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& HIGHLAND WILDLIFE PARK

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HIGHLAND WILDLIFE PARK

Education Programme 2011/12



The Highland Wildlife Park is run by the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland (RZSS) which also owns Edinburgh Zoo. The Park is situated within the Cairngorms National Park, just off the A9, 7 miles south of Aviemore.

With the magnificent back-drop of the Cairngorms, the Park specialises in species from **cold climate** habitats such as mountain and tundra. Here you can see a diversity of wildlife, from Amur tigers to Scottish wildcats, and Bactrian camels to yak. The Park is also the only place in the UK where you can see polar bear.

The Park covers over 200 acres and is divided into a **drive-through** area comprising several paddocks and a **walk-around** area providing close-up views of many species.

Your Day at the Highland Wildlife Park

We recommend that you allow at least 3-4 hours at the Park. An Education Officer can assist your group by providing a focused lesson or specific activities.

Teacher's Preparatory Visit

Teachers are welcome to make a free visit to plan a school trip. Please call **01540 651981** to arrange this with an Education Officer.

Science Summer School

During August we offer a free week-long experience investigating the application of science at the Park. This is for a limited number of students (15-17 years old) who must apply for a place.

See our website for information and registration announcements.



For all age and ability groups :

GUIDED BUS TOUR - 30 to 45 min

An Education Officer will come on board your coach to provide an introduction to the Park, the RZSS and the animals that you can see in the drive-through area.



EXPLORATION OF THE PARK - Up to 1 hr

A guided walk featuring some of the animals from the forests, mountain and tundra habitats. This can be tailored to specific themes, for example Scottish wildlife conservation.



CLASSROOM SESSION - Up to 1 hr

Within our Education Room in the Visitor Centre, we can focus on the animals / topics of your choice, e.g. skulls, teeth and diet / biodiversity / re-introduction etc. (these can be linked to outdoor activities as well).

We cater for all learner needs and adapt sessions to suit your requirements. The majority of the Park is accessible for all, some areas do have rough ground and there are some steep paths.

You can also explore the Park by yourselves. We have resources, such as a Learning and Activity Pack, for self-guided activities during your visit. Please ask an Education Officer or visit our website for more details: www.highlandwildlifepark.org.uk under Education.

On the Wild Side of Curriculum for Excellence

Our education activities have been developed taking account of the Curriculum for Excellence **experiences and outcomes**.

The Park's education activities support exploration, discovery and experiences that help contribute to the desired outcomes.

Visiting the Park is also part of an '**Outdoor Learning**' approach recognised by Education Scotland and Curriculum for Excellence.

BOOKING YOUR VISIT

To make a booking please call **01540 651981**
or email: hwpeducation@rzss.org.uk

We will need to know: preferred date of visit, topic, age of pupils, number of pupils and any special requirements.

COST (2011-12 academic year)

As part of our charitable commitment to education we are delighted to offer education sessions at a reduced price, including admission.

£5.00 per pupil

Supervisory Adults

We provide free admission according to the following ratios:

Nursery	1 adult free per 4 children
Special Schools	1 adult per child if required
Other Ages	1 adult per 10 children
Extra Adults	£6.50



Minimum Charges & Cancellation

There is a minimum charge of £40 per class (special schools: £25) and this charge also applies for cancellation within 14 days of the visit.

Weather

The Park is open all year. Some specific animal behaviours are seasonal, and a winter visit can be just as valuable as during the spring or summer. However, there are occasions when it is necessary to close due to bad weather. On such occasions phone before you set out; we will also endeavour to let you know and to re-arrange your visit.

Visiting Without Booking An Education Lesson

Please note all groups need to pre-book (we have no maximum number but to qualify for group rates we need your advance booking). School charges quoted above apply ONLY for classes booking an education lesson with us.

How to find us

Travelling north on the A9 (Inverness), turn off for Kincaig and follow the B9152. Travelling south on the A9 (Perth), take the turning south of Aviemore to Kincaig and follow the B9152.

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