



Where To Watch Badgers

<p>Avon</p> <p>Folley Farm Centre, Stowey, Nr Bristol. Tel: Avon Wildlife Trust on 0117 917 7270 Web: www.avonwildlifetrust.org.uk</p>	<p>AWT reserve with well marked trails, which bypass badger sett. Located off A368. Suitable for wheelchair users</p>
<p>Cheshire</p> <p>Brian Rhodes, Wirral and Cheshire Badger Group. Tel: 01925 656188. Web: www.wcbg.org.uk</p>	<p>The badger group takes people badger watching at a sett in the Frodsham area, in woodland owned by the group.</p>
<p>Cornwall</p> <p>Grenville Bed & Breakfast Pat & Paul Calcraft, Grenville, 1 Quilver Close, Gorran Haven, St Austell, PL26 6JT Tel: 01726 843243</p> <p>Trevique Wildlife Conservation Crackington Haven Tel: 01840 230730, or Frances Crocker on 07852 486197 Web: www.wild-trevique.co.uk</p>	<p>Spectacular sea views and badgers visiting every evening. Situated in Conservation area, on hillside overlooking village of Gorran Haven and the bay towards Turbot Point. Accommodation in a double room or twin room. No children or pets.</p> <p>Badger watch/walk. Self Catering and B & B Available at National Trust Farm Video & talk on wildlife</p>
<p>Devon</p> <p>Paignton Zoo Environmental Park Tel: 01803 697500 Web: www.paigntonzoo.org.uk</p>	<p>Badger watch by artificial moonlight. Two hour viewing of badgers who live naturally in the park. Apparently, the badgers moved into the antelope paddock around 1988 and have increased in number since then. Phone for times and dates. Cost for adults £11.90 Open April to October</p>

<p>Devon Badger Watch: Tel: Kevin & Ann Atkinson on 01398 351506 Web: www.devonbadgerwatch.co.uk/</p>	<p>5 Miles North of Tiverton Please make all bookings by telephone. B&B available in area</p>
<p>Dorset</p> <p>Badger and Wildlife Watch Old Henley Farm, Buckland Newton, Dorchester, Dorset DT2 7BL Tel/Fax: 01300 345293 Web: www.badgerwatchdorset.co.uk</p>	<p>“From our hide enjoy the unique sight of badgers emerging from their setts and foraging for food. The area is floodlit for perfect vision and visits from owls, foxes, rabbits and bats add to the spectacle, which is available year round.” Open Spring to Autumn. Adults £12.00. Juniors and Seniors £10.00. Not recommended for children under 6. Bring a torch</p>
<p>Gloucestershire</p> <p>Tony Dean, Gloucestershire Badger Group, 3 Mill Farm Drive, Paganhill, Stroud, Gloucester, GL5 4JZ Tel: (01453) 750164</p>	<p>Badger watches April to September.</p>
<p>Hertfordshire</p> <p>Herts and Middlesex Badger Group. To book call telephone number: 07733051760 between 8am – 9am and 7pm -9pm only</p>	<p>Badgers watches at the group’s hide. Bookings start on the 1st day of each month on a first come first served basis. Open April to Mid - October</p>
<p>Isle of Wight</p> <p>Old Park Hotel, St Lawrence Ventnor Isle of Wight Tele: 01983 852583</p> <p>http://www.child-friendly-hotel.com/index.html</p>	<p>Hotel specialises in holidays for families with young children. Each night food is put out on a floodlit patio for visiting badgers. There are also red squirrels in the grounds. Available for residents only</p>

<p>Oxfordshire College Barn Farm, Sibford Gower, Banbury Tel: (01295) 780352 Email: Richard.butt@badger-watch.com Website: www.badger-watch.com</p>	<p>Short breaks in a secluded modern mobile home. Badger watching from 3 exclusive hides On Oxon/Warks. Border</p>
<p>Pembrokeshire Cwmconnell Farm, near Moylgrove in the Pembrokeshire National Park. Tel: (01239) 881691 (Lisa & Paul Godfrey) Email: lisa-godfrey@sky.com or Further details from Clwyd Badger Group (Olwen and Roger Fitzmaurice) Tel / fax: (01244) 544823 Email: clwyd.badgergroup@virgin.net</p> <p>Glanmoy Lodge Guest House, Tref-wrgi Road, Goodwick, SA64 0JX. Tel: (01348) 874 333 Email: alan@glanmoylodge.co.uk Web: www.glanmoylodge.co.uk</p>	<p>Cottage, part of a converted dairy set above a sunken wildlife garden with pond and lovely views of the sea from rear terrace. Badgers visit terrace.</p> <p>Guest house with badger watching available in garden</p>
<p>Powys Gilfach Farm Nature Reserve and Visitor Centre, Radnorshire Wildlife Trust, St Harmon, Rhayader/Rhaeadr Gwy, Powys, LD6 5LF Tel: (01597) 870301 Web: www.radnorshirewildlifetrust.org.uk</p>	<p>Badger Watching events and pre-recorded footage of Badgers April - September</p>
<p>Rutland Anglian Birdwatching Centre, Rutland Water Nature Reserve, Egleton, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 8BT Tel: (01572) 770651 Email: jfisher-robins@lrwt.org.uk</p>	<p>Organised evening of badger watching. Starts with an introductory slide show in the Birdwatching Centre. A group of up to 6 then go to the hide and wait for the badgers. There is a small charge per person and it is necessary to book well in advance.</p>
<p>Scotland Strathspey Badger Hide, 23 Craigie Avenue, Boat of Garten, Inverness-shire, PH24 3BL Tel: (01479) 831768 Email: allanbantick@cairngormwildlife.co.uk</p> <p>Speyside Wildlife, Inverdrue Hse, Inverdrue, Aviemore, Inverness-shire, PH22 1QH Tel: (01479) 812498 Email: enquiries@speysidewildlife.co.uk</p> <p>Web: www.speysidewildlife.co.uk</p>	<p>Organised badger watch groups to purpose built badger hide. Disabled access available by prior arrangement. March – Oct.</p> <p>Badgers and pine martens as well as red and roe deer and other wildlife. Evening wildlife watches in the Cairngorms National Park on the Rothiemurchus Estate.</p>

<p>Somerset Secret World Badger and Wildlife Rescue Centre, New Road Farm, East Huntspill, Nr. Highbridge, Somerset. Tel: (01278) 783250 Email: enquiries@secretworld.org Web: www.secretworld.org</p> <p>Denbury Farm, Ashpriors, Taunton, Somerset TA4 3NA Tel: (01823) 433700 Email: info@denburyfarm.co.uk Web: www.denburyfarm.co.uk</p>	<p>Open occasional weekends to view wildlife including badger cubs.</p> <p>Self-catering cottages on our 80 acre farm with much wildlife including deer and badgers. Webcams with birds and other wildlife during the day and badgers and foxes at night. Hides near badger sett for badger watching.</p>
<p>Suffolk Suffolk Wildlife Trust, Brooke House, Ashbocking, Nr Ipswich Tel: (01473) 890089 Email: info@suffolkwildlifetrust.org Web: www.suffolkwildlife.co.uk</p>	<p>Opportunities to book wildlife watches</p>
<p>Yorkshire Dalby Forest, North Yorkshire Forestry Commission Tel: 01723 882295 Email: brockview@live.co.uk Web: www.friendsofdalbyforest.org.uk</p>	<p>Organised watches from a comfortable, weatherproof hide, ten miles from Pickering from May-August. Wheelchair friendly</p>
<p>Throughout UK Mammals Trust UK Tel: 020 7498 4533 Email: enquiries@ptes.org Web: www.mtuk.org or www.ptes.org</p> <p>The Tree Council Tel: 020 7407 9992 Email: info@treecouncil.org.uk Web: www.treecouncil.org.uk</p>	<p>The Mammals Trust UK runs a series of mammal watching events, including many badger watches.</p> <p>The Tree Council's Walk in the Woods events include a number of badger watches.</p>

Please note:

Badger Trust has compiled this list of places to watch badgers from various sources. We have checked the information as far as possible but have not visited most of the locations. Badger Trust cannot take responsibility for any inaccuracies and recommend that individuals make their own enquiries. We would be pleased to receive any comments on the entries on this list.

There are a number of things to remember in order to watch badgers successfully, whilst causing minimal disturbance to the animals themselves:

- Ensure that you have the permission of the landowner before you enter their land.
- Wear suitable clothing. Dark, inconspicuous clothes are best. It is also important that clothes are warm and rustle proof, since you may have to sit for some time before you see any badgers!
- Remain downwind when approaching the sett. Badgers have an excellent sense of smell and can find human scent particularly disturbing. Badgers often bolt underground at the slightest hint of unusual smells.
- Be as quiet as possible both when approaching and leaving the sett. Try to resist the temptation to whisper, no matter how excited you may become!
- Use insect repellent as sitting still, outside, at dawn or dusk, makes it likely that you will attract biting insects. Be warned and go prepared!

For more information on how to watch badgers, visit Steven Jackson's *Brockwatch* website at: www.badgers.org.uk

For more information on badgers and the work of the BADGER TRUST, please contact: us as below.

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