



HOMESCHOOL WORKSHOP

INFORMATION PACK





Dear Parent / Carer,

At Shepreth Wildlife Park, we are passionate about providing inspiring, hands-on educational experiences for home-educated children.

Our workshops are designed to spark curiosity, encourage discovery, and deepen understanding of the natural world.

Through a blend of engaging activities, and exploration of real-world conservation challenges, children will develop knowledge across key areas of biology, ecology, and environmental science.

We believe that meaningful learning happens through experience. By connecting children with wildlife and conservation in a fun and interactive setting, we aim to nurture compassion for living things, build confidence in scientific enquiry, and inspire the next generation of conservationists, scientists, and environmentally aware citizens.

Whether your child is already fascinated by wildlife or simply enjoys exploring and learning new things, our workshops offer an exciting opportunity to learn, ask questions, and connect with nature.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to Shepreth Wildlife Park.

Best wishes,

The Education Team

BOOKING A WORKSHOP



Please make sure you have read and understood the health and safety advice before you visit.

RATIOS OF ADULTS TO CHILDREN

One adult is included free of charge per family.

BOOKING YOUR WORKSHOP PLACE

To reserve a place, simply click the **booking link provided alongside the workshop information** and complete the online booking form.

Please note that **bookings open six weeks before the date of each workshop**. We recommend booking early, as places may be limited.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

MORNING SESSION	AFTERNOON SESSION	ACTIVITY
10:30 am	1:30 pm	Welcome and introduction in the Discovery Centre
11:15 am	2:15 pm	Guided activities and exploration in the wildlife park
12:00 pm	3:00 pm	Practical learning activities in the Discovery Centre

Admission to the wildlife park is included for the day.

WORKSHOP PRICES

CHILD

£11 each

FREE ADULT RATIO

One adult per family included free of charge

ADDITIONAL ADULT

Standard admission charges apply

HEALTH AND SAFETY ADVICE



Check cuts and grazes are covered with a waterproof dressing.



Wear suitable footwear, i.e., boots, not sandals, and clothing that can easily be washed after your visit.



Hands must be washed after touching animals, before eating or drinking and before leaving the Wildlife Park.



Those in charge of children should supervise and ensure correct hand-washing procedure:

- 🐾 Wet hands
- 🐾 Rub plenty of soap all over hands and especially under nails
- 🐾 Rinse with plenty of running water

Hand-washing facilities are shown on the Wildlife Park map.



- 🐾 Eat only in designated areas
- 🐾 Do not eat food fallen to the ground
- 🐾 Do not suck fingers, thumbs, pens, etc.



If a member of your group shows any signs of illness (e.g. sickness or diarrhoea) after a visit, advise them to visit a doctor and explain they have been in recent contact with animals.



Clean boots after your visit and don't forget to wash hands after handling dirty boots.



CODE OF SAFE BEHAVIOUR



All animals naturally carry a range of microorganisms, some of which can be transmitted to humans and cause ill health. Some infections which may be contracted at animal collections can present a serious hazard, but the risks are readily controlled by paying attention to basic hygiene measures.



While every effort is made to ensure Shepreth Wildlife Park is a safe environment for your visit, we remind you that children must be kept under strict supervision at all times and remain your responsibility.



Do not pick up tools or animals unless specifically permitted by a member of Wildlife Park staff.



Do not climb walls or fences or go into any area not specifically designated as open to the public.



Always approach animals quietly and gently. Do not chase or tease any animals. Do not throw stones or any other objects at any animal.



Do not feed the animals.



No running is allowed on or around the Wildlife Park.



No balls or ball games are permitted on the Wildlife Park.



Please be respectful of other visitors to the wildlife park during your visit.



Please pick up and dispose of all your litter in the bins provided.



No smoking is permitted around the grounds.



Please read all signs on the Wildlife Park. They are for your safety as well as the animals'.



Failure to comply with these rules may result in you being asked to leave the premises without a refund.

WORKSHOP TOPICS



Animal Behaviour & Communication 10th September 2026

We will explore animal noises, body language and how they interact with their environment and other animals. How do we track these behaviours?

Booking link: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/uv16cRnyhC>



Classification 11th September 2026

In this workshop, we will explore the diversity of the animal kingdom by learning how animals are classified, identified, and named.

Booking link: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/zHysLgjjgWJ>



Nocturnal Animals 2nd October 2026

Discover the animals that rule the night and learn about the remarkable adaptations that help them survive and thrive after dark.

Booking link: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/8GfPTLaLu9>



Invertebrates Around the World 8th October 2026

Are mini beasts always mini? Let's examine them from the smallest to the biggest — from the depths of the sea to the heights of the mountains.

Booking link: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/0eTvBbqQzr>



Cats, Dogs & Everything In-Between 5th November 2026

How are dogs and cats related? How did these once-wild animals become our closest companions at home? Let's explore the Carnivora order and the journey of domestication.

Booking link: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/wbgkE3c4ab>



Urban Habitat 6th November 2026

Let's explore the environments humans have created and consider how they affect other wildlife, both positively and negatively.

Booking link: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/A0Lsib6j5K>



Enclosure Design 10th December 2026

We will learn what it takes to design a home for a zoo animal and what to include to keep them healthy and happy.

Booking link: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/QhGMW5P9Mh>



Who Eats Whom? 11th December 2026

From predators to prey, every animal plays an important role in the food web. Join us as we explore how animals are connected through their diets, what they eat in the wild, and how we provide balanced, nutritional diets here at Shepreth Wildlife Park.

Booking link: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/JQijbm57xc>



Jobs With Animals 7th January 2027

If you're interested in a future working with animals or simply curious about how humans care for them, come along and discover more.

Booking link: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/6dakCFAPAn>



Primates & the Evolution of Humans 8th January 2027

Humans are remarkable animals, but where did we come from? Join us as we explore the fascinating story of human evolution, discover our closest animal relatives, and learn how we fit into the wider animal kingdom.

Booking link: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/Tku62YV6u8>



Senses

11th February 2027

Let's discover how animals see the world. Perception varies from species to species — so let's dive in!

Booking link: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/4K0Vm0xGxc>



The Ocean

12th February 2027

Did you know that we know more about the surface of the Moon than parts of our own oceans? Discover the fascinating creatures and habitats hidden beneath the waves as we explore Earth's final frontier together.

Booking link: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/UqWUPqkMCC>



Conservation

11th March 2027

Let's help keep the world beautiful! What impact are humans having on animals and nature — and more importantly, what are we doing to protect them?

Booking link: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/9kEhvTa2Qs>



Animal Training

12th March 2027

Ever wondered why zoo animals are trained? Join us to discover how animal training supports health, welfare, and daily care. Learn what behaviours our animals are trained to perform, why these skills are important, and the positive reinforcement techniques our keepers use to encourage them.

Booking link: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/H6dGuKNqWM>



Hedgehogs

15th April 2027

Let's talk about why we love hedgehogs, how we can help them, and what we do right here in the SWCC Hedgehog Hospital.

Booking link: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/MZqV4kmV6L>



Birds of Prey

16th April 2027

Soar into the world of birds of prey and discover the adaptations that make them such successful hunters. Learn about the fastest animals on the planet, explore their evolutionary history, and investigate the secrets hidden inside a pellet.

Booking link: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/9js8pfrmjf>



Animal Husbandry

6th May 2027

Let's step into the shoes of a zookeeper for a day. What does it take to care for the animals, and how can we enhance their lives through enrichment and thoughtful routines?

Booking link: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/zmF6TqH24Y>



Reptiles & Amphibians

7th May 2027

What is herpetology, and what makes reptiles and amphibians so fascinating? Join us as we explore the world of the slimy and the scaly, discovering the unique adaptations, behaviours, and habitats of these remarkable animals.

Booking link: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/Ak51hEUc89>



Habitats & Adaptations

10th June 2027

How do animals interact with their habitats, and how do they adapt to survive in new or changing environments? If you're curious to learn more, come along and find out!

Booking link: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/rEG3j2M8rv>



Animals in Media

11th June 2027

How do fictional animals shape our views of real wildlife? Explore the impact of animals in popular culture and learn how media can both inspire conservation and sometimes create misleading impressions about the creatures we share our planet with.

Booking link: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/p9NWRB5TJR>



Dinosaurs

8th July 2027

Discover the fascinating world of dinosaurs. We will explore the eras they dominated, how they became extinct, and how they evolved.

Booking link: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/tXvMgbf8KV>



Enrichment

9th July 2027

How do we keep animals mentally stimulated and encourage their natural behaviours in a zoo? Discover the importance of enrichment in animal welfare, explore a variety of enrichment used at Shepreth Wildlife Park, and help create some yourself.

Booking link: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/mBkJYTVuHy>

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

BOOKING

-  Bookings will open 6 weeks in advance of each workshop.
-  To reserve a space you must complete a booking form.
-  We require a minimum of ten children to make the sessions viable. If this number is not reached one week in advance of the workshop, you will be contacted to reschedule your booking.
-  Please choose either the morning or afternoon workshop session when making your booking.
-  Admission is included for the whole day.

PAYMENT

-  Once you have completed a booking form, you have 2 days to make payment or the space you have reserved will be released.
-  Bookings are non-refundable and non-transferrable.
-  No vouchers or discount codes, including Tesco reward tokens, can be used as payment towards a booking.
-  Due to the additional activities being provided, annual passes, including Home Educator annual passes, are not valid for workshop bookings.

YOUR VISIT

-  At the start of your workshop, you will be given a health and safety briefing outlining important information. It is important that all children and adults pay attention during this briefing.
-  Children must be supervised at all times. Free admission is given to one adult per family for this purpose.
-  Any person not adhering to the Code of Safe Behaviour will be asked to leave immediately without refund.