

HIGHER EDUCATION

EDUCATIONAL TALKS INFORMATION



Educational Talks

We currently offer the following talks to students studying animal related subjects in Higher Education Institution:

Cotswold Wildlife Park – What do we do?

Graduate Opportunities

Conservation and the Role of Zoos

Zoo Management

We offer a range of talks suitable for under graduate students studying animal related subjects. We can deliver more bespoke talks if there is a particular topic you would like us to focus on during your visit.

The group size for talks delivered outside will be limited to 20, so you may be given separate times for the same talk if your group is larger than 20. This is to ensure that all the students taking part get the most out of the session. Classroom talks can accommodate up to 40 students.

Talks generally last around 30 minutes and will take place out in the Park in all weathers; please ensure students wear suitable clothes for the conditions. They are generally delivered by the keepers and may vary slightly between different staff members.

Please note: our talks do not involve any hands-on contact with the animals.



Talk Details

Cotswold Wildlife Park – What do we do?

Cotswold Wildlife Park is a medium sized collection with around 250 species. Like all modern zoos we work towards the four main aims of Conservation, Education, Recreation and Research. In this talk we will discuss the Park's history and the activities the Park is involved in to meet these aims. We will also explore the legislative requirements for zoos in the UK and Europe.

Conservation and the Role of Zoos

This talk will focus on in-situ and ex-situ conservation activities that zoos undertake. We include different species that we have here at the park that are facing various threat levels. We will discuss the problems these animals face in the wild and the ways that zoos and conservation bodies are trying to combat these threats. We may also discuss particular captive breeding and conservation programmes that the park is involved in.

Graduate Opportunities

Explore the different employment opportunities within zoological collections. In this talk, we will look at case studies of some of the people who work at the Park, the experience and qualifications they have and how they got to where they are today.

Zoo Management

In this classroom-based session you will learn about how collections are planned and managed. This will include how we meet legislative requirements, maintain standards of animal welfare and keep animal records.

