

Now let me give you some idea of the layout of the farm. The building where you bought your tickets is the New Barn, immediately to your right, and we're now at the beginning of the main path to the farmland – and of course the car park is on your left. The scarecrow you can see in the car park in the corner, beside the main path, is a traditional figure for keeping the birds away from crops, but our scarecrow is a permanent sculpture. It's taller than a human being, so you can see it from quite a distance. Q15

If you look ahead of you, you'll see a maze. It's opposite the New Barn, beside the side path that branches off to the right just over there. The maze is made out of hedges which are too tall for young children to see over them, but it's quite small, so you can't get lost in it! Q16

Now, can you see the bridge crossing the fish pool further up the main path? If you want to go to the café, go towards the bridge and turn right just before it. Walk along the side path and the café's on the first bend you come to. The building was originally the schoolhouse, and it's well over a hundred years old. Q17

As you may know, we run skills workshops here, where you can learn traditional crafts like woodwork and basket-making. You can see examples of the work, and talk to someone about the courses, in the Black Barn. If you take the side path to the right, here, just by the New Barn, you'll come to the Black Barn just where the path first bends. Q18

Now I mustn't forget to tell you about picnicking, as I can see some of you have brought your lunch with you. You can picnic in the field, though do clear up behind you, of course. Or if you'd prefer a covered picnic area, there's one near the farmyard: just after you cross the bridge, there's a covered picnic spot on the right. Q19

And the last thing to mention is Fiddy House itself. From here you can cross the bridge then walk along the footpath through the field to the left of the farmyard. That goes to the house, and it'll give you a lovely view of it. It's certainly worth a few photographs, but as it's a private home, I'm afraid you can't go inside. Q20

Right. Well, if you're all ready, we'll set off on our tour of the farm.

SECTION 3

- LISA: OK, Greg, so I finally managed to read the article you mentioned – the one about the study on gender in physics.
- GREG: About the study of college students done by Akira Miyake and his team? Yeah. I was interested that the researchers were actually a mix of psychologists and physicists. That's an unusual combination.
- LISA: Yeah. I got a little confused at first about which students the study was based on. They weren't actually majoring in physics – they were majoring in what's known as the STEM disciplines. That's science, technology, engineering and ... Q21
- GREG: ... and math. Yes, but they were all doing physics courses as part of their studies.
- LISA: That's correct. So as I understood it, Miyake and co started from the fact that women are underrepresented in introductory physics courses at college, and also that on average, the women who do enrol on these courses perform more poorly than the men. No one really knows why this is the case.
- GREG: Yeah. But what the researchers wanted to find out was basically what they could do about the relatively low level of the women's results. But in order to find a solution they needed to find out more about the nature of the problem. Q22
- LISA: Right – now let's see if I can remember ... it was that in the physics class, the female students thought the male students all assumed that women weren't any good at physics ... was that it? And they thought that the men expected them to get poor results in their tests.