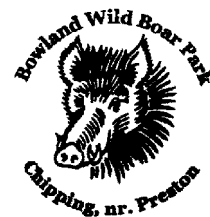




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EDUCATION PACK



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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. If you have particular topics in mind which have not been covered in the pack, please let us know and we will do our best to cater for you.

A number of sheets found in this pack have been printed in colour and laminated for you to use on the day. Please remember to return these.

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 barn

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



WILD BOAR PARK - GUIDANCE FOR TEACHERS

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

A visit to the Bowland Wild Boar Park (WBP) has endless possibilities to enrich the Foundation stage and KS1 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 worksheets or quizzes can be provided on requests.

We hope you will find them useful. A number of the pages have been reproduced in colour and laminated and are available at the Education Centre for use by adults, on the day of your visit. Please return for others to use.

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.

BOWLAND WILD BOAR PARK

Educational Visits

Risk Assessment – October 2008

Lancashire County Council Registration Number: EV 30

The Proprietors of the Bowland wild Boar Park views the health and safety of visitors to be of paramount importance and have therefore invested in a Risk Reduction Report carried out by the NFU Mutual Risk Management Services.

The Bowland Wild Boar Park is fully aware of its obligation under the Health & Safety at Work Act 1974 and also accepts responsibility for the health and safety of other people who may be affected by the business activities. Our Policy is to maintain the highest standards of health and safety to both the public and employees.

On arrival, parties are given an “Introduction and Safety Talk” in the main Education Centre or in one of our other purpose built rooms. These rooms are provided with tables and chairs or benches, which are inspected regularly for damage. (Broken or damaged furniture is either immediately repaired or replaced.)

The Education Centre, if wet can be used by school parties to eat their picnic lunches in. School staff are expected to supervise this activity. The room is also available as a storage point for surplus clothing but items left are not the responsibility of the centre.

Before moving off to investigate the learning opportunities around the site, visitors are shown where the hand washing facilities are and the importance of washing hands regularly - particularly after contact with the animals and before eating, is reinforced.

General

The Park area is surrounded by a system of hedges and fences.

The pathways round the buildings are flag, concrete and stone. These are inspected regularly.

The pathways round the Park are mainly stone but some grass.

A number of paths are steep but have handrails fitted for safety. These are probably unsuitable for wheel chair users.

In icy or wet conditions some of the paths may become slippery or muddy; therefore we recommend that suitable footwear be worn.

On occasions there may be maintenance work ongoing. Visitors will be alerted to this and asked to avoid these areas.

All our ponds are fenced off and have no access to the public.

Our Wild Boar Viewing Platform is very strong and well fenced. Visitors are asked not to climb on the rails.

Our car park surface has been improved, but it should be noted that in winter it may become icy or slippery during inclement weather conditions.

The river is fenced off and does not allow access to the public.

Fire Risk

The Fire Brigade has inspected the site.

All buildings have adequate fire exits.

The Fire Assembly Point is in the Car Park.

There is a Fire Bell located on the Entrance Cabin and a notice is displayed giving details of our telephone number and postcode in the event of a fire.

Risk Assessment - Continued

First Aid

Two members of staff hold current First Aid Certificates. All accidents must be reported to a member of staff and will be logged in our Accident Book. There is a First Aid Kit in the Café and Entrance Cabin.

Animals

Whilst many of the animals are docile it must be appreciated that any animals can be unpredictable may peck or bite and also spit. The wild boar and some of the other animals are double fenced so that visitors cannot make contact with them. Climbing on fences and netting is not allowed.

The goats, llamas and red deer are judged to be very friendly and visitors can feed them with food bought from the Park. We stress that the animal feed is offered with the flat of the hand. This technique is demonstrated when buying the food. After feeding the animal's visitors are advised to wash their hands.

In the Spring and early Summer we supervise bottle feeding of pet lambs. This is done at 11am, 2pm and 5pm. Children are asked to wash their hands after this activity.

Chick stroking is supervised by park personnel. Wipes are provided but children are asked to wash their hands after this activity.

Wash Area and Toilets

There are hand-washing and toilets facilities close to the café.
Hot water, soap and paper towels are provided.
These areas are checked at regular intervals throughout the day.

Picnic Area

There are 3 main picnic Areas.
Outside the Café (The Café is entered by steps with a hand rail.)
In the Play Area which is fenced round with an entrance gate.
By the river (The River is fenced off and out of bounds.)

Visitors are asked to use the litterbins provided or better still take their rubbish off site.
Litterbins are emptied daily.

Café

All food prepared is made by personnel who have been suitably trained in food hygiene.

Risk Assessment - Continued

Play Areas

The ground is grassed. In inclement weather it is likely to become wet and muddy so care must be taken when moving about. An adult should always accompany children using this area (park personnel do not supervise the Playground) and highlight the risk. i.e. metal frames can become slippery in wet weather, hot in sunny weather. Suitable clothing and footwear are recommended. If children are using our zip wire they must be supervised by an adult at all times. Children must take care when using our rabbit warren, entering and exiting where the signs dictate. It should be noted that our sand and water sprinkler equipment requires adult supervision and children may become sandy and very wet. The straw play barn is not supervised by park personnel and children should be supervised carefully by an adult. Our pedal tractor area is for children under 8 years of age and adult supervision is required. Equipment is inspected regularly for damage.

Tractor Rides

A purpose built trailer with seating is pulled by a tractor. The trailer is high sided with a roof and once the gate is closed, children cannot open it.

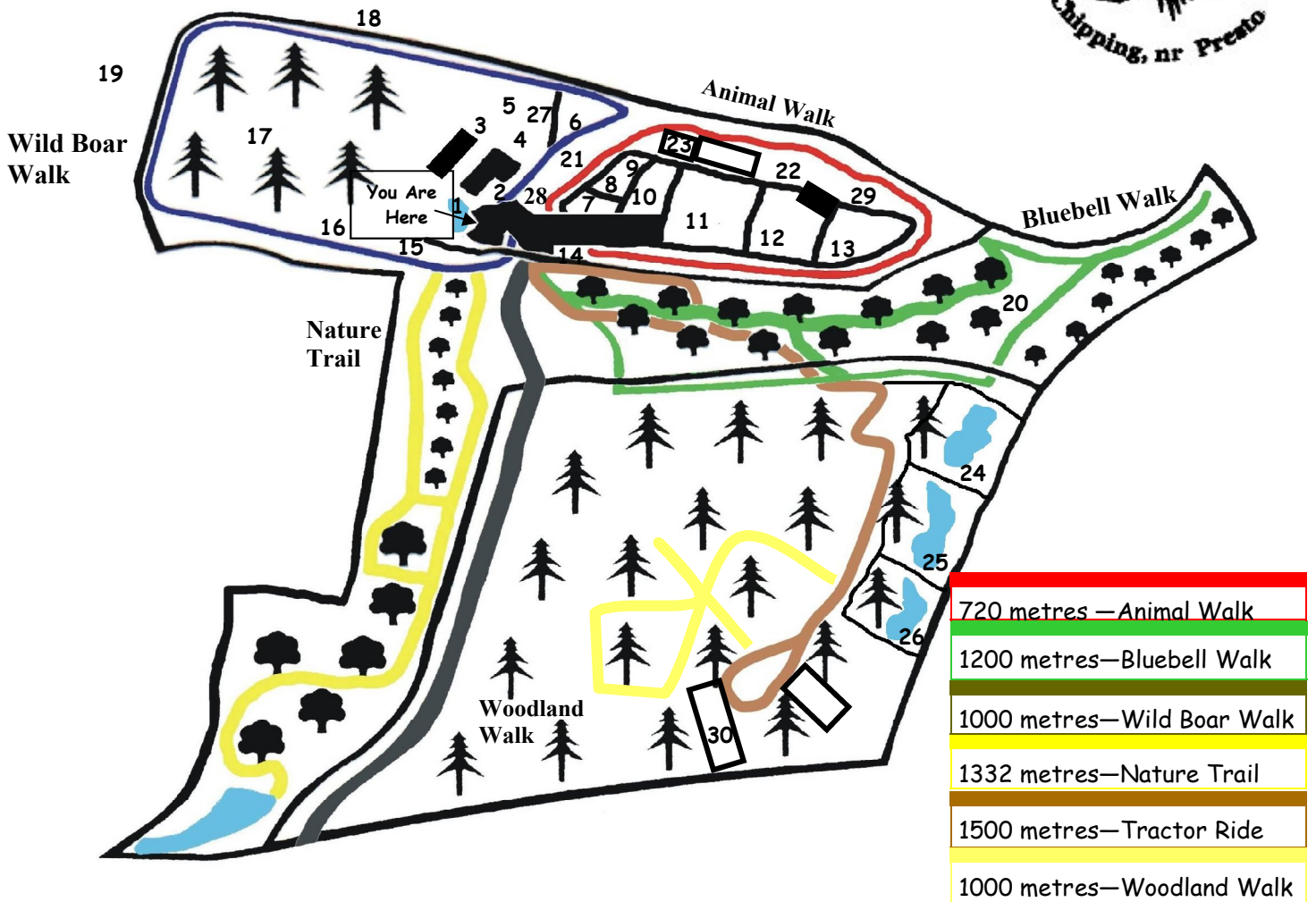
The ride is over rough tracks and fields and therefore a bumpy journey. Children must be seated at all times when the vehicle is moving.

Tractor & Barrel Ride

A set of purpose built mini barrels is pulled by a red tractor. The barrels are all fitted with seatbelts and have a safety feature drawbar. The ride has a speed limit of 5 miles per hour.

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

Bowland Wild Boar Park



1, Pheasants	8, Guinea Pigs	12, Fallow Deer	19, Sculpture of Otter	26, Barnacle Geese
2, Education Centre	9, Bantam & Chicks	13, Red Deer	20, Sculpture of Tawny Owl	27, Lincolnshire Curly Coated Pigs
3, Eagle Owl	10, Donkeys	14, Big Tractor & Trailer Rides	21, Rabbit Warren	28, Red Squirrel
4, Prairie Dogs	11, Llama & Alpacas	15, Pedal Tractors	22, Reindeer	29, Miniature Pigs
5, Wild Boar		16, Kune Kune Pigs	23, Goats	30, Long Horn Cows
6, Wallabies		17, Wild Boar	24, Whooper Swan	
7, Play Park		18, Sculpture of Fish & Poacher	25, Black Swan	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strong Footwear is recommended. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not feed the pigs or wild boar.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No responsibility is accepted for theft or damage to visitor's vehicles. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paths may be steep and uneven for the disabled.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children must be kept supervised at all times. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No climbing fences on the park.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dogs must be kept on a lead, and please pick up anything they leave behind. PREGNANT WOMEN SHOULD AVOID CONTACT WITH THE PET LAMBS. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep to the paths. Some of the animals & birds may have been moved because of grass shortage or wet ground.

****LAMB FEEDING & CHICK STROKING at 11.00 2.00 & 4.30 ****



SAFETY AND THE COUNTRY CODE

The WBP has a number of nature walks for visitors to enjoy. The most suitable for school parties have been highlighted on the map and these are the focus for the Education Pack.

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 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



Outline of your day:

10.30 am

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

The welcome will be followed by lamb feeding and chick stroking (season permitting).

11.30 am

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.

CERTIFICATE



This is to certify that

.....

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

Signed Date



EVALUATION OF YOUR VISIT TO THE WILD BOAR PARK

Date of Visit:

School/ Group Name:

Age of children:

Activities completed:

How would you rate the following:

	Very good	Good	Average	Poor
General organisation				
Available activities				
Toilets				
Facilities				

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.



BOWLAND WILD BOAR PARK

Chipping, Nr. Preston, PR3 2QT

Contact Jackie or Bill

Tel/Fax: 01995 61554

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

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

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)

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