the 1960's the farm supported a 40 cow dairy unit.

The facilities include a purpose built Field/Education Centre serviced by superfast broadband and two wildlife observation hides.

All heating and hot water supplied by a biomass boiler. Solar panel installation scheduled March 2015.

Virtual Tour

See a virtual tour of the farm, field centre and self-catering haylofts:

http://www.nethergill.co.uk/nethergill_360/

Background

The farmers: Chris and Fiona Clark moved into Nethergill Farm in November 2005. Keen naturalists, conservationists and trained agriculturalists, they previously farmed free-range outdoor pigs on rented organic land, marketing free-range pork

They are now developing Nethergill farm as a unique haven for people of all ages to come and enjoy and learn about producing food and its' relationship with the natural environment.

Enterprises

Hill farming with rare breed cattle and sheep

Self-catering Haylofts - 2

B&B - 2 bedrooms

Courses

Education

Production of ready meals from our own meat

Art studio

Geology

Clay, limestone/limestone pavements, millstone grit, peat, peat bogs

Sinkholes,

Water courses,

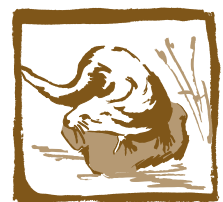
Erosion & deposition

Erosion control

Fresh water invertebrates, found in scrape by the birdhide

Moorland

In-bye land



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Marsh land

Hill land

Geography

Pennines

3 Peaks – Pennyghent, Whernside, Ingleborough

Altitude

Rivers, becks and gills

Micro hydro power

Glaciation

Grips

Sustainable farming

Farm buildings – hay barns, croft

Transport

Sustainable energy

Biodiversity

Sightings list (selection of)

Flora

Sundew

Birds eye primrose

Orchids x 5 species

Butterwort

Bog asphodel

Yellow rattle

Eyebright

Fauna

Otter

Hare

Vole

Fox

Stoat (ermine in winter)

Red squirrel (occasional) (The 17th Red Squirrel reserve borders Nethergill land)

Roe deer

Birds

Dipper

Heron

Gooseander

Teal

Black Grouse - (recolonising after 50 year absence)

Kingfisher (occasional)

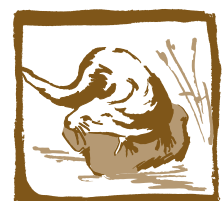
Crossbill

Black grouse

Wild Brown Trout.



River observation hide



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Merlin
Buzzard
Sparrow hawk
Kestrel
Tawny owl - owl pellets, for dissection
Cuckoo
Warblers
Redstarts
Common sandpiper
Hen Harrier (sighting winter 2013)

Fish

Wild brown trout

Invertebrates

Caddisflies

Mayflies

Stoneflies

Moths x 25 species (caught, identified and released using an over night moth trap)

Butterflies x 6 species

Bumblebees x 2 species

Bryophytes

x 25 species

Habitats

Mature scotts pine and birch woods

18,000 trees planted 2008/09

12,000 trees planned for 2014

Blanket bog

Traditional hay meadows with associated wild flowers

3 gills: Hazlebank, Mireling & Chaldron. 1 beck: Oughtershaw (tributary of the River Wharfe)

Landscape

Hill farm, with small amount of inbyre or productive land around the farmhouse and ancient hay meadows.(7ha) The rest of the land is fell or moorland with gills and Oughtershaw Beck running through the farm. 17ha of woodland planting since 2005 - approx. 20,000 deciduous trees.

Climate

Growing season from May to October due to the height of the farm. Very high rainfall (100 inches plus)

Plenty of room for activities within the Field Centre and hides. Wellies and ponchos available.

Stonefly Lava - under microscope



Pond dipping

Who lives and works here

Farmers: Chris and Fiona Clark

Part time, 2 mornings a week: Vicky - helps with cooking and cleaning for self-catering and B&B.

Steve - one day a week outdoor maintenance

Pip: The working sheepdog!

Livestock

White Shorthorn cows - 5 breeding females and followers.

White Shorthorns are an endangered species and there are only approx.230 breeding females left worldwide.

Dalesbred/Woodlanders/Jacob ewes - 50 and 4 Rough Fell ewes. The lambs are grown for mutton used in our own ready meals for self-catering and Bed & Breakfast guests.

2 rams - Suffolk, and Woodlander

30 free range chickens and cockerels (some rare breed) - eggs used for guests

Working sheepdog - Pip, Jack Russell - Meg

Facilities & equipment

Self-catering

2 Haylofts; each with 1 double (king size) bed and 1 twin

Ready meals made from home grown beef & lamb available on request

Produce Nethergill free range eggs and home-made bread

Wood burning stoves

B&B

2 bedrooms: 1 double (king size) bed and 1 twin

Evening meals made from home grown beef & lamb available on request

Field/Education Centre

Dedicated Field/education centre

Projector & screen

Interactive white board

Magnifier, Microscope

Telescopes & binoculars

Identification guides

WC with disabled access

Hot & cold drinks & home-made biscuits available

3 bird feeding stations

2 permanent hides, 2 portable canvas hides

Ponchos & wellies available to visiting students

Guided and self-guided walks

Webcams for wildlife observation day and night

Fly fishing for wild brown trout

Light snacks & more substantial meals available by pre-ordering

Observing from the River hide



Measuring Trout



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