



ART IN THE PARK



THIS TEACHERS' SHEET aims to let you know what is involved in your chosen activity so that you can prepare your class for the day and help them to get as much out of their visit as possible. Trips and visits away from school are expensive, but if planned carefully, a visit to the Park can provide a basis for a wide range of activities across all aspects of learning. Linking your visit to activities at school, before and afterwards, will really strengthen the learning experience for your class and will make the most of the time and money spent during your visit to Highland Wildlife Park.

PRIOR TO YOUR VISIT Teachers can visit the Park free of charge to help with lesson planning and to make sure you know the layout and facilities available at the Park. Please contact the education officer on [01540 651981](tel:01540651981) to arrange your free visit. If you require any help or more information prior to your visit also contact the Education Officer on hwpeducation@rzss.org.uk. Remember that a visit to the Highland Wildlife Park can offer a great learning platform for many different subjects and topics such as English, Art and Current affairs—be flexible and imaginative in your approach to your visit and how you use your visit to develop the key capabilities in your class.

DURING YOUR VISIT to the Park your class will have the chance to look at and handle many bio-facts (skins, skulls, and taxidermy animals) many of the animals can be found in the Park and around Scotland, as well as seeing animals from around the world. There will be a 15 minute introduction to RZSS, and the Highland Wildlife Park, including a brief discussion on some of our most photogenic / model animals. Then a 1 hour drawing session with still-life resources such as skulls, skins and taxidermy animals (teacher lead). Once this session is complete you are free to undertake a self guided tour to draw some of the animals at their enclosures. There will be the chance to ask questions as well as lots of interesting facts, stories and explanations from our education officers.

MATERIALS TO BE BROUGHT WITH YOU

- All art material that you will require (pens, pencils, paper, paints etc)
- We do not have any art material or equipment available at all.
- You will have the use of the Dulverton Room as your class base where you can set up and draw the bio-facts.
- The Park is ideal for photography, so bring along a camera.
- The teacher will run the classroom / drawing activity.

Sparrow hawk



Scottish Wildcat



Musk Deer



Chinese Goral

OTHER TOPICS WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST

- What are peoples perceptions of predators?
- What is the point of zoos?
- Zoos and conservation
- Animals at risk
- Evolution
- Animal observation and enrichment
- Polar bear evolution and adaption
- Skulls, teeth and diet
- Wildlife crime
- Enclosure design
- Biodiversity in the Scots Caledonian Pine Forest



European Beaver

ACTIVITIES FOR THE CLASSROOM - BEFORE OR AFTER YOUR VISIT

- Why have the animals evolved the colours on their coat / feathers / skin?
- What are the point of brightly coloured feathers or skin?
- What is the difference between the textures of some the animals skins?
- What different patterns and shapes do you find in the animal world?
- Investigate different styles of representing animals and the different mediums that could be used.
- Look at the history of drawing animals from cave paintings to the modern day.

Links

- <http://www.visual-arts-cork.com/prehistoric/lascaux-cave-paintings.htm>
- <http://www.lascaux.culture.fr/index.php?fichier=00.xml>
- http://www.lascaux.culture.fr/index.php#en/02_00.xml



Horn



European Crane

Links to animal artists.

- <http://www.associationanimalartists.co.uk/alphalist.htm>
- <http://www.societyofanimalartists.com/>
- <http://alanhuntwildlifeartist.co.uk/default.aspx>
- <http://www.natureartists.com/>

ANIMAL ENRICHMENT IN ZOOS

Research and design enrichment for an animal that has been allocated by the Education Officer.

Look at:

- The requirements of enrichment
- The importance of enclosure enrichment
- The benefits of enrichment for zoo animals
- Discuss the suitability of enclosures at the Highland Wildlife Park. Include positive and negative aspects and suggest possible improvements.

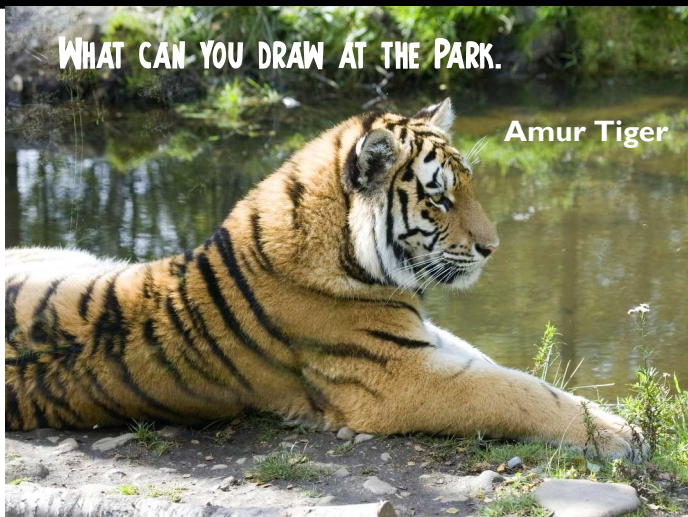
The enrichment device could be brought to the Park and, with a Keeper / Education Officer, could be placed in its enclosure for you to study.

Links

- <http://www.enrichment.org/>
- <http://www.animalenrichment.org/>
- <http://www.biaza.org.uk/public/pages/care/>
- http://wildlife.l.wildlifeinformation.org/000ADOBES/DI5_SecState_Standards_Zoos.pdf
- <http://www.biaza.org.uk/public/pages/care/index.asp>



Eurasian Lynx



Amur Tiger

WHAT CAN YOU DRAW AT THE PARK.

- Cranes
- Amur tigers
- Wildcat
- Arctic fox
- Serow
- Owls
- Polar bear
- Pine marten
- Markhor
- Bharal