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Hello! We are so excited to bring you our 2023 Family Holiday Guide. It's packed with ideas for adventures perfect for families. From beautiful glamping sites to cosy organic farm stays you're sure to find something to meet your taste and budget in this year's selection of the finest green holiday destinations. From a pitch-your-own eco site to a large, completely off-grid homestead in Cornwall, there's something here for everybody.

In addition to the eco accommodation, we've included some of our favourite days out too – fancy swinging in the treetops or discovering a hidden waterfall. How about learning how to make your own bow and arrow? Or finding the perfect secluded little cove to set up camp for the day, whiling away the hours making sandcastles and taking dips in the sea?

We'd love to hear about your favourite holiday spots. Please send us an email with your ideas for next year's Guide to letters@thegreenparent.co.uk.

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-  Baby Equipment
-  Wood burner or Fire
-  Outdoor Play Equipment
-  Wifi
-  Pets Allowed
-  Swimming Pool

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Down on the Farm

Go fully eco on holiday, spot wildlife on the farm and explore the Moors



CLEAN AND GREEN

The owner of Aber Cottages (abercottages.com) is passionate about green issues. Here you can expect your entire stay to be sustainable from the energy used to a free electric vehicle available for use during your stay. Liz explains, "All our heating in the farmhouse and Bryniau Pell is provided by a biomass batch wood boiler which is lit every couple of days. We live in a lush green area thanks to our high rainfall and have harnessed this into a micro-hydro system to produce our electricity. It is simple, we use as much as we need and the rest goes into the grid. We shop local as much as possible and recycle and re-use as much as possible. Finally, we use the same bank as The Green Parent – Triodos!



Four Fun Wildlife Rich Stays

- 1 Coombe Mill is a 30-acre family run farm holiday hamlet in North Cornwall, nr. Bodmin Moor – take tractor rides (pictured), feed the animals and explore woodlands and meadows. coombemill.com
- 2 Discover self-catering holidays and luxurious B&B accommodation on working farms throughout Devon at devonfarms.co.uk.
- 3 Find beautifully restored stone holiday cottages amongst 70 acres of organic farm, river and meadow and ancient woodland at Little Comfort Farm in North Devon. littlecomfortfarm.co.uk
- 4 North Hayne Farm offers eight cottages on this wonderful farm in North Devon where children can feed the animals twice a day and take free donkey rides. northhaynefarmcottages.co.uk

Cornwall Dreaming

3 things to do when staying at Lower Trengale Farm (trengale.co.uk)

1 GARDEN HOPPING The Eden Project and The Lost Gardens of Heligan are a 30 minute drive and also within easy reach there's Lanhydrock and Cotehele.

2 BEACH SURFING The South West Coastal Path offers stunning sea views and coastal scenery. You can join the south west coast path at

Looe and walk in one direction to Polperro and on to Fowey and in the other direction from Looe to the sandy beaches of Seaton and Whitsand Bay.

3 MAKE MORE OF THE MOORS The wild expanse of Bodmin Moor with its ancient and industrial archaeology and mining heritage lies about 1.5 miles to the north and there are some lovely walks close by at Golitha Falls and at the Hurlers Bronze Age stone circle at Minions. Siblyback

Lake also offers plenty of walking and cycling as well as sailing and wakeboarding at its water sports centre.



BODMIN MOOR



Hideaways Holidays



Find your perfect getaway within our Hideaways Holidays family. The Hideaways Holidays Group is dedicated to providing a wide range of top-quality self-catering accommodation across the

UK. Variety and originality are at the heart of the Group, but so too are consistently high standards of comfort, service and value for money. Companies within the Group include eight regional brands (collectively offering over 1,500 properties) covering

Norfolk, Suffolk, the Cotswolds, Dorset, Devon, the Isle of Wight, Yorkshire and Cornwall and then in the glamping sector, Glamping Hideaways.

FAMILY FACILITIES



Games rooms, hot tubs, walking/cycling nearby, bird watching (some properties)

GREEN CREDENTIALS Some properties across the portfolio feature solar panels, air source heat pumps, walking trails, biomass heating.

LOCATION Across the UK **SLEEPS** 2 - 31

WEB hideawaysholidays.co.uk

PRICES FROM Weekly: £331 Short Stay: £150

Rest And Replish

Go completely off-grid, learn a new skill and reasons to love glamping



OFFGRID HEAVEN

Stay in the beautiful large stone house at Windsworth. Although it's off grid it's surprisingly comfortable, with splendid beds (with Egyptian cotton sheets) a large sitting room with French windows, a superb kitchen/dining room and conventional loos and showers. What's more, it's set in a 70-acre hillside holding in south Cornwall, including half a mile of your own beach and with spectacular land and sea views. It's a privately run nature reserve and – a long-held secret spot – and can accommodate up to eight people. Plus, there's a hot tub to watch the stars from! windsworth.org.uk



3 Learning Breaks

At Secret Meadows (secretmeadows.co.uk) you're surrounded by a nature reserve and unspoilt Suffolk countryside and there's lots of extra touches like activities. Choose from one of these three:

- 1 MAKE A BOW AND ARROW** Enjoy an adventurous workshop making a simple wooden bow and arrow. At the end of the workshop you can practise with your bow and arrow using targets.
- 2 TAKE A GUIDED WALK** This slow-paced walk will introduce you to some of the flora and fauna found on site. Plus, a leaf-hunt activity.
- 3 LEARN TO WHITTLE** Carve your own unique object from wood such as a staff, wand, spoon or knife. Usually takes place in woodland at the nature reserve. You'll be shown how to safely use basic whittling tool/s.

Why I Love Glamping

Luci Akers at lanternandlarks.co.uk says she loves the sense of space!

You'll be glamping amongst spectacular scenery that spans out around your tent in wide swathes of glorious countryside. It doesn't get much better than this. Run, walk, explore to your heart's content and never run out of new places to discover. Plus, it's so inclusive. People of all ages will love it because it provides you with a holiday that is truly the best of both worlds.



This is a hassle-free get-away. Often, even the dog is welcome, so you can really enjoy a whole family get-together without leaving anyone behind. Glamping is a great way to get the little ones doing something new and

different. With a campfire or the log burning stove inside, you can get creative with recipe ideas and all pitch in to make some healthy breakfasts or big hearty dinners. You might even like to forage for some supper ingredients!

Aber Cottages Bryniau Pell



A perfect place for a family holiday. Everything you need on your doorstep – den building, paddling in streams, collecting eggs, melting marshmallows over a campfire, walking, stargazing, and bird spotting. Feel at one with nature and the environment. We even have food – organic beef, lamb, pork, and eggs – breakfast hampers and organic veg. to order. Bryniau Pell is self-contained with enclosed garden adjacent to a play area which is surrounded by friendly sheep and the secret path to the fairy dell and campfire site. We run Sheep Trekking and other 'hands-on' experiences on the farm which you can book in advance.

FAMILY FACILITIES

Campfire site, games, books, enclosed garden, friendly farm animals, 200 acres

GREEN CREDENTIALS Micro-hydro electricity, biomass heating, solar thermal hot water, Organic farm

LOCATION Aberhyddnant, Crai, BRECON, Powys LD3 8YS

WEB abercottages.com

EMAIL info@abercottages.com

TEL 01874 636797 **SLEEPS** 2 - 6 plus 2 infants

PRICES FROM Weekly: £589 **Short Stay:** £236



Seascape Escape at Windsworth



Windsworth is a very private place on the south Cornish coast, with stunning sea views. Our large stone longhouse is off-grid (and has no wifi!), so you and your children can learn to love living lightly. We have half a mile of coastline, fantastic to explore – especially if you bring snorkelling kit! – and we're dog-friendly. We have a woodfired hot tub as an optional extra. We share our patch with rare butterflies and bats, slow-worms, voles, shrews, hedgehogs, badgers, deer and brilliant birdlife. Plus our own rare-breed sheep and goats.

FAMILY FACILITIES

70 acres of rewilded Cornish countryside, with half a mile of our own seacoast. **SLEEPS** 1 - 8

GREEN CREDENTIALS Offgrid, so sunpowered and woodfired heating, hot water and cooking; sunpowered lighting refrigeration and mobile recharging.

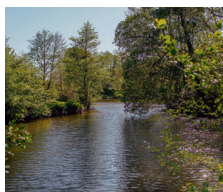
LOCATION St Martin by Looe, Cornwall PL13 1NZ

WEB windsworth.org.uk **TEL** 01503 262671

EMAIL caroline@windsworth.org.uk

PRICES FROM Weekly: £526 Short Stay: £328

Little Comfort Farm



Nestled within a truly enchanting valley full of wildlife, Little Comfort Farm is an award winning, luxury organic farmstay within 10 minutes of North Devon's

fantastic beaches. Our cottages incorporate the latest in sustainable, accessible and healthy building biology design, and two are wheelchair accessible. As ecologists, we delight in seeing little ones spell bound by nature! Enjoy farm wildlife safaris, bat walks, moth trapping, dawn chorus discovery sessions, amphibian adventures and 70 acres of wildlife trails, not to mention the beaches, dunes and reserves on our doorstep!

FAMILY FACILITIES



Therapy Room/Studio, Farm Shop, Games Room, Lawn, Coarse Fishing Lake **SLEEPS** 4 - 23

GREEN CREDENTIALS Exemplary eco cottages, 100% renewable energy, sustainability awards, ecologist owned **TEL** 01271 812414

WEB littlecomfortfarm.co.uk

EMAIL stay@littlecomfortfarm.co.uk

LOCATION Braunton, North Devon EX33 2NJ

PRICES FROM Weekly: £791 Short Stay: £441

North Hayne Farm Cottages



Set in beautiful North Devon, our 8 family friendly award winning cottages sleep 2-10 each with their own private hot tub to relax in at the end of a busy day.

Come and help feed the animals twice a day, collect the eggs, bottle feed the Spring lambs, groom the goats, hold the chicks and enjoy daily donkey rides each morning. Enjoy outdoor freedom with our farm trails and Free Rangers Club. EYFS curriculum-based activity packs also available, an indoor Games Room and Under 7s Play barn, locally prepared meals to order as well as Holistic therapy treatments.



FAMILY FACILITIES



Hot tubs, Animals, Autism Friendly, Holistic Therapies, Activity clubs, Donkey rides.

GREEN CREDENTIALS Plastic free champions, Local Suppliers, Bat walks, Nature trails, energy management, waste management.

LOCATION North Hayne Farm, Bishops Nympton, South Molton, Devon EX36 3QR

WEB northhaynefarmcottages.co.uk

EMAIL info@northhaynefarmcottages.co.uk

TEL 01769 550807 **SLEEPS** 2 - 10

(or up to 47 if whole complex booked)

PRICES FROM Weekly: £547 Short Stay: £328

Lower Trengale Farm Holiday Cottages



FAMILY FACILITIES



Games Room, Gruffalo trail, tame sheep, pony and chickens **SLEEPS** 2 - 20

GREEN CREDENTIALS Locally stocked honesty shop, solar panels

LOCATION Lower Trengale Farm, PL14 6HF

WEB trengale.co.uk **TEL** 01579 641106

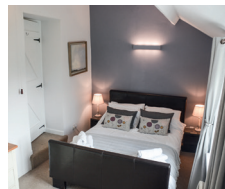
EMAIL info@trengale.co.uk

PRICES FROM Weekly: £550 Short Stay: £270



Perfect for a countryside getaway, we have 4 cottages set in 6 acres of gardens, woodland and paddocks. A magical place in a great location to explore both

Cornish coastlines and Cornwall's top attractions! There is plenty to do on site, from our indoor games room to our outdoor play area complete with climbing frame and a sundeck. If you homeschool, we also have the studio which can be tailored to suit your needs! Explore the grounds and take a picnic! Don't forget to enjoy our lovely firepit and complete your days with a fabulous sunset and some stargazing!



Coombe Mill Farm Holidays



Coombe Mill is a self catering luxury lodge farm overlooking the River Camel with accommodation ranging from 4-8 people. With families in mind, each lodge has a cot, bed guards, blackout blinds, highchairs and stair gates fitted at the top and bottom. There are play areas to explore, including a games room, a soft play, outdoor play areas and a mini golf. There are daily tractor rides, giving children a hands on opportunity to feed the animals, 25 acres to explore; perfect for making dens and camps. A gym, BBQ area and pizza oven. With exclusive fishing rights for guests.

FAMILY FACILITIES



Games Room, Soft Play, Mini Golf, Daily Animal Feedrun

GREEN CREDENTIALS Solar Panel Water, Bore Hole Water, Recycling, Ground Source Heat Pump

LOCATION Coombe Mill, St Breward,

Cornwall PL30 4LZ **SLEEPS** 4 - 8

WEB coombemill.com **TEL** 01208 850344

EMAIL mail@coombemill.com

PRICES FROM Weekly: £500 Short Stay: £450

Devon Farms and Country Stays



We adore welcoming families to the beautiful county of Devon. The rolling hills, Moors, Tors and stunning coastlines, draws visitors of all ages to experience the very best Devon has to offer. We offer a range of real country stays in different landscapes across Devon, which cater for all ages. Offering an authentic experience of rural life, including hands on learning and education about farming and food production. There are also endless, fabulous options for days out - at the beach, on the Moors or at our award winning visitor attractions, before returning 'home,' where there's still so much to do!

FAMILY FACILITIES

Varied - Farm participation/walks/tours, baby/toddler equipment, play areas/rooms, pools/hot tubs **GREEN CREDENTIALS** Ground source heat pumps, solar panels and local produce are available in many properties

LOCATION Devon **SLEEPS** 2 - 16


WEB devonfarms.co.uk **TEL** 01626 833266

EMAIL enquiries@devonfarms.co.uk

PRICES FROM Weekly: £300 Short Stay: £100

Pegs and Pitches Camping



 Off grid campsites set in beautiful Sussex woodlands offering real back to nature experiences. **Beech Estate Campsite** offers camping and glamping within 600

acres of woodland, perfect for children to explore, build dens and run wild within. Pitches and bell tents are set in private woodland glades all with fire pits. **Wild Boar Wood** is a glamping only site nestled within a magical 5 acre bluebell woodland. The tranquility is occasionally interrupted as the historic Bluebell Railway locomotives thunder past the very edge of the woodland campsite. Family groups and exclusive hire welcome. Campfires allowed. Nature included.

FAMILY FACILITIES

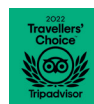
Woodlands to explore, Den Building, Campfire Cooking, Wildlife Watching, Stargazing, FireTV **GREEN CREDENTIALS** Off Grid, Bucket Showers, Campfire Cooking, Ecological Landscaping for Wildlife

LOCATION **Beech Estate Campsite**, Battle, East Sussex, TN33 9QU; **Wild Boar Wood Campsite**, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH17 7EA

WEB pegsandpitches.co.uk **TEL** 01273 980218

EMAIL info@pegsandpitches.co.uk

CAMPING PRICES FROM £22 per adult and £11 per child. **GLAMPING PRICES FROM** £93 per night



Secret Meadows



Set at a beautiful nature reserve in rural Suffolk, Secret Meadows takes glamping to new heights with award winning accommodation, green-themed activities and special packages. Luxury Lodge Tents, the Two Storey Safari Tent, Gypsy's Rest and the Horsebox Hideaway are set in individual woodland glades overlooking wildflower meadows. Organic towels, complimentary hand-made soaps, and a welcome tea tray are provided, and beds are ready-made for your arrival. An onsite pantry shop is full of locally-sourced quality produce and wildlife themed gifts. Guided by an environmental ethos and owned by a wildlife charity, profits go to nature conservation.

FAMILY FACILITIES

Nature trails, wildlife hide, shop, hot tub, BBQs, fire bowls, activities

GREEN CREDENTIALS Recycling, natural/organic products, sustainably sourced wood, local produce food hampers

LOCATION Nr Woodbridge, Suffolk **SLEEPS** 4-8

WEB secretmeadows.co.uk **TEL** 01394382992

EMAIL holidays@secretmeadows.co.uk

PRICES FROM Weekly: £1012 Short Stay: £332



Rural Retreats



Comfortable, stylish and full of character, the Rural Retreats portfolio represents over 650 of the finest self-catering luxury holiday properties throughout the UK and Ireland. For two consecutive years, Rural Retreats have come top of the table of UK Holiday Cottage Companies compiled by Which?. From quintessential cottages and country houses to quirky windmills and lighthouses; from big and beautiful homes to romantic getaways and dog friendly stays, you're sure to find the perfect holiday home with Rural Retreats.



FAMILY FACILITIES

Games rooms, hot tubs, spa facilities, tennis courts, walking/cycling nearby (some properties)

GREEN CREDENTIALS Some properties across the portfolio feature solar panels, air source heating pumps, ground source heating pumps, biomass heating, walking/cycling trails, wildlife areas, natural settings

LOCATION Across the UK and Ireland

WEB ruralretreats.co.uk **TEL** 01386 897 959

EMAIL info@ruralretreats.co.uk **SLEEPS** 2 - 31

PRICES FROM Weekly: £467 Short Stay: £165



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