



Where To Watch Badgers

<p>Avon Folley Farm Nature Reserve, Stowey, Nr Bristol. Tel: Avon Wildlife Trust: 0117 917 7270</p>	<p>AWT reserve with well marked trails, which bypass badger sett. Located off A368.</p>
<p>East Sussex Bill and Pamela Waghorn, Fantail Cottage, Rosemary Lane, Pett, Hastings, TN35 4EB.</p>	<p>Bed and breakfast, with a floodlit patio, regularly visited by badgers.</p>
<p>Cheshire Brian Rhodes, Wirral and Cheshire Badger Group. Tel: (01925) 656188.</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 Cornwall: http://www.ruralimages.freeserve.co.uk/Badger%20Watch.htm David or Sarah on: 01736 850287</p> <p>Glenville Bed & Breakfast, Pat & Paul Calcraft, Glenville, 1 Quilver Close, Gorran Haven, St Austell, PL26 6JT Tel: (01726) 843243 www.cornish-riviera.co.uk</p> <p>Trevigue Wildlife Conservation Crackington Haven (01840) 230418 www.wild-trevigue.co.uk</p>	<p>The Badger Watch at Bosence Meadow is organised by David and Sarah Chapman. They offer more than just a Badger-Watch, giving a complete tour of the smallholding. You will have the chance to see lizards, adders, slow worms, Cetti's warblers, young birds on their nests, wildflowers, butterflies and pond life.</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. Single £5.00 supplement. No children, smoking or pets.</p> <p>Badger watch/walk. Self Catering and B & B available at National Trust Farm.</p>
<p>Devon Paignton Zoo Environmental Park 01803 697500</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. There are now three clans of badgers. Phone for times and dates. Adults £6.50, PAWS members (inc. children) £4.00.</p>

<p>Devon Devon Badger Watch: Tel: (01398) 351506 http://www.devonbadgerwatch.co.uk/</p>	<p>Please make all bookings by telephone. B&B available. 5 miles North of Tiverton There is a hide and web cam displaying live pictures during the summer.</p>
<p>Dorset Badger and Wildlife Watch Tel/Fax: 01300 345293 Old Henley Farm, Buckland Newton, Dorchester, Dorset DT2 7BL 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. Bring a torch and some refreshments and stay until dawn if you want to.” The site is amazingly also used as a track for quad bikes, mini hovercrafts, clay shooting, archery and crossbows. Presumably all well away from the wildlife.</p>
<p>Gloucestershire Tony Dean, Gloucestershire Badger Group, 3 Mill Farm Drive, Paganhill, Stroud, Gloucester, GL5 4JZ. Tel: (01453) 750164 07970 871957 Badger Breaks, Bear of Rodborough Hotel, Rodborough Common, Stroud, GL5 5DE. Tel: (01453) 87852</p>	<p>Badger watches April to September. Organised 2-day badger watches.</p>
<p>Hertfordshire Ron Denton, Herts and Middlesex Badger Group. Tel: 07733051760.</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.</p>
<p>Herefordshire Shortwood Family Farm, Shortwood, Pencombe, Bromyard. Tel: (01885) 400205 Fax: (01885) 400720</p>	<p>A working farm, with a badger sett, where badgers can be seen most evenings.</p>
<p>Isle of Wight Old Park Hotel, St Lawrence, Vevnor Tel: (01983) 852583 http://www.child-friendly-hotel.com/index.html</p>	<p>The hotel specialises in holidays for families with young children. Each night food is put out on a floodlit patio for visiting badgers. There are red squirrels in the grounds.</p>
<p>Northumberland Phillip Wilson, West Fleetham Nature Reserve, Berwick upon Tweed, Northumberland. Tel: (0191) 284 6884</p>	<p>Good facilities, including carpeted hide with disabled access.</p>

<p>Oxfordshire Badgerwatch College Barn Farm, Sibford Gower, Banbury. Tel: (01295) 780352147 Website: www.badger-watch.com</p>	<p>Short breaks in a secluded modern mobile home. On Oxon/Warks. Border</p>
<p>Pembrokeshire Cwmconnell Farm, near Moylgrove in the Pembrokeshire National Park. Further details from Clwyd Badger Group (Olwen and Roger Fitzmaurice) Tel / fax: 01244 544823</p> <p>Glanmoy Lodge Guest House, Tref-wrgi Road, Goodwick, SA64 0JX. Tel: (01348) 874 333</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. Email: clwyd.badgergroup@virgin.net</p> <p>Guest house with badger watching available.</p>
<p>Powys Old Gwernyfed Country Manor, Felindre, Three Cocks, Brecon, Gilfach Nature Reserve, St Harmon. Tel: (01497) 870 3011</p> <p>Gigrin Farm, Elan Valley, Rhayader Bird Reserve. http://www.gigrin.co.uk/g/gallery.htm Tel: (01597) 810 243</p>	<p>No organised badger watches, but badgers are among the many wild animals that regularly visit the Manor.</p> <p>Badger watching by remote video, also red kites.</p>
<p>Radnorshire Phone: (01547) 520313 or (01544) 350603</p>	<p>Badger watching by arrangement for Badger Group members only. It is possible to join the Group for a small fee.</p>
<p>Rutland Anglian Birdwatching Centre, Egleton, Oakham LE15 8BT Tel: (01572) 770651</p>	<p>The evening starts with an introductory slide show and hot drink in the Birdwatching Centre. The group of up to 6 then go to the hide and wait for the badgers. There is a charge of £6 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 allanbantick@hotmail.com</p> <p>Speyside Wildlife Midsummer Mammal Weeks, Fearn, Dell Road, Nethybridge, Inverness-shire, PH25 3DG</p>	<p>Organised badger watch groups to purpose built badger hide. Disabled access available by prior arrangement.</p> <p>Badgers, otters and pine martens, as well as raptors and other wildlife.</p>
<p>Shropshire Badgerwatch Holidays, Petchfield Lodge, Elton, Nr. Ludlow, SY8 2HJ. Tel: (01568) 770775</p>	<p>Self catering badger watching holidays. Guest accommodation includes: 1 single room, 1 double en-suite and 1 twin/family room en-suite. Set in rural Shropshire, an old farm house built in 1717, warm and friendly welcome awaits those who like to watch badger. CCTV to be installed</p>

<p>Frank & Isobel Jones, Frankton House, Wlesh Frankton, Nr. Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 4PA Tel: (01691) 623422 Between Oswestry and Ellesmere</p>	<p>for year round viewing.</p> <p>From Spring for BG members and later for other selected parties. Contact through Shropshire BG</p>
<p>Somerset Secret World Badger and Wildlife Rescue Centre, New Road Farm, East Huntspill, Nr. Highbridge, Somerset. http://www.secretworld.co.uk Tel: (01278) 783250</p> <p>Denbury Farm Ashpriors Taunton Somerset TA4 3NA www.denburyfarm.co.uk Tel: (01823) 433700</p>	<p>Open occasional weekends to view wildlife including badger cubs.</p> <p>Self-catering chalets in grounds with much wildlife including deer and badgers. There are hides near a badger sett.</p>
<p>Suffolk Liz Egan, Suffolk Wildlife Trust, Brook Farm, Nr Ipswich. Tel: (01473) 890089</p>	<p>Open April-September.</p>
<p>Yorkshire Dalby Forest Visitor Centre http://www.friendsofdalbyforest.org.uk/ Tel: (01751) 472771</p>	<p>Organised watches from a comfortable, weatherproof hide, ten miles from Pickering, every Wednesday in summer. Wheelchair friendly.</p>
<p>Throughout UK Mammals Trust UK Tel: 020 7498 5262 See www.mtuk.org/index.php?page=watching_events</p> <p>The Tree Council www.treecouncil.org.uk/</p>	<p>The Mammals Trust UK runs a series of mammal watching events in the summer months, 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 BADGER TRUST, please contact us as below.