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Twycross Zoo

IN THE HEART OF CONSERVATION

TEACHER VISITORS GUIDE



About Twycross Zoo

Set in the heart of England on the Leicestershire/Warwickshire border, Twycross Zoo is an internationally recognised conservation charity and award-winning visitor attraction, giving visitors a day out with a difference.

Our incredible zoo spans across 100-acres and exists to support conservation, education and research of some of the most endangered species on the planet.

Every visit makes a difference to our conservation charity!

We're working at the forefront of conservation and scientific research to make a global impact on endangered species around the world, from the very heart of the UK.

Our partners:



Twycross Zoo is proud to be the only UK zoo, and one of few worldwide, home to all four great ape species. That's chimpanzees, gorillas, orangutans and our closest living relative, the bonobos.

Our work is guided by education, research and collaboration and we're proud to be making a difference to endangered species across the world.

In the last 10 years, we've successfully bred 72 different species of animal, created new habitats for endangered and critically endangered species, contributed over £450,000 to the work of global conservation organisations, inspired over half a million school children and teachers and facilitated more than 500 research projects.

Members of:



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Visitor expectations

1. Never bang or tap on windows and please discourage learners from doing so. You are more likely to see animals up close if you are quiet and still at the windows.
2. Please pay attention to all signage around the zoo. Some signs may tell you that the animal bites, others may say that the animal prefers a quiet space, but all are important for both yourselves and the animals.
3. Do not touch any animal in the zoo, with the exception of in the Goat Walkthrough and Lorikeet Landing. Here, hand washing stations are provided.
4. Do not feed any animal in the zoo, with the exception of in Lorikeet Landing, where you must only feed with the nectar purchased from the kiosk before entering.
5. Where possible, head to Guest Services for assistance with your day, but note that all staff are able to help and have access to radios to contact staff across the zoo, such as in the case of an emergency or lost learner.
6. If learners are free to walk around the site unsupervised, please reiterate these expectations to learners. The lead trip organiser will be contacted should learners be seen behaving negatively.
7. When eating on site, please take care to leave areas as you find them. Bins can be located around the zoo, and we will happily provide you with refuse bags - just ask at Guest Services.



FAQS

What is a breeding programme?

Lots of our animals are part of the European *Ex-situ* Programme (EEP) lead by EAZA. This is a population management programme that seeks to keep a genetically healthy population of threatened animals in captive settings across Europe (and beyond).

Where are the animals?

All of our animals are provided with an "off show" area that only the animal and keepers can access. Animals can choose to go to this area for some privacy. You can always check back later to see if they're about.

What is the difference between an ape and a monkey?

Both apes and monkeys are primates, along with prosimians (lemurs etc.) but there are only 6 types of ape in the world. Gorillas, orangutans, chimpanzees, bonobos and humans are all great apes, with gibbons being the only lesser ape. The easiest way to tell monkeys from apes is that monkeys have tails, where as apes do not!

Why is that chimpanzee bald?

One of our male chimpanzees has genetic alopecia, just like humans can have. This meant that his hair fell out when he was younger. In the wild this could have a negative impact on his life, however here it may have quite the opposite, as he is our alpha male! He is perfectly happy and healthy, and is well respected by the rest of his troop.





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ENTRANCE

Food & Drink

Opening times and availability subject to change daily
Look out for our pop up kiosks too!

- 1 The View Restaurant
- 2 Costa Coffee
- 3 Penguin Kiosk
- 4 Owl Kiosk
- 5 Zebra Kiosk
- 6 The Catch Fish & Chips
- 7 The Hatch at The Catch
- 8 Oh Crumbs! Cafe

Zoo Facilities

- Information Point
- First Aid
- Himalaya Centre
- Gift Shop
- Toilet
- Accessible Toilet
- Baby Changing
- Changing Places
- Picnic Area
- Play Area
- Soft Play Jungle
- Wet 'n Wild

Don't miss

