



Keeping with the outdoor theme are you aged under 11 ¾? Following last year's success of '50 things to do before you're 11¾' initiative, the National Trust has drawn up a new list of outdoor adventures including fifteen new experiences solely recommended by children.

East Riddlesden Hall is a magical place, a great space to run around, play games and make mud pies. We are very proud to have the best mud pie kitchen around and are inviting mini mud chefs to come and make muddy creations and have some fun.. We'll provide the mud, water, pots, pans and space all you need to bring is your imagination. Make a mud pie is number 13 on the top 50 list. Number 31 is hunt for bugs, we love a bit of bug hunting and have built a very special 'mini beast B&B' in the grounds as well as leaving log piles for

beetles and planting wild flower beds for the bees and butterflies.

We have forty acres to explore including a riverside walk, where, if you are lucky you might spot a kingfisher or an otter or two.

We really are teaming with wildlife and only being a mile outside of Keighley a really handy place to come for a picnic and breathe some fresh air. Look out for our series of walks planned for the autumn where you can really explore East Riddlesden Hall and learn some more about it's fascinating history.

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## BEES, BUGS & MUD PIES...

Recently East Riddlesden Hall's population has increased by some 750,000! Our new residents are of the winged variety; Bees! Working with the Airdale Beekeepers we now have a wonderful new apiary sited adjacent to our new car parking area. Harking back to when the hall was a hive of self sufficient farming activity, the apiary is a fascinating addition to the land and a real talking point. If you fancy trying your hand at beekeeping the Airedale Beekeepers run an introductory course starting in March 2014, currently three members of the East Riddlesden Hall team are taking the 2013 course, after six weeks of theory they will be let loose on the bees soon, watch this space!



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