

Learning Gone Wild!



Send the curriculum wild this year, with a trip to the Curraghs Wildlife Park! Choose from the wide variety of workshops - or tell us how to design one especially for your group.

Wild learning is memorable, and fun!

How to book

Booking is easy! You can either:
Email liz.brunswick@gov.im or phone Liz on 693582 (desk) or 897323 (main office, leave a message).

Specify your preferred date/s, the age and number of pupils, and your topic. You will receive confirmation of the booking, including times for your education sessions - and that's it!



Any questions? Want to discuss your trip? Pick up the phone anytime!

Check our website for current schools admission price

Find us on the Cornerstones Curriculum Memorable Experiences Map



Information Pack

On booking we'll send you everything you need to plan your trip, plus pre- and post-visit resources.



Education Sessions

Recommended age group ● Reception ● KS 1 ● KS 2

We always adapt the content of sessions to suit the age of your pupils

Choose from these options.
Or let us tailor a session especially for your group.

All about Minibeasts ● ● ●

Your class will get close up with some amazing invertebrates in this hands-on workshop, to learn about their fascinating lives and essential role in the wild.

Habitats and Adaptation ● ●

This session aims to develop a solid understanding of why and how different animals have adapted to different habitats. Using various props and live animals, we explore the world's amazing biodiversity.

Super Senses ● ●

Based mostly (weather permitting) in the Secret Garden, this workshop highlights some of the incredible senses found in the animal kingdom, through a fun exploration of the pupils' own senses.

Rainforest Exploration ● ●

This very popular session takes pupils on an imaginary journey to the tropical rainforest, to learn about the amazing plants and animals there, and the dangers they face. If you are bringing more than one group, shorter sessions can be arranged.

Predators ● ●

Eat or be eaten! We explore a variety of replica skulls and other biofacts to highlight the differences between predator and their prey.

Classification ● ●

Sorting animals into groups fascinates all age groups and is a brilliant starting point for developing an understanding of the natural world. In this session we use pictures, biofacts and live animals to explore the characteristics of different animal groups.

Eco Warriors! ●

Most of today's youngsters care passionately about saving the planet. Using dressing-up props and biofacts, this session will develop a clear understanding of the challenges that face animals in the wild, and how we can help.

African Safari ● ●

Although the Wildlife Park cannot boast "the big five", we have some amazing African biofacts, as well as some smaller African species, to inspire your pupils! A brief slide show gives an overview of Africa's incredible biodiversity.

Junior Zookeeper Training! ●

In this newly introduced session, children will learn all about the role of the zoo keeper, and get a chance to practise some of the skills a zookeeper needs. In the schoolroom we will prepare real food for the monkeys, use a real microchip reader to select an individual (toy!) lemur, and test essential observation skills.

Awesome Australia ● ●

With the help of a slide show, some interesting biofacts and replicas, and a friendly bearded dragon, this session teaches the children about the unique and fascinating wildlife found in Australia.

Teddy Bears Outing * ●

This session invites Reception children to bring their teddies to the Park to learn about real wild bears! A "hunt the teddies" trail, a sing-song and an interactive story ensure a fun outing. Pre-visit, your class will receive an invitation, and a template to make teddy bear passports (a requirement of entry!). *Summer Term only

Learning Tour ● ● ●

Would you prefer your education session to take place outdoors at the animal enclosures?

We will pick up the portable PA and take your pupils on a learning tour, with interactive talks close to the animals. You can pick 4-6 of your favourite animals, or let us select the best ones for your topic.

Self-Guided Visit ● ● ●

School groups can opt to do their own thing around the Park and not book an education session. Feel free to get in touch if you would like to be sent a trail to have up your sleeve, to occupy your pupils on the day.

Our Education Team

We are Liz and Siobhan - both qualified teachers and experienced zoo educators. Want to discuss a visit? Pick up the phone anytime!



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Trails

Each of the education sessions in this programme has a trail to accompany it, so that your walk around the Park can focus on your topic. **(Note: these are available even if you have not booked an education session and prefer a self-guided trip - just ask when you book.)**

Curragh Nature Trail



Leading you through an amazing natural habitat, the re-developed nature trail features child-friendly and interactive interpretation. There are brasses to rub for which booklets are on sale in the shop; however we can send you a simpler version in pdf for you to print out yourself - just ask.



Off-season specials!

If you'd like to visit the Wildlife Park in the winter, but don't want too much time outdoors, why not book one of our popular all-day workshops? You'll be learning indoors for much of the day, with only a short optional trail outdoors.



*Reception classes only,
autumn term*

Colour-Me-Wild

With 10 different activities planned especially for this age group, our award-winning workshop teaches all about colour and pattern in the natural world. Teachers say that children never forget their fantastic experience at this popular first workshop!



*KS1/KS2,
spring term*

Rainforest Magic

This content-packed day aims to inspire children to want to protect these important habitats. Let us plan the day for you, or talk to us about the many different options we can offer.

Live Animals

We use at least one live animal (invertebrates, reptiles) in every session - and wherever possible allow pupils to touch. Let us know if you would prefer a "look and learn" approach instead.



Conservation Matters!

Inspiring children to care about the planet and want to protect it, is central to everything we do! So an age-appropriate conservation message is a key part of all the sessions in this programme.

Some useful information ...

The Mangrove Cafe

Phone 896516 if you would like to purchase lunch for your group. (The cafe is a separate business so cannot be used to eat packed lunches)



Picnics at the Park

There are several picnic areas around the Park (the playbarn and adjacent shelter are under cover)



Playgrounds

The Park boasts several fabulous play areas to suit all ages:



- The Enchanted Wood: large wooden huts with slides and climbing frames
- The Play Barn: indoor soft play area for age 8* and under (*height restriction)
- The Adventure Playground: swings, climbing frames, zip wire, and more!
- The Jumping Pillow - a huge inflated pillow for bouncing!



Toilets

Toilets are situated near the playbarn, and also next to the cafe.



Bags

Bags can be left in the schoolroom's cloakroom. If you have large numbers of pupils, we can advise you of other places where bags could be left on the day.



Service Bus Routes

The Park is serviced by routes 5, 6, 5A & 6C



Wheelchair Access

The schoolroom and all routes around the Park are accessible to wheelchairs



Marquee

The large marquee is charged out to public and corporate groups. However schools can hire this for a deposit only fully refundable if left in a clean and tidy state.



Health and Safety

School groups should complete their own risk assessment, for their particular group. To help you, we provide a list of guidelines.

