Field Trips at Pleasant Valley Sanctuary
After leaving the bus, you’ll find yourself waiting outside the office. Here, you will meet the guides leading your field trip. They usually start by showing you important places like the barn and the bathrooms. They will also go over any rules, and answer any questions.
Your field trip will involve walking the trails of Pleasant Valley. This can be scary for people who are not used to being in the woods, where there are lots of trees and shadows. Sometimes, you might hear things you can’t see, or be surprised by an animal nearby.
You will **see** and **hear** lots of different things, like birds, salamanders, frogs, and chipmunks. These animals can’t hurt you, and you are more likely to see them if you are calm and quiet.
Part of your field trip might involve **touching** things. If your guide says you can touch something, it is safe. If you want to touch something, but aren’t sure you can, ask! There are lots of **different textures** on the trails!
As your group explores Pleasant Valley, you will see some **signs** posted along the way. These are here to give you more information on the trails, and many include pictures of animals and plants you may see.
Part of your hike will bring you near water. Your guide may put traps out for fish, so it is important to listen for any new rules or important information. If your group is lucky enough to catch some fish, look closely but do not touch.
At the end of your trip, your guide will lead you back to the barn. Now is a good time to ask them any questions you may still have, or tell them about something you liked on your trip.

Thank you for coming!