

Conservation Education



The Curraghs Wildlife Park's Education Programme

Unique and memorable experiences for young learners, inspiring them to love and care about our precious earth and safeguard its future.

To book your trip:

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Specify your school, year group, approximate number of pupils, topic and suitable dates. We will confirm a date and send you a booking form.



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

Planning Your Trip

On booking we'll send you all the information you need to plan a successful visit to the Wildlife Park

Wildlife Park Map





“In the end we will conserve only what we love, we will love only what we understand, and we will understand only what we are taught”

Baba Dioum, 1968

At the Curraghs Wildlife Park we are passionate about connecting people with amazing wildlife, and developing their understanding of the natural world.

We believe that fun, inspiring learning experiences and memorable encounters can help to foster empathy with wildlife that will lead to a greater sense of responsibility for the environment.

Whatever your topic, we will endeavour to inspire your pupils and help them to understand the challenges that face wildlife, and to feel empowered to make choices that will make a difference.

Choose your Education Session

Recommended age group ● Reception ● KS 1 ● KS 2 Sessions are always pitched to suit the age of your pupils

Rainforest Exploration ● ● ●

This very popular session demonstrates the importance and biodiversity of tropical rainforests, teaching about the amazing plants and animals that live there and empowering the children to take small actions in their lives that can help to save these vital habitats.

Minibeasts and More ● ● ●

Getting close up with an interesting invertebrate or two, your class will learn about the fascinating features of these incredible animals, and their vital role in the environment. An ideal workshop for your Wiggle and Crawl Topic.

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.

Predators ● ●

Eat or be eaten! We explore a variety of replica skulls and other biofacts to highlight the differences between predator and their prey. We take a look at a simple food chain to develop understanding of who eats who.

Super Senses ● ●

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

Fur, Feathers and Scales ● ●

Sorting animals into groups fascinates all age groups and helps develop an understanding of the natural world. Choose this topic if your KS1 group are looking at "Paws, Claws and Whiskers". KS2 groups will explore the topic in greater depth.

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 in a fun and memorable workshop.

Animal Adventure ●●●

The perfect choice for a general visit, and ideal for treat/enrichment/team-building trips. We will adapt this topic to suit your group, and try to include anything about animals that you ask us to highlight.

Charles Darwin and Evolution ● Yr 5/6

Charles Darwin revolutionised our understanding of the animal kingdom with his theory of evolution. This workshop explores Darwin's discoveries and how natural selection adapts animals to live in a variety of habitats.

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 an activity trail, or arrange a meet up at an animal enclosure.

Outdoor Learning Tour ●●●

Would you prefer your education session to take place outdoors, next to 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 up to 5 of your favourite animals, or let us select the best ones for your topic. For very young children we will incorporate activities such as animal sounds and movement. If the weather is just too bad to be outside, we will move into the classroom and adapt accordingly!

Learning around the world

Awesome Australia ●●

With the help of a slide show, interesting biofacts and replicas, not to mention our Australian inhabitants, this session teaches the children about Australia's unique and fascinating wildlife.

African Safari ●●

Although the Wildlife Park cannot boast "the big five", we have some amazing African biofacts and a slide show, as well as some smaller African species, to inspire your pupils!

Cold at the Poles ●●

Despite not having polar species in the Park, we have animals from very cold habitats, and can bring your topic to life in the classroom using our collection of amazing biofacts.

Groups with special needs

We recognise that the special needs "umbrella" covers a very diverse range of different individual needs, so we will always do our best to accommodate your particular requirements when you visit. Please speak to our education staff when you book, to ensure that we fully understand exactly what you need.

Bespoke Sessions

If you don't see something suitable here, get in touch and we'll do our best to tailor a session to fit your topic.



Please help us to improve and develop our education by filling in this evaluation form after your visit



The Curragh Nature Trail

The Curragh Nature Trail could form the main focus of your trip - perfect if you are studying local habitat, or Manx Biosphere (ask about an accompanying classroom session). Or if time allows, you could enjoy exploring when you have completed your main topic.

Located on the southern side of the Wildlife Park, the Curragh Nature Trail leads you through an internationally recognised unique natural wetland habitat.

It features a wealth of child-friendly and interactive interpretation and a brass rubbing trail. We can supply schools with a shorter version of the trail booklet in pdf for you to print - just ask.



Colour-Me-Wild

Reception classes only, 10:30 - 14:30. October & November



Inspiring children with wonder for wildlife from a young age is the best way to ensure they grow up wanting to protect it.

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 tell us that children never forget their fantastic experience at this popular first workshop!

"Together we can save our wild world - acre by acre"

Buy an Acre!



Find out more!
It's easy to
pay for your
acre, and you
can check out
other options.

Join other IOM school Habitat Heroes in protecting the Amazon Rainforest and other incredible wild habitats! By fundraising to purchase an acre of land through the **World Land Trust**, you can ensure that an acre of one of the earth's most precious ecosystems will be protected from destruction.

We would be delighted to visit your school assembly to present you with a certificate, and add your school to our "Habitat Heroes" board of honour in the schoolroom.

