



**EDUCATION
ADVENTURE
PACK**



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Please see also the HSE advise to teachers print out.



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 Bailey 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 hay maze
- Sculpture walks

Every year we try to 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 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.

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
AND 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
Tel: 01772 214880

Clitheroe:

Railway View Road, Clitheroe, BB7 2JQ
Tel: 01200 413535

Nearest A & E:

Royal Preston Hospital

Sharoe Green Lane, Fulwood, Preston, Pr2 9HT
01772 716565

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.

Please ensure the careful supervision of hand washing at regular intervals.

Children must be supervised at all times.

Please arrange a designated meeting place in case of separation - we recommend the education room or the café.

Hazard	Area	Who May Be At Risk	Measures In Place	Level Of Risk
Moving vehicles	Entrance Through To Car Park Park Grounds (Trailer & Barrel Rides)	Children & Adults	Care to be taken when on car park during arrival and departure times. 5MPH speed limit on site, signs provided. Public vehicles moving around car park. Only tractors for trailer and barrel rides can move around the park grounds. Equipment inspected regularly for damage. Children must stay seated at all times when the vehicle is moving, seatbelts must always be worn if provided (Barrel Ride). Hands must be kept inside the trailer or barrel at all times. The speed limit for these rides are 5 miles per hour.	Low Low
Uneven Surfaces	Park Grounds & Trails	Children & Adults	Care to be taken when walking around park grounds. Use footpaths provided. Handrails provided where there are steps. Uneven surface signs, no running.	Low
Slippery Surfaces When Wet	Café Toilets	Children & Adults	Wet floor signs provided on wet days.	Low
Misplaced Children	Footpaths Park Grounds	Children & Adults	Caution signs where footpath is steep. Meeting point advised. Regular head counts recommended. Protocol in place for missing children.	Low Low Low
Spreading Of Germs	Park Grounds Animal Feeding/Petting Café & Picnic Area Toilets	Children Children & Adults	Hand washing is advised to be carried out on arrival and before leaving the premises. Instructions on importance of hand washing after feeding/handling animals is given and displayed around park. Under 5's should be supervised when washing their hands. Before any food or drink is consumed hands must be washed. Hands must be washed before entering the café. Hands must be washed after visiting the toilets.	Low Low Low Low
Climbing	Park Grounds, Sculptures, Gates & Fences	Children	Signage displayed stating items are not for climbing	Low

Hazard	Area	Who May Be At Risk	Measures In Place	Level Of Risk
Injury On Play Equipment	General Play Park Tractor Play Rabbit Warren Hay Maze	Children	Equipment inspected daily for damage. Children must be supervised by an adult at all times. Suitable clothing & footwear recommended. Metal frames can become slippery in wet weather and very hot in sunny weather. Children using the zip wire must be supervised by an adult at all times. Notices displayed stating tractors for under 8's only. Care must be taken when using rabbit warren, entering and exiting where signs dictate. No climbing on the hay.	Low Low Low Low Low
Open Water	Ponds & Rivers	Children & Adults	No access, these areas are fenced off from the public.	Low
Fire	Park Grounds	Children & Adults	Fire drill procedure is in place. There are fire bells and fire horns located on the entrance cabin and around the park grounds. The assembly point is at the car park and all groups are informed during welcome speech.	Low
Animals That May Bite	Barn Animal Petting/Feeding	Children & Adults	Animal Petting is only permitted in the Barn with a member of staff from the Bowland Wild Boar Park during the sessions provided. We ask that you do not attempt to touch any other animals around the park. Advice is given on how to hold the chicks, children must be supervised at all times and not left alone with animals. Wipes are provided but hands must be washed after this activity. Instructions on importance of hand washing after handling/feeding animals is given and displayed around park. Guidance given on how to bottle feed animals, children must be supervised at all times and not left alone with animals. Animal Feeding is not recommended for large School Groups.	Low

Outline of your day:



10.30 am Welcome

Arrive at the park, staff and children are given a warm welcome in the education centre, 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 Animal Petting

11.15 am Chick Holding

11.30 am Wild Boar Walk

Guided walk to see some of our animals

12.15 pm Lunch time, time to re-fuel!

Activities for the afternoon include:

1pm Tractor Ride

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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START →



1. Wet hands



6. Turn off taps with towel



5. Towel dry

HAND WASHING STEPS



2. Soap
(20 seconds)



3. Scrub backs of hands, wrists, between fingers, under fingernails.



4. Rinse

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:
What did you particularly like?

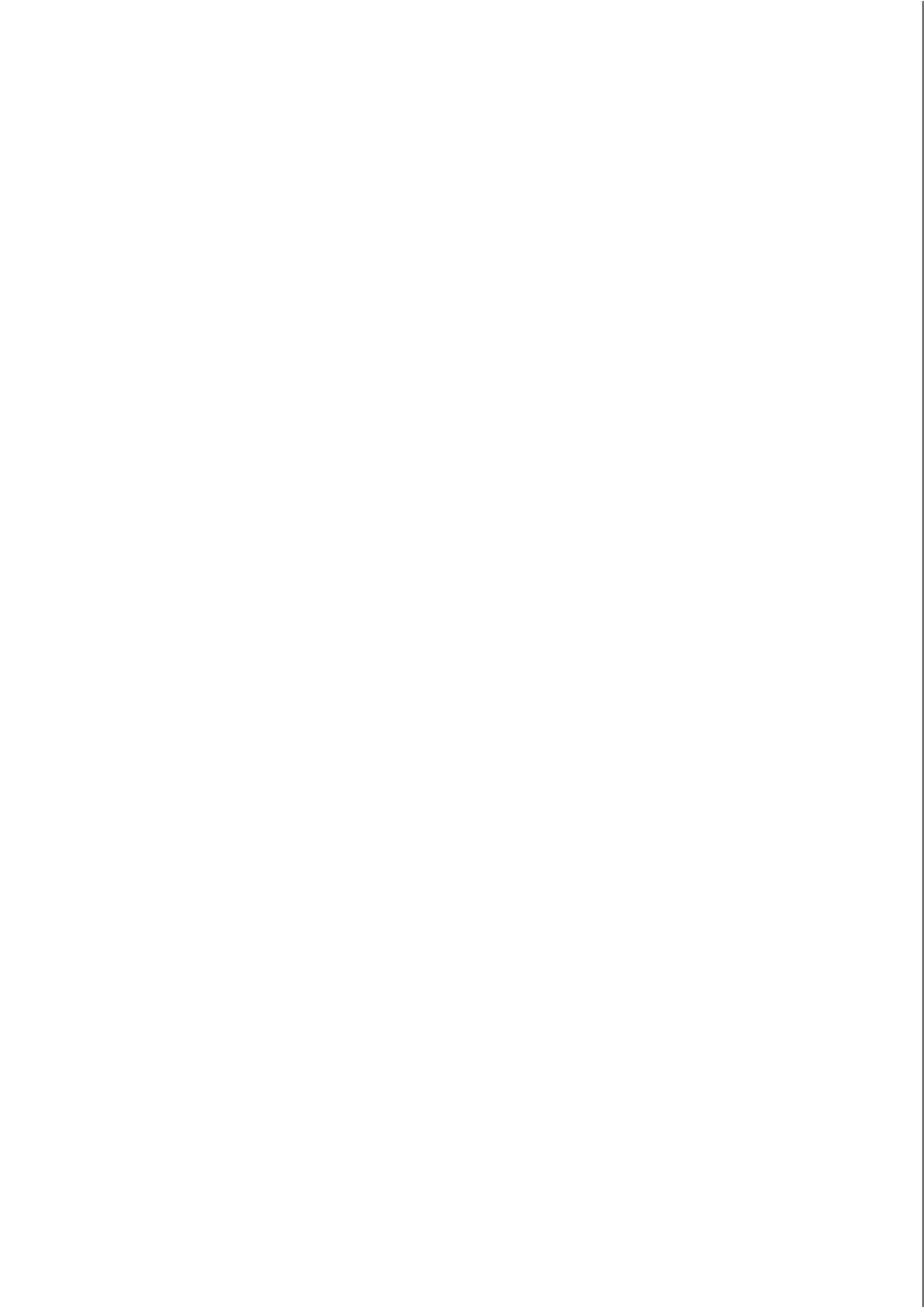
	Very good	Good	Average	Poor
General organisation				
Available activities				
Toilets				
Facilities				

Any suggestions for further improvement?

Would you visit again? Yes / No
If No, please state reasons why.

Signed:

Thank you for your time and we hope you will visit again soon.
Please ask about our seasonal activities available.



CERTIFICATE



This is to certify that

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Has visited Bowland Wild Boar Park to learn about
the land and the animals.

Signed

Dated