

Farming and Biodiversity/Farming and the countryside Learnlink - Generic

About The Activity

This Study session may include the investigation of such topics as biodiversity in farmland, agricultural methods, rural development, planning, conservation, pollution and challenges facing rural communities. Depending on the specific topics chosen, the session will normally take the form of a walk around a rural setting such as a local village or a particular farm.

Activity Aims

The aim of this activity is to:

- Allow guests the experience of walking appropriate to their ability level & available routes.
- Increase understanding of the specific topics and issues highlighted.
- Provide an opportunity to increase awareness of rural issues – specifically those affecting the locations studied.

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the activity, participants will have:

- Demonstrated the ability to listen to, understand and act on safety instructions received.
- Understood how walking can improve their health & physical fitness.
- Increase understanding of rural issues.
- Contributed to a post activity review led by the instructor, identifying their experiences & recognising their achievements.

Progression Opportunities:

- Participants can be given more responsibility for leading & navigating as the session progresses.
- Changing ground conditions & terrain may provide more physical challenges.
- Be able to assess risks and understand how these may be controlled.

In addition, participants should also have developed in the following:

- Interpersonal Communication
- Investigative learning skills
- Outdoor confidence

Associated Vocabulary:

Words relevant to safety: Appropriate clothing, route card, instructions, safety equipment.

Words relevant to equipment: Map, compass, ruck-sack, walking boots.

Words relevant to the activity: Gradient, classification, identification, organism, species, diversity, conservation, agriculture, intensive.

Words relevant to learning: report, investigation, evaluation, analysis, communication, listening, review.