



DISCOVER, LEARN, EXPLORE

EDUCATION PACK

FOR PRE-SCHOOL & PRIMARY SCHOOL GROUPS





Thank you for choosing Shepreth Wildlife Park for your educational visit.

We are delighted to welcome you and your students and look forward to helping you create a memorable and inspiring learning experience.

At Shepreth Wildlife Park, our workshops are designed to bring the natural world to life through interactive, engaging, and immersive activities. We provide opportunities for learners to explore wildlife, develop their understanding of conservation, and apply their knowledge in a fun and meaningful way.

Our aim is to inspire curiosity, encourage critical thinking, and foster a lifelong appreciation for the natural world. By connecting students with wildlife and conservation, we hope to support and inspire the next generation of zoologists, scientists, educators, environmentalists, and decision-makers.

This information pack contains everything you need to prepare for your visit, including practical information, workshop details, and guidance to help ensure the day runs smoothly.

We look forward to welcoming you to Shepreth Wildlife Park and sharing an exciting educational experience with your students.

For any enquiries or to book a visit, please contact us at
admin@sheprethwildlifepark.co.uk

The Education Team
Shepreth Wildlife Park



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PLANNING YOUR VISIT



Please make sure all accompanying adults have read and understand the Health and Safety Advice and Risk Assessments before your visit.

WOULD YOU LIKE AN EDUCATION SESSION?

An educational workshop is included free of charge to all visiting school groups.

COME ON A PRELIMINARY VISIT

Two teachers are entitled to a free preliminary visit to prepare for your trip and carry out a risk assessment. Please call or email to book.

BOOKING YOUR VISIT

Please email
admin@sheprethwildlifepark.co.uk
to arrange your visit

RATIOS OF ADULTS TO CHILDREN

To help ensure a safe and enjoyable visit, we recommend the following minimum adult-to-child supervision ratios:

PRE-SCHOOL GROUPS

1 adult to every 4 children is included **free of charge**

PRIMARY SCHOOL GROUPS

1 adult to every 8 children is included **free of charge**

These ratios are intended as a guide only. Schools and settings are responsible for carrying out their own risk assessments and must ensure they bring a sufficient number of supervising adults to meet the needs of their group and maintain appropriate levels of supervision throughout the visit.

Where a child or young person requires **1:1 support**, their accompanying support adult may attend **free of charge**.

ARRIVAL ARRANGEMENTS

The Wildlife Park opens at 10:00. We request a member of the party make their way into our main entrance shop to let our staff know you have arrived and to verify numbers. We will then arrange for a Health and Safety talk.



SUSTAINABLE VISIT



Consider bringing reusable water bottles to refill throughout the day at the water fountain



Use the recycling bins on site to dispose of your waste



Consider bringing your lunch in a reusable bag rather than a plastic bag



Shepreth Wildlife Park is next door to Shepreth train station, making it easy to travel by train



YOUR VISIT

OPENING HOURS

March to October
10:00 to 17:00

November to February
10:00 to 16:00

HEALTH & SAFETY GUIDANCE

All adult helpers must be aware of the health and safety information and rules and regulations set out in this education pack in advance of your visit. It is the responsibility of the visit organiser to share this information with all adult helpers. On arrival, please let our admission team know you have arrived before children disembark the coach. Our education officer will give your group a brief health and safety talk on board before you begin your visit.

SUPERVISION

Children must be supervised by a responsible adult at all times. Group leaders and accompanying adults are responsible for the behaviour, safety, and welfare of their students throughout the day, including during educational sessions, lunch breaks, and whilst exploring the park. We ask all visitors to follow park rules and staff guidance to help ensure a safe, enjoyable, and respectful experience for everyone.

HEAD COUNT

Please confirm how many adults and children are in attendance so we can send you an invoice.

EDUCATION WORKSHOP

At the time of booking, you will receive confirmation of your workshop booking. Please meet our education officer at the discovery centre for your workshop at your allocated time.

LUNCH ARRANGEMENTS

You are welcome to use any of the picnic areas located around the grounds. In the event of extreme weather on the day, we will book you a space indoors to have lunch.

YOUR VISIT

VISITING THE GIFT SHOP

You are welcome to browse our Gift Shop, but we politely request that no more than 12 children enter at once, and children must be accompanied by an adult.

PLAY AREAS

School groups are not permitted to use the play equipment inside Ringo's Play Zone. There is an outdoor play area you are welcome to use.

FIRST AID

If a member of your party requires first aid assistance, please speak to any member of our team.

CODE OF SAFE BEHAVIOUR

Any group not adhering to the information set out in this pack will be asked to leave immediately without refund.





EDUCATION PRICES

STUDENT

£7 + VAT

FREE ADULT RATIO

**Pre-School
1:4**

**Primary School
1:8**

ADDITIONAL ADULT

£8 + VAT

The price includes a complimentary 30-minute workshop



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.



On arrival, please let our admission team know you have arrived before children disembark the coach. Our education officer will give your group a brief health and safety talk on board before you begin your visit.



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.



CODE OF SAFE BEHAVIOUR



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



School groups are not permitted to use the play equipment inside Ringo's Play Zone.



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.





EDUCATION SESSION GUIDELINES

PROTOCOL AND GUIDELINES FOR STANDARD EDUCATION SESSIONS

EARLY YEARS, RECEPTION, KEY STAGES 1-2

STAFF

At least 1 Education Officer

SIZE OF CLASS

10 students minimum, 30 students maximum

LOCATION

Education & Discovery Centre

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Guidance and safety information is given on arrival to each visiting group by an Education Officer

EDUCATION WORKSHOPS

As part of your visit to Shepreth Wildlife Park, all school groups receive a complimentary 30-minute educational workshop, delivered by a member of our Education Team.

Our workshops are designed to be engaging, interactive, and accessible for a wide range of learners. Sessions may incorporate a variety of learning methods, including presentations, discussion-based activities, worksheets, games, tabletop tasks, and the use of artefacts to support learning and bring topics to life.

We aim to inspire curiosity about the natural world while supporting curriculum-linked learning outcomes in a fun and memorable way. Our workshops encourage pupils to ask questions, share ideas, and develop a greater understanding of wildlife, conservation, and the environment.

To help us provide the best possible experience for your group, please share any relevant information about your pupils' needs, requirements, or accessibility considerations at the time of booking. This enables us to adapt our delivery where appropriate and ensure all learners can participate fully.

Please note that live animals are not used during our classroom-based workshops. Students will have the opportunity to see a wide range of animals throughout their visit to the park.

SEPTEMBER TO FEBRUARY WINTER OFFER

Schools visiting between September and February can benefit from an exciting seasonal offer designed to enhance your educational experience.

As standard, all educational visits include a complimentary 30-minute curriculum-linked workshop delivered by our Education Team. During the autumn and winter months, participating school groups can also choose one 60-minute workshop for no extra charge, providing even more opportunities for pupils to engage with wildlife, conservation, and the natural world.

This extended session allows students to learn through interactive activities, discussion, and hands-on learning experiences.

EARLY YEARS & RECEPTION

1 SUPER SENSES

We will investigate how we use our senses to explore the world around us as well as how animals use their senses to survive.

SESSION OPTIONS

DURATION

- | | |
|---|------------|
|  Super Senses <i>Touch & Feel</i> | 30 minutes |
|  Super Senses <i>Walk</i> | 30 minutes |
|  Super Senses <i>Winter Option*</i> | 1 hour |

*Two options combined: *Touch & Feel* + *Walk*

2 LOG PILE HABITAT

We will investigate and identify who lives in a log along with a basic idea of what happens if something goes wrong in the log pile. We introduce the basic concept of a food chain.

SESSION OPTIONS

DURATION

- | | |
|---|------------|
|  Log Pile Habitat | 30 minutes |
|  Log Pile Habitat <i>Winter Option*</i> | 1 hour |

*Continuing their learning on log pile habitats, students will create mini-beasts to add to the log pile made by the group.

3 iSAND SESSION

This session uses our interactive iSandbox. This fully immersive sand box uses light and sound to help pupils understand the world around them. We also encourage communication as well as physical and mental stimulation.

SESSION OPTIONS

DURATION

- | | |
|--|------------|
|  iSand | 30 minutes |
|  iSand <i>Winter Option*</i> | 45 minutes |

*iSand + story



SEND SESSIONS

We want to ensure our workshops are as inclusive as possible. Please let us know in advance if there are any adjustments we can make to help make your visit run smoothly. Please provide any relevant information on the booking form.

We have a quiet space and some table activities available for any students who are unable to participate fully in the workshop session. Our education officer can direct you to these areas or activities upon request.

1 DISCOVERY SESSION

We use a variety of animal artifacts to explore the world around us. We encourage pupils to explore their senses through touch, while using descriptive words.

DURATION 30 minutes

2 iSAND SESSION

This session uses our interactive iSandbox. This fully immersive sand box uses light and sound to help pupils understand the world around them. We also encourage communication as well as physical and mental stimulation.

DURATION 30 minutes

3 WILDLIFE WALK

Enjoy a guided tour around the wildlife park learning about the animals.

DURATION 30 minutes

KS1 & KS2

1

MINI-BEASTS

We will investigate different types of mini-beasts and how we can identify and group them. We will discover what type of habitats they might live in, what pupils can do to help the mini-beasts in their own gardens or school garden and understand why it is important to have them in the environment.

Curriculum link: Animals, including humans. Living things and their habitat.

SESSION OPTIONS

 **Mini-Beasts**

 **Mini-Beasts *Winter Option****

*We will continue our learning on mini-beasts and build a log pile habitat as a group to learn which animals live in there

DURATION

30 minutes

1 hour

2

HABITATS & ADAPTATIONS

We introduce the words 'habitat' and 'adaptation'. Pupils will look at plants and animals in different habitats and how they have adapted to survive. We will encourage pupils to understand how fragile these habitats are.

Curriculum link: Animals, including humans. Living things and their habitat.

SESSION OPTIONS

 **Habitats & Adaptations**

 **Habitats & Adaptations *Winter Option****

*We will continue our learning of habitats and animal adaptations, as each table becomes a habitat and students take part in interactive games and activities

DURATION

30 minutes

1 hour



3 WHO EATS WHOM?

Understand what animals need to survive. Introduce the words 'carnivore', 'herbivore', and 'omnivore'. Investigate simple food chains to understand consumers/producers and predators/prey. Gain an idea of what happens if the food chain breaks down.

Curriculum link: Animals, including humans. Living things and their habitat.

SESSION OPTIONS

DURATION

-  **Who Eats Whom?** 30 minutes
 -  **Who Eats Whom? Winter Option*** 1 hour
- *We will continue our learning on food chains, investigate animal artefacts and create a larger scale food chain within an ecosystem

4 SPOTS, STRIPES & ALL THINGS BRIGHT

An introduction to camouflage. How it is used and why it is important.

Curriculum link: Animals, including humans. Living things and their habitat.

SESSION OPTIONS

DURATION

-  **Spots, Stripes & All Things Bright** 30 minutes
 -  **Spots, Stripes & All Things Bright Winter Option*** 1 hour
- *We will continue our learning and study how and why some animals change colour... it's not all about camouflage!

5 WHAT IS THAT?

First dive into how we can group animals together to identify them, introducing the words 'carnivore', 'herbivore', 'omnivore', 'mammals', 'birds', 'reptiles', 'amphibians', 'fish', 'vertebrates' and 'invertebrates'.

Curriculum link: Animals, including humans. Living things and their habitat.

SESSION OPTIONS

DURATION

-  **What Is That?** 30 minutes
 -  **What Is That? Winter Option*** 1 hour
- *We will continue our learning on classification and play a game of *Shepreth Animal Guess Who?* using words learnt in the session

6

ENDANGERED ANIMALS WILDLIFE WALK

Enjoy a guided tour of the wildlife park with an introduction to conservation and why it is important. We will investigate how and why animals become extinct and ask if we can stop it. We will explain the term 'endangered'.

Curriculum link: Animals, including humans. Living things and their habitat.

SESSION OPTIONS

 **Endangered Animals Wildlife Walk**

 **Endangered Animals Wildlife Walk Winter Option***

*We will continue our learning from walking around the zoo, as we go back in time to learn how zoos started and evolved to modern day conservation-focused zoos

DURATION

30 minutes

1 hour





SECONDARY SCHOOL

1

CONSERVATION IN ACTION

We will explore why species become endangered and what can be done to protect them. Students will discover the different challenges involved in wildlife conservation and consider a range of perspectives through a role-based silent debate. Then, they will use information and evidence to respond to different viewpoints before working together to develop their own solution for protecting wildlife.

Curriculum link: Ecosystems, biodiversity and human impact on the environment.

Learning Objectives:

- 🐾 Understand what conservation means and why it is important
- 🐾 Identify some of the major threats facing wildlife today
- 🐾 Explore how organisations and individuals work to conserve wildlife
- 🐾 Develop creativity, communication, and problem-solving skills

SESSION OPTIONS

- 🐾 **Conservation In Action**
- 🐾 **Conservation In Action *Winter Option****

*We will continue on our learning from the silent debate and create posters showcasing conservation action plans to resolve human-wildlife conflicts

DURATION

30 minutes
1 hour

2

ANIMAL BEHAVIOUR & INVESTIGATION

We will explore the basics of animal behaviour, how it can be studied and why understanding behaviour is important for animal welfare. Students will be introduced into how zoos use behavioural observations and welfare assessments to understand animals' needs and inform enclosure design.

Curriculum link: Animal behaviour, adaptations and ecosystems.

Learning Objectives:

-  Understand how observing animal behaviour can help identify animals' needs and support their welfare
-  Learn about animal care, enrichment and welfare
-  Explore the importance of habitat and enclosure design

SESSION OPTIONS

-  **Animal Behaviour & Investigation**
-  **Animal Behaviour & Investigation *Winter Option****

*We will continue our learning of animal behaviour as students are challenged to come up with enrichment ideas to encourage animals' natural behaviours

DURATION

30 minutes
1 hour

3

CAREERS IN CONSERVATION & ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

We will explore the wide range of careers in conservation and animal management, and discover the different skills, qualifications and pathways that can lead to a career in the industry, with a particular focus on animal management. Students will learn about the variety of roles available and receive practical advice and top tips for pursuing a career working with animals and conservation.

Curriculum link: Careers, biodiversity and conservation

Learning Objectives:

-  Understand the role and responsibilities of a zookeeper
-  Gain an appreciation for wildlife conservation and careers working with animal
-  Discover the skills and pathways that can help you pursue a career working with animals and conservation

DURATION 30 minutes

SLEEPOVERS

If you would be interested in organising a sleepover for your class, please contact us for more information.





MAP OF THE PARK

Please scan this QR code to view the map of the park.



OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Ice creams and gifts are available to pre-order. We will send you an order form with your booking confirmation.



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

BOOKING

-  Bookings must be made in advance by emailing admin@sheprethwildlifepark.co.uk
-  Your booking will not be confirmed until you have completed the online booking form.
-  To qualify for an educational visit, bookings will only be taken for term-time visits.
-  Educational bookings are suitable for school groups of between ten and three hundred children.

QUOTATION & PAYMENT

-  Once we have received your completed booking form, we will send you a **quotation confirming the details and estimated cost of your visit**. This quotation is provided for approval and budgeting purposes, and no payment is required prior to your visit.
-  Following your trip, we will confirm the final number of pupils and adults who attended and issue an **invoice based on actual attendance**. Payment is required within **7 days** of the invoice date.
-  Please note that a **minimum charge equivalent to 10 children** applies to all educational bookings, even if attendance falls below this number on the day of your visit.
-  If there are any significant changes to your group size before your visit, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can update your booking accordingly.

CANCELLATIONS

-  If cancelled at least one week in advance, no charge will be made.
-  If cancelled with less than one week's notice, a £25 charge will be incurred.
-  On the day cancellations will be subject to a £50 charge.