



# Yorkshire Wildlife Trust visiting schools and groups essential information

Here at Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, we wish for every person to have a brilliant experience learning about wildlife and the environment. Here are a few things you need to know that will contribute to a learning experience with us.

## Pre visits

We would love to meet you and show you around our site before your visit if you haven't been before, but don't worry if we are too far away, we have a pre visit pack with pictures right [here](#).

Please book in a pre visit with us for a time convenient for you. Its a really useful opportunity to talk through activities, experience where the activities will take place and help design a day to get the best experience for you and your learners.

## During your visit

Your group will be led by a YWT member of staff and trained volunteers. Please follow appropriate ratios of adults to children, and do not include YWT leaders in that ratio.

We really love for everyone to get involved in the activities; it is a learning experience for everyone!

## Facilities

Potteric Carr Nature Reserve is a visitor facility that has an education centre with 2 rooms, a kitchen plus toilets. This is a 15 – 20 minute walk from the main entrance. There is a visitor centre with shop, café, toilets and YWT office at the entrance. 10 minutes from the visitor centre and 15 from the education centre is a woodland paradise with a shelter, fire circle and bountiful wildlife.



## Potteric Carr Nature Reserve

### Address

Potteric Carr Nature Reserve, Mallard Way,  
Doncaster. DN4 8DB

### Parking

Coach parking is either in the overflow car park which is located on the opposite side of our main car park on Mallard Way (1st left after main car park entrance) or if coach drivers are confident and happy to, they can drive down our access track and park in the ranger's car park. This is located on the second right as you turn into Mallard Way, just after the main car park.



## Ratios and effective supervision

For our staff to be able to deliver engaging sessions and create an inclusive environment, we would appreciate your group arriving with suitable child to adults ratios as outlined by the Outdoor Educators Advisory Panel:

- Years 1 to 3: 1:6
- Years 4 to 6: 1:10 or 1:15
- Years 7 upwards: 1:15 or 1:20

We would appreciate your co-operation in providing suitable behaviour management of the groups so YWT staff and volunteers can give their full attention to providing a great learning experience for your group.

## Clothing and protection

If it's likely to be sunny, please wear sun hats, long sleeved but lightweight tops, long trousers/leggings and bring insect repellent and sun lotion.

If it's forecast to be wet, please ensure you have waterproof coats, layers, spare socks, wellies or walking boots.

Potteric Carr does experience high levels of tick and mosquito incidences due to the habitat we have and also populations of mammals like deer. We strongly advise wearing insect repellent during the months of May-Oct.

## Roles and responsibilities

We kindly ask that you (the organiser of the visit)

- Communicate to parents about appropriate clothing for the visit.
- To provide appropriate behaviour management of young people.
- Ensure schools adult : child ratios are met. (YWT will provide volunteers if they are available and therefore shouldn't be relied on as supervision).
- Communicate to the coach driver about parking locations.

We at Yorkshire Wildlife Trust will provide first aid if needed, facilities, teas and coffees for the grown ups and great quality outdoor education with bags of fun to boot!

## First Aid

Our staff are first aid trained and will carry a basic first aid kit, plus a burns kit if we are doing a campfire workshop. We would like to remind you that DfE guidelines state that the visiting school is responsible for providing a teacher/adult helper with a good working knowledge of first aid and an adequate first aid box.

## Plastic free lunch

Try and help the environment by reducing your throwaway plastic at lunch time. Try packing sandwiches and snacks in tubs instead of plastic bags.

## Cancellations and refunds policy

Visit cancellations within 28 days of the visit date will be charged £100+VAT.

If Yorkshire Wildlife Trust cancel, you will be offered an alternative date.



### Feedback

We would love to hear your feedback after your visit. This helps us keep up our standards and improve or change things if we need to. We also love to hear if you've had a brilliant time too!

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