



# A Day Out at The Parkridge Centre!

Preparing for your school visit



Warwickshire

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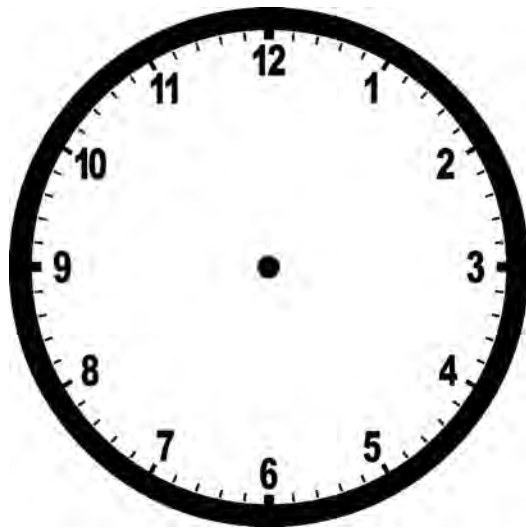
I will be visiting the Parkridge Centre on...

The Parkridge Centre is at a Nature Reserve where you can learn about nature and the plants and creatures that live here. No animals are kept in cages - they are completely wild and so they are free to go wherever they like.

You might see birds, rabbits, insects and ducks!



We will be setting off to The Parkridge Centre at:



We will travel to The Parkridge Centre by:



coach



car



bus



minibus

walking





When you arrive at The Parkridge Centre this is where you will be dropped off at the start of the day and picked up to go back to school at the end of the day.

This is a busy car park and so your teacher will tell you where to stand and when to go. The Parkridge Centre is then a short walk through the park.



As you go through the park you will walk along the main path. Where it splits in two you will follow the right hand path.

There might be dogs running around the park: please do not touch them and if you don't like them, stay calm and let them walk past.





You will then walk towards The Parkridge Centre and in through the door.



Inside you will walk through the shop and cafe. There might be other members of the public here and it could also be quite busy and noisy but we will walk straight through towards the classroom.



After you have walked through the cafe you will walk past the toilets. If at any point you need the toilet there are boys, girls and disabled toilets. Make sure you ask an adult to take you.

Disabled



Boys



Girls



In the classroom you will put your bags on a trolley or on a hook where they will be safe. You will then sit on the floor if raining or head outside to our picnic area.



Your leaders in will tell you that we will do two activities in the morning, then come back for lunch. We will do another two activities in the afternoon.

At lunch time you will eat lunch in the classroom or maybe outside in the picnic area if the weather is good.



You may play in our courtyard if you have time at lunch.





For most activities we will start off by walking as a group past a pond and then along this path.



If you are doing pond dipping this is where you will go to see what you can find in the pond, using our nets.





You might be going  
on a magical  
adventure or  
learning all about  
flowers and bees.

You will stop here  
and sit down using  
our log circle.



You might get the chance to walk around the lake and look out  
for the creatures that like to live here. Along the way there is a  
part without any fence, where we must all stay together and  
listen to your leader and teachers.







This is our arboretum.  
Here we will stop  
to do our activities. This  
could be den building,  
learning about the  
creatures that live here  
or exploring the trees.



When we get here we  
will walk up two  
steps and through the  
trees to find our log  
seats. Here you will sit  
on the logs and listen  
to your leader in red.



At the end of the day we will all go back to the classroom to collect our bags. Your leaders will then take you back through the visitor centre to return to school.



*We hope you  
enjoy your  
wild day!*

# Further information for your parents and teachers

*Please get in touch if you would like us to send you photographs of the Education Officers who will be your leaders in red for the day of your school trip!*

*We can also use 'now, next and then' cards during your day to explain what we will be doing. And if you feel the displays in the classroom might be a sensory overload, we are able to cover them over.*

*To benefit from any of these SEN options, or if you have any further suggestions, please contact us:*

*Email: [education@wkwf.org.uk](mailto:education@wkwf.org.uk)*

*Or call us: 02476 302 192.*



*You may want to download our Sensory Guide to Education Activities - [warwickshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/ForChildren/special-needs-trip-resources](http://warwickshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/ForChildren/special-needs-trip-resources) - which describes our Brandon Marsh and Parkridge centres and activities, and includes simple sensory audits for sound, visual, touch and smell.*

***We are very happy to help and look forward to welcoming you all to The Parkridge Centre!***

**[www.warwickshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/ForChildren](http://www.warwickshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/ForChildren)**





# Checklist

**Be prepared!**

**Bring with you a packed lunch, including a healthy snack and a drink.**

**Suncream and a hat if it is a sunny day...**

**A warm coat if it is cold and wellies if it is wet!**

**Whatever the weather we're going to have lots of fun!**



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