

# Gordale Garden Centre

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Gordale - where ecology happens all day long! Gordale Garden Centre, Wirral is a great day out for budding ecologists. More than a great garden centre, Gordale offers tremendous scope for teachers who want their children to learn more about the natural world we live in whilst meeting key stages of the curriculum. "Our annual visit to Gordale enables us to further the curriculum areas of language, literacy, number, role play and knowledge and understanding of the world. The patient, friendly staff make it a 'hands on' experience in a secure, safe outdoor environment. Once back in the class setting, our young children love to recreate a 'mini Gordale' and make models of the animal inhabitants!" Mrs J.Nugent, Christian Fellowship School Gordale welcomes school parties of all sizes and can tailor their walks, talks and demonstrations to meet your education goals, whilst creating awareness of the living environment around us and an understanding of how the food we eat is grown. Handson sessions take place in a safe, informative and fun environment and offers opportunities for youngsters to sow a seed and learn about plants, flowers and minibeasts. Gordale also pay a good deal of attention to the marvellous work done by the bees, birds and butterflies which inhabit our gardens and the benefits of companion planting as a way to increase bio diversity and create a healthier garden without the need for insecticides. They work hard to make our walks and talks informative and enjoyable with a mixture of activities designed to encourage discovery, conservation and learning. Gordale regularly cater for large groups of all ages and take your safety very seriously and have trained first aiders

on site at all times. Their paths and walkways are suitable for the less able and should you wish, wheelchairs are available from reception. Entrance is free, but please book at least four weeks in advance. Availability in April and May is strictly limited. Sessions last approximately one hour but groups are welcome to use and explore the facilities at Gordale after sessions booked. Learn about:

- Garden plants and how they grow: how we can interact.
- Herbs and vegetables: easy to grow and delicious to eat.
- The changing seasons: the colours, sights and sounds.
- What's in soil? What sort do plants love?
- Insects and minibeasts: bugs, beetles, birds and bees all in our back gardens. ...and don't forget to keep an eye out for Gordale's resident peacock, Anthony!

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