Bowland Wild Boar Park

Chipping, nr. Preston

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EDUCATION PACK

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Introduction:-

Bowland Wild Boar Park has a large range of activities to offer groups of all ages. The following pack gives a background to the park, along with some information and ideas to carry out with your class, before, during and after your visit.

A brief history of the park:-

Bill bought the land in 1977 and it was originally a pig farm. Along with the pigs Bill also began to keep Wild Boars as a hobby, when pig farming hit bad times Bill and his family had to find new ways to make a living. In 2000 the park was opened up to the public allowing them to come and see the wild boars. Since the parks opening in 2000 it has gradually expanded to now include:-

- a large range of animals from pigs to meerkats,
- a café,
- A climate change classroom
- A farming and wildlife education room
- tractor and trailer rides
- barrel rides
- woodland walks
- nature trails
- a large play park
- a play straw barn area
- Sculpture walks

Every year we try to find new ways to enhance the park and are always open to suggestions for improvement.

NEW FOR 2011: Meerkat Manor
Site for new 'Iron-Age' Round House taking shape

WILD BOAR PARK - GUIDANCE FOR TEACHERS

"Enjoy the peace, take in the fresh air and appreciate this area of natural beauty."

A visit to Bowland Wild Boar Park (WBP) has endless possibilities to enrich the Early Years Foundation stage (age 3-5) and KS1 (age 5-7) curriculum.

The trails have been developed to enable adults to help children appreciate the environment in which they are visiting, to help them explore their senses and draw comparisons with their own locality.

Special animal and nature worksheets and quizzes can be provided on request. (Word search, Maze, I spy, Animal to Study)

Please complete the evaluation sheet at the back of this pack and return it to us at the end of your visit as your feedback is greatly appreciated.

We hope you enjoy your visit and look forward to you visiting again.

PLEASE WASH YOUR HANDS AFTER FEEDING & TOUCHING ANIMALS.

SAFETY AND THE COUNTRY CODE

The WBP has a number of nature walks for visitors to enjoy. These are shown on the enclosed map.

The paths along the nature walks can be uneven and muddy, especially during wet weather, and strong suitable footwear is recommended.

When visiting the WBP the following points should be noted:

- Always wash hands after feeding or handling the animals.
- Do not feed the pigs or wild boar.
- Keep to the paths.
- Do not climb on fences or gates
- Do not pick any wild flowers.
- Vehicles are in use within the WBP and care should be taken.
- Please observe the safety information posters at all times.

Teachers could also take the opportunity to introduce children to the Country Code.

For more information please visit: www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk

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RISK ASSESSMENT FOR GROUPS

NEAREST HEALTH CENTRES:
LONGRIDGE: BERRY LANE, LONGRIDGE, PR3 3JJ 01772 783021
CLITHEROE: RAILWAY VIEW ROAD, CLITHEROE, BB7 2JQ 01200 413535

NEAREST A & E:
PRESTON: ROYAL PRESTON HOSPITAL, SHAROE GREEN LANE, FULWOOD, PRESTON, PR2 9HT, 01772 716565
BLACKBURN: ROYAL BLACKBURN HOSPITAL, HASLINGDEN ROAD, BLACKBURN, BB2 3HH, 01254 263555

- The Wild Boar Park Management have a number of policy and procedure documents, approved by the National Union of Farmers that can be viewed at site, as and when required.

- **This is only a guide and it is recommended that prior to your visit you carry out a risk assessment of your own to ensure you are aware of the surroundings and any other hazards.**

- When carrying out your own risk assessment on the park you are advised to read the HSE information sheet 'Avoiding Ill health at open farms - advise for teachers'.

- **Schools must complete a form 1B and risk assessment and forward them to Lancashire County Council office for approval prior to visiting.**

RISK	AREA	HAZARD	WHO MAY BE AT RISK	MEASURES IN PLACE
Low	Car park	Moving vehicles	CHILDREN & ADULTS	Care to be taken when on car park during arrival and departure times.
				Public vehicles moving around car park
Low	Park Grounds	Stranger danger/Lost child	CHILDREN	Meeting point advised
				Regular head counts recommended
Low	Foot paths	Uneven ground in places	CHILDREN & ADULTS	Care to be taken when walking around park grounds
		Steep paths		
		Slippery when wet		
Low	Fences and Gates	Unsafe for climbing	CHILDREN	Instructions given "NO CLIMBING"
Low	Ponds	Deep water		Fenced off, no access to public
Low	Vehicles	Moving vehicles	CHILDREN & ADULTS	Farm vehicles moving around the park
				Public vehicles moving around car park
Low	River	Deep water	CHILDREN & ADULTS	Fenced off, no access to public
Low	Sculptures	Falling off/Falling over	CHILDREN	Instructions given "NO CLIMBING"
Low	Fire	Safe evacuation needed	CHILDREN & ADULTS	A fire drill procedure is in place.
				There is a fire bell located on the entrance cabin, with a notice displaying our postcode and telephone number.
				The assembly point is the car park,
Low	Animal Handling (lambs, chicks)	Germs	CHILDREN & ADULTS	Guidance given on how to bottle feed animals, children are supervised at all times and not left alone with animals
				Wipes are provided but hand washing is also recommended after this activity
				Instructions on importance of hand washing after feeding/handling animals is given and displayed around park
Low	Animal feeding	Germs	CHILDREN & ADULTS	Guidance given on how to hand feed animals
		Animals may bite or spit		Instructions on importance of hand washing after feeding/handling animals is given and displayed around park

RISK	AREA	HAZARD	WHO MAY BE AT RISK	MEASURES IN PLACE
Low	Toilets and Hand washing	Germs	CHILDREN & ADULTS	Instructions on importance of hand washing after feeding/handling animals is given and displayed around park
		Tiled floor slippery when wet		Under 5's should be supervised when washing their hands
				Hand washing is advised to be carried out before leaving the premises.
Low	Picnic Area		CHILDREN & ADULTS	Please wash hands before eating and or drinking
				Litter bins are provided for public use.
Low	Café	Steps to café	CHILDREN & ADULTS	Care should be taken when approaching café area using the hand rail available
		Tiled floor slippery when wet		
Low	Play park area	Falling off equipment	CHILDREN	Adult supervision recommended
				Suitable clothing & footwear recommended
				Metal frames can become slippery in wet weather and very hot in sunny weather
				When children using the zip wire, they should be supervised by an adult at all times.
Low	Rabbit Warren	Germs	CHILDREN	Instructions on importance of hand washing after playing near mud are displayed around park
				Care must be taken when using rabbit warren, entering and exiting where signs dictate
				Adult supervision recommended
Low	Sand Play Area	Germs	CHILDREN	Instructions on importance of hand washing after playing near mud are displayed around park
				Adult supervision recommended
Low	Straw Barn Play Area	Falling off straw bales	CHILDREN & ADULTS	Instructions on importance of hand washing after playing near mud are displayed around park
				Adult supervision recommended
Low	Pedal Tractors	Falling off equipment	CHILDREN	Notices displayed stating tractors for under 8's only
				Adult supervision recommended
				Equipment inspected regularly for damage
Low	Tractor & Trailer Ride	Falling off	CHILDREN & ADULTS	Equipment inspected regularly for damage
				Children must stay seated at all times when the vehicle is moving.
Low	Tractor & Barrel Ride	Falling	CHILDREN & ADULTS	Equipment inspected regularly for damage
				Seatbelts must be worn at all times whilst vehicle is moving.
				The speed limit for this ride is 5 miles per hour

Outline of your day:

10.30 am Welcome

Arrive at the park, staff and children are given a warm welcome in the education centre, including a complimentary drink of tea/coffee for the teachers and soft drink for the children. A short health and safety talk will be given for each school group and a general outline of the activities is discussed.

11.00 am Feeding time

The welcome will be followed by lamb feeding (season permitting—usually January to June) and chick stroking all year.

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11.30 am Wild Boar Walk

We will then take your group around the wild boars, telling you a little bit about them and allowing you to see them up close while they are being fed.

12.00 pm Lunch time, time to re-fuel!

Activities for the afternoon include:

- Tractor and trailer ride
- Walk around our other animals, allowing the children to have a go at feeding them.
- Walk through the woods, telling you a little bit about the animals and trees which live there.

This leaves enough time for the kids to have a play on the park to wear them out before the bus journey back!

If there is anything else you would like to include please let us know.
If you would prefer not to have any animal contact an alternative itinerary can be arranged on request.

Due to unforeseen circumstances events could be changed without prior notice.

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Chipping, Nr. Preston, Contact: Chris, Tel./Fax: 01995 61554

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720 metres —Animal Walk

1200 metres—Bluebell Walk

1000 metres—Wild Boar Walk

1332 metres— Yellow Nature Trail

1500 metres—Tractor Ride

1000 Mts —Totem Pole Trail

1200 Mts —Cartoon Trail

PLEASE RETAIN THIS MAP AS PROOF OF PAYMENT

LAMB FEEDING AT
11am 2pm & 4.30pm
FOLLOWED BY CHICK STROKING

1, Pheasants & Quails	8, Pen Resting	14, Big Tractor & Trailer Rides	21, Rabbit Warren	27 Site for New 'Iron Age' Round House
2, Meerkats	9, Guinea pigs	15, Pedal Tractors	22, Pen resting	28, Pheasants & Quail
3, Eagle Owl	10, Pen Resting	16, Chinese Geese,	23, Goats	29 Miniature Pot Bellied Pigs
4, Prairie Dogs	11, Oussant sheep	17, Wild Boar	24, Whooper Swan & Black Swan	30 Tractor & Trailer Drop off
5, Pen resting	12, fallow deer	18, Sculpture of Fish & Poacher	25, Capybara	31 Herdwick & Ryeland Tup
6, Wallabies	13, Red deer	19, Sculpture of Otter	26, Barnacle Geese	32 Llama & Alpaca
7, Play Park		20, Sculpture of Tawny Owl		33 Sculptured Bench

Strong Footwear is recommended.	No climbing fences on the park. Keep to the paths.
Do not feed the pigs or wild boar.	Dogs must be kept on a lead, and please pick up anything they leave behind.
Paths may be steep and uneven for the disabled.	PREGNANT WOMEN SHOULD AVOID CONTACT WITH THE PET LAMBS.
Children must be kept supervised at all times.	No responsibility is accepted for theft or damage to visitor's vehicles.
Some events may vary due to weather conditions.	Some of the animals & birds may have been moved because of grass shortage or wet ground.

TRACTOR & TRAILER RIDES UP INTO THE WOODLAND AT 1PM & 3PM
GUIDED WALK ROUND WILD BOARS AFTER CHICK STROKING
WEEKENDS AND SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ONLY

EVALUATION OF YOUR VISIT TO THE WILD BOAR PARK

Date of Visit:

School/ Group Name:

Age of children:

Activities completed:

	Very good	Good	Average	Poor
General organisation				
Available activities				
Toilets				
Facilities				

How would you rate the following:

What did you particularly like?

Any suggestions for further improvement?

Would you visit again? Yes ☐ No ☐

Signed:

Thank you for your time and we hope you will visit again soon.

Please ask about our Christmas activities available in December.

START
1.Wet hands
2. Soap
(20 seconds)
HAND
WASHING
STEPS
3. Scrub backs
of hands, wrists,
between fingers,
under fingernails.
4. Rinse
5. Towel dry
6. Turn off
taps with
towel

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Contact Jackie or Bill

Tel/Fax: 01995 61554

PLEASE BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.

BOOKING FORM

Please complete this form with as much information as possible to help us process your visit. photocopy and complete a separate booking form if you are booking more than one visit.

ABOUT YOUR GROUP

School ..... Address .....

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Postcode .....

Date of visit ..... Arrival time ..... Departure time .....

Tel No (inc. code) ..... Fax No .....

Group leader ..... Group leader's mobile No .....

Email .....

No of pupils ..... Age/year group .....

No of teachers ..... No of adults .....

Type of organisation e.g. (school/club group/play scheme) .....

Please state your LEA (if applicable) .....

Class room required ..... YES NO

Education Pack required ..... YES NO

Children's Drinks required on arrival ..... YES NO

I will actively supervise my group at all times during their visit and will ensure a minimum ratio of adults to pupils as per DfES guidelines.

Signature of group leader ..... Date .....

How did you hear about Bowland Wild Boar Park? Personal Visit Previous School Visit

Recommended Other (please state)

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Please post or fax back completed forms. Payment on arrival would be appreciated.

CERTIFICATE

Bowland Wild Boar Park
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This is to certify that

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Has visited Bowland Wild Boar Park
and has learnt about the land and the animals

Signed …… Date ……