



DINOSAUR EXPEDITIONS



FAST FACTS

"The 'Dinosaur Farm' is home to thousands of prehistoric artefacts found in local fields and cliff falls"



Half Day Plus



Low Cost



Picnic Spaces

At dino farm / beach



Snack Bars

Ice cream van usually



Parking On Site

FREE coach parking



20 Resources

KS2 - KS3

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Fossil Museum & Field Centre

Dinosaur Expeditions is a field centre based on the south west coast of the Isle of Wight, displaying fossils recovered predominantly from the local beaches, cliffs and fields.

Known as the "Dinosaur Farm", the centre is a family-run attraction headed by paleontologist and former middle school science teacher Oliver.

Fun, Upbeat Sessions

Whilst there are some more traditional museum-style exhibit cases to peruse, Oliver's style when introducing students to his artefacts and preparing them for a beach fossil hunt is very laid back.

A number of learning activities can be undertaken at the Dinosaur Farm in a round-robin fashion - each with a fun element.

There's fossil identification and handling around a big table, with skeletal positions being pointed out on a lifesized model.

Next up students can sift in giant sandpits for actual real-life fossils such as shark teeth - which they can take away with them.

There's drawing competitions, giant dinosaur 3D jigsaws and museum fact-finding quizzes.

Beach Fossil Hunt

The culmination of the visit is a guided fossil hunt on a local beach - usually Compton Bay, where at low tide actual dinosaur footprint casts are visible in the rocks, or Freshwater Bay nearby.

Sessions can be set up anywhere on the Isle of Wight and can also include geology studies - rock formations, coastal erosion etc. if required.

