

Relax

Ferne Animal Sanctuary is the perfect setting to enjoy a relaxing walk and observe the many animals we house while enjoying the peace and quiet the Sanctuary has to offer.

The nature trail, dragon fly ponds, lily ponds and conservation area add to the peace and tranquillity offered at Ferne.



How you can help

FERNE ANIMAL SANCTUARY HAS BEEN SAVING THE LIVES OF UNWANTED & ABANDONED ANIMALS FOR AN INCREDIBLE 75 YEARS

With your support this vital work can continue and countless animals can have the life they deserve.

There are many ways in which you can help contribute to the work we do:

- ♥ Become a Friend of Ferne
- ♥ Sponsor an animal
- ♥ Fundraise for Ferne
- ♥ Volunteer your time and talents
- ♥ Remember us in your Will
- ♥ Visit and donate to our charity shops



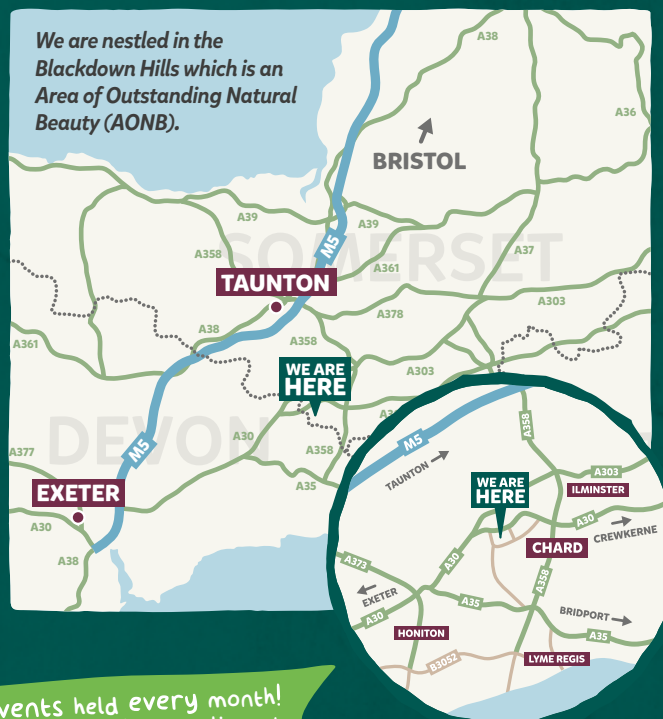
Please get in touch for further information
ferneanimalsanctuary.org

Opening times

We are Open 7 days a week from 10am-5pm
(except Christmas Day and New Years Day)

How to get here

We are nestled in the Blackdown Hills which is an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).



Events held every month!
See our full list online at
ferneanimalsanctuary.org

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FERNE
ANIMAL SANCTUARY

**EXPLORE,
RELAX & LEARN
AT FERNE**



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Our history

FERNE ANIMAL SANCTUARY WAS
FOUNDED BY THE LATE NINA, DUCHESS
OF HAMILTON & BRANDON AT THE
BEGINNING OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR

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The Duchess realised that, at the time, many service men and women would be leaving for duty and would be unable to take their pets with them. An appeal was put out on the BBC's National Service asking for suitable homes for the animals. On her return home the Duchess found several dogs, cats and a parrot waiting for her. The animals needing new homes were kindly taken in by people living on the Duchess' estate in Dorset. Inevitably, at the end of the war many owners failed to return to collect their pets and so the story of Ferne Animal Sanctuary began.



Today, Ferne is set in 52 acres of glorious Somerset countryside, high in the Blackdown Hills. In 1975, the Sanctuary moved to its present premises which overlooks the River Yarty Valley. Any animal passing through Ferne's gate can be assured of love and compassion throughout the rest of its life.

Animals come to Ferne because they have been neglected or can no longer be cared for by their owners.



What we do

FERNE ANIMAL SANCTUARY PROVIDE
CARE & REFUGE FOR UNWANTED
DOMESTIC ANIMALS, FARM ANIMALS
& HORSES

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We work hard to rehome* the cats and dogs that find their way into our care and to ensure that they can find a suitable and loving forever home. As well as rehoming cats and dogs, some of our horses and ponies are available for permanent loan*.

Other animals remain at Ferne to enjoy the rest of their lives in the peace and tranquillity that the Sanctuary offers. They are given the care, attention and TLC they need to enjoy a long and happy life with us.

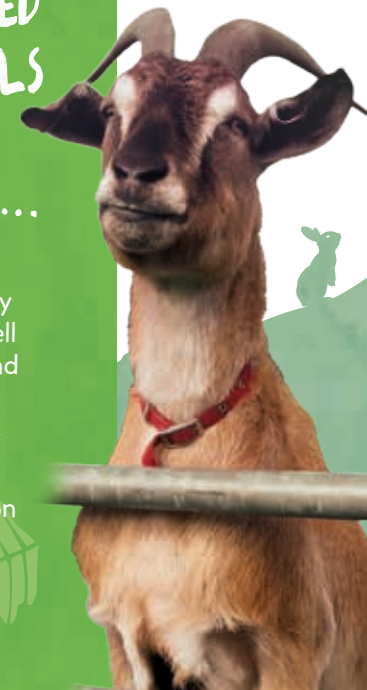
*Within 40 miles of the sanctuary.

A place to eat and drink

THE FERNE CAFÉ IS THE PERFECT VENUE
TO RELAX & REFUEL AFTER EXPLORING
ALL THAT FERNE HAS TO OFFER

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Serving delicious cream teas, mouthwatering cakes and home cooked food at our cafe. We recommend you leave enough time (and enough room) to enjoy our chef's delights. Vegetarian and vegan options are available.



visitors' Map

WELCOME TO FERNE ANIMAL SANCTUARY

Explore, relax and enjoy an unforgettable day out in the beautiful Somerset countryside.



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| 1 Rona Harman Visitors Centre, Tickets and Toilets | 5 Butterfly Seating | 10 Play area | 15 Duck Pond | 20 Café and Toilets | 25 Re-homing Centre |
| 2 Sensory Garden | 6 Dragonfly Pond | 11 Van Heemstra Shelter | 16 Carnival House | 21 Cattery | Toilets |
| 3 Blakeborough Gazebo | 7 Woodland Play Space | 12 Rabbits and Guinea Pigs | 17 Wishing Well | 22 Dog Paddock | Café |
| 4 Play Space | 8 Pigs | 13 Rabbit Pens | 18 Old Sheep and Goats | 23 Gift Shop | P Parking |
| | 9 Stables | 14 Aviary | 19 Chinchillas and Ferrets | 24 Memorial Garden | |



WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU VERY SOON!

