

# Backsbottom Farm



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<http://backsbottom-farm.blogspot.co.uk>

## Farm Description



### Size and Landscape

- ◈ 100 hectares of farmland
- ◈ Semi-natural woodland, wildflower meadows and orchards
- ◈ Ponds, hedgerows, woodland, forest garden and river/streams
- ◈ Extends from open moorland to wooded valley
- ◈ Excellent panoramic views across the Lune valley to Yorkshire and Cumbria



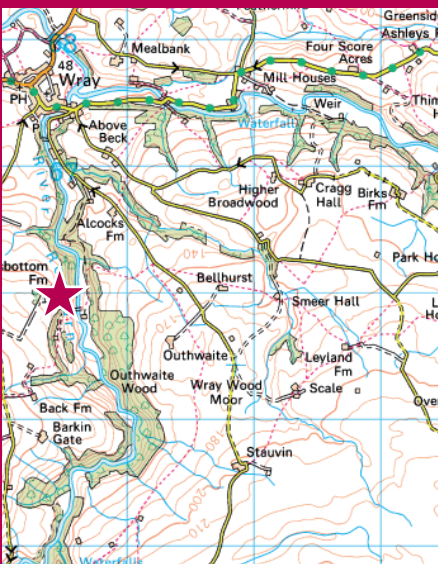
### Farming Type

- ◈ Run organically with Lleyn sheep
- ◈ Organic fruit
- ◈ Free range poultry



### Facilities

- ◈ On-site parking
- ◈ Wet weather shelter
- ◈ Compost toilets and hand-washing
- ◈ Kitchen



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## Statement

A walk within the shadows of its wooded cliffs on a summer's day is uplifting to a more joyous feeling of life, especially when the glade echoes with the morning and evening songs of birds. The whole scenery throughout the year is lovely to the extreme, and he who grasped it with his mental as well as his bodily eye will feel that it is a thing of beauty and of joy for ever.

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## Activities Available

- ◊ General field studies – sensory themes
- ◊ Art & Craft – drawing, painting, photography & map art
- ◊ Writing and story telling
- ◊ Celebration of the seasons
- ◊ Forest garden – touch, taste
- ◊ Alternative energy – wind, solar power & planning for hydro
- ◊ Sustainability and carbon footprint
- ◊ Orchard and woodland – planting, grafting, apple tasting
- ◊ Understanding water in the landscape



## Brief History

- ◊ The farm and land used to be part of the Hornby Castle Estate and was used for breeding and shooting pheasants
- ◊ In the 18th & 19th centuries the woodlands were used to produce cart wheels, tools, baskets and coffins, providing a sustainable resource for local populations
- ◊ In 1968 a huge flood washed away the original farmhouse and buildings



## Conservation on the Farm

- ◊ Restoration of old orchards and conservation of traditional local varieties
- ◊ Farmland managed to organic standards
- ◊ One of the largest and best examples of native woodland in Lancashire
- ◊ Wildflower hay meadow improvement
- ◊ Programme of hedge laying



## Farm Walks

- ◊ Woodland, meadow and moorland walks available – led by the farmer
- ◊ Terrain can be steep and difficult for those less able however, distances are tailored to suit school needs



## Farm Projects

- ◊ Fruit tree nursery – growing grafted traditional Lancashire apple varieties
- ◊ Middlewood Trust – provides a study centre to promote environmental courses addressing the growing concern about long term damage to the environment
- ◊ Timber extraction and use as part of woodland management for wildlife
- ◊ Roeburndale camping barn