



Teacher guide

Education sessions at the Zoo

If you have booked education sessions, these will take place in one of our classrooms in the Conservation Education Centre; this is marked on your teacher map, along with the shortest route to the Centre from the main admission gate.

Please ensure you arrive at the Education Centre five minutes before your session is due to start; session start times can be found on your booking confirmation letter. If you are running late then please let us know by calling [0117 4285441](tel:01174285441).

Lunches

You can find our undercover picnic areas marked on your teacher map. Our main area for school groups is located by the Butterfly Forest exhibit, and you will also find cages to store bags and lunches in this area. To hire one of the storage cages please speak to a member of the team at the main admission gate, who will provide you with a lock. In good weather please feel free to use the lawns for your picnic lunches, and admire our beautiful gardens at the same time!

If you have booked and paid for hire of the indoor picnic room, please ask for a door code at the main admission gate. The picnic room is located to the left of the Conservation Education Centre (marked 'Jungle Hideaway' on your teacher map).

Don't forget you can fill up your water bottles at our main reception office, snack kiosks and café restaurant - just ask a member of staff and they will be happy to help.

After your visit

- If you attended one of our education sessions then do let us know about your experience by completing a feedback form; this will be given to you at the end of the session by the Education Officer leading the session. We value your feedback and comments about your experience at Bristol Zoo.
- Keep up to date with our education news by visiting <http://www.bristolzoo.org.uk/schools-and-education/education-news>
- For information about other learning opportunities at Bristol Zoo (such as our Discovery Days and our Zoo Conservation Academy for 8-12 year olds) visit our website: <http://www.bristolzoo.org.uk/schools-and-education/Other-Learning-Opportunities>
- Why not adopt an animal with your class! Visit <http://www.bristolzoo.org.uk/visitor-information/animal-adoptions> for further information.

Zooropia

Swing into action on our ropes course above Gorilla Island! Group rates available - must be booked in advance.

Goody bags

Pre order in advance - options from £2.00

Zoo code of conduct

In order for everyone to enjoy their day at Bristol Zoo, please ensure your students follow our code of conduct:

Around the Zoo:

- Please don't tap or knock on the glass as this distresses the animals
- Please don't feed the animals - they are all following special diets
- Stay on the paths and don't cross the barriers
- Always behave respectfully towards other school groups, staff and visitors

In Education sessions:

- Speak quietly and behave responsibly towards the animals in the session
- Treat the teaching resources respectfully
- Follow the instructions given by the Education Officers

Please ensure that group leaders provide appropriate levels of supervision at all times. Supervision of students during the visit remains the responsibility of Group Leaders/carers, around the Zoo and in education sessions. Please note that Bristol Zoo reserves the right to ask any group breaking this code of conduct to leave the Zoo.

Not to be missed!

- Our programme of animal talks and feeds are included in the cost of your admission; please refer to your map for a list of talk times.
- Marvel at the magnificent minibeasts in Bug World, home to some of the strangest and most interesting characters in the invertebrate world!
- Visit our western lowland gorilla family on Gorilla Island, including our newest additions, Afia and Ayana.
- Immerse yourself in our Seal and Penguin Coasts exhibit, also home to Inca terns and common eider ducks.
- Be mesmerised by meerkats at the Meerkat Lookout!
- Our Reptile House is home to a host of fascinating reptiles and amphibians of all shapes, sizes and colours- from tiny jewel-like poison dart frogs to dwarf crocodiles and giant tortoises.
- Meet the monkeys and lemurs in Monkey Jungle.
- Our lovely gift shop sells a range of animal-themed gifts and toys, perfect as souvenirs of your visit.

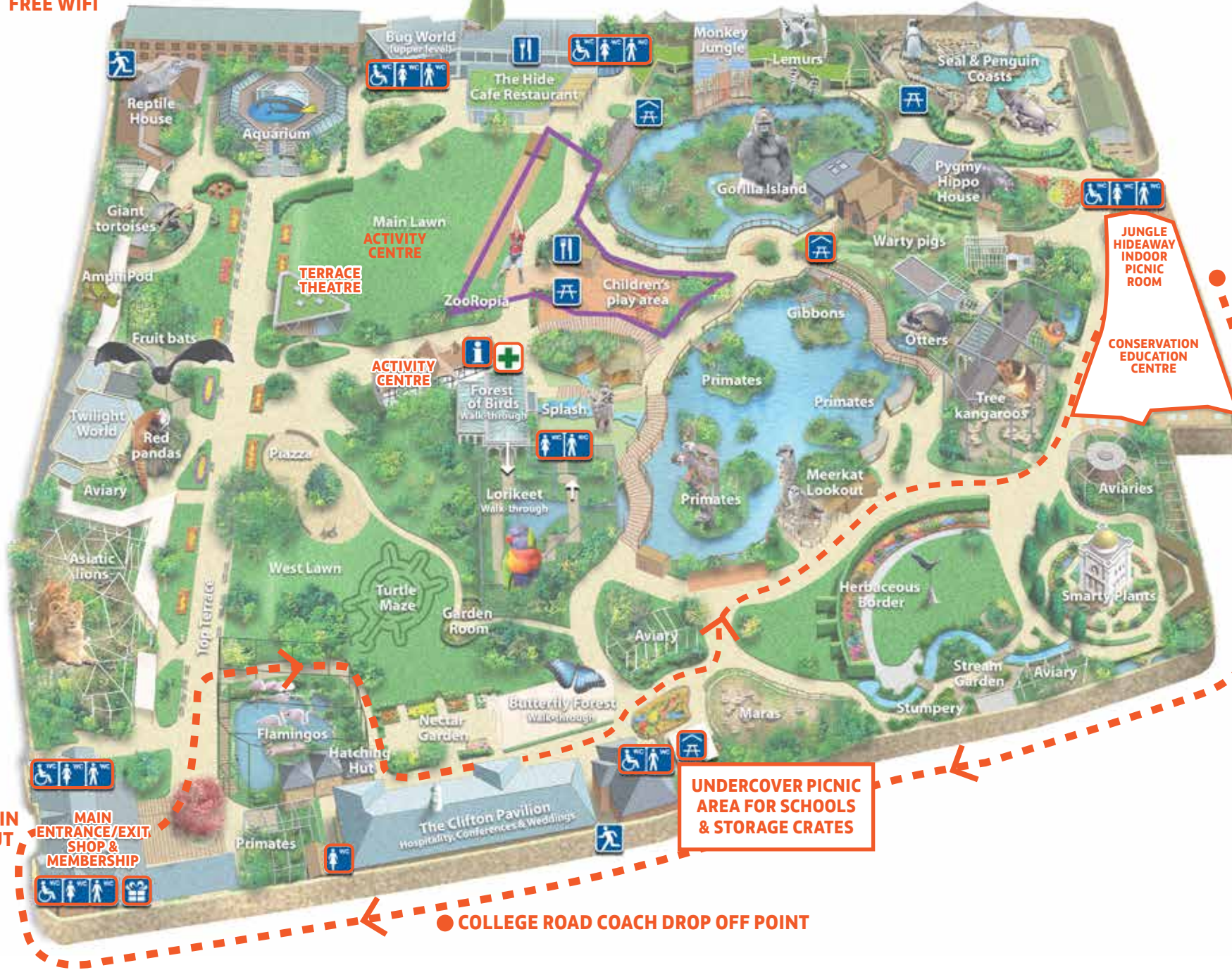
About us

Bristol Zoo Gardens is a conservation and education charity and relies on the generous support of the public not only to fund its important work in the Zoo, but also its vital conservation and research projects around the world.

Thank you for choosing to visit Bristol Zoo with your students- we hope you have enjoyed your day with us, and appreciate your support for our conservation work.



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**GUTHRIE ROAD COACH
DROP OFF POINT
(5 MINUTE WALK TO
MAIN ENTRANCE)**

JUNGLE
HIDEAWAY
INDOOR
PICNIC
ROOM

CONSERVATION
EDUCATION
CENTRE

**UNDERCOVER PICNIC
AREA FOR SCHOOLS
& STORAGE CRATES**

COLLEGE ROAD COACH DROP OFF POINT

**WAY IN
& OUT**
**MAIN
ENTRANCE/EXIT
SHOP &
MEMBERSHIP**

-  First aid
-  Information & lost children
-  Emergency exit
-  Undercover picnic area
-  Picnic area
-  Shop
-  Male toilets
-  Female toilets
-  Accessible toilets

HALLOWEEN TO EASTER TALK TIMES

- 11AM Lions**
- 11.30AM Big Fish - talk & feed**
- 12.30PM Gorillas - talk & feed**
- 1.30PM Sharks - talk & feed** (Monday & Thursday)
Pufferfish - talk & feed (Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday)
- 2PM Meerkats - talk & feed**
- 2.30PM Stingrays** (Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday)
Crocodiles (Tuesday, Thursday & Sunday)
- 3PM Penguins - talk & feed**
- 3.30PM Seals - talk & feed**

EASTER TO HALLOWEEN TALK TIMES

- 10.45AM Red pandas**
- 11AM Lions**
- 11.30AM Fruit bats**
- 11.45AM Lemurs - talk & feed**
- 12.15PM Giant tortoises**
- 12.30PM Gorillas - talk & feed**
- 1.30PM Otters - talk & feed**
- 2PM Meerkats - talk & feed**
- 2.30PM Lemurs - talk & feed**
- 3PM Penguins - talk & feed**
- 3.30PM Seals - talk & feed**
- 4PM Drill monkeys**

The times of our animal talks can occasionally be subject to change; please check the website before you visit: www.bristolzoo.org.uk