

## Teachers Notes

### The Gruffalo

**Thank you for your booking. Please check all details both on the programme, here, and on your booking confirmation form**

#### PROGRAMME

**Start time and meeting place:** Please also refer to your booking form. Meeting place is either the Longdendale Environmental Centre or the Forest Office at Macclesfield Forest. Coach parking is available at both venues

#### Location:

- Longdendale Environmental Centre (LEC), Tintwistle, or
- Trentabank, Macclesfield Forest

#### Introduction:

- Welcome and introduction to leaders and the Peak District National Park
- Objectives and outcomes of the day
- Staying safe

#### Activities:

- The Peak District National Park
- What are the needs for life?
- What does the Gruffalo need to live?
- The Gruffalo trail with 4 'stations' – food, camouflage, shelter and the importance of water and habitats
- Mini-beast hunt
- Hibernation
- Gruffalo 'spotting'

#### Equipment and props used:

- Laminated cards
- Pipe cleaners
- Various natural objects, both provided and found
- Hazel nuts
- Various small play items

#### Lunch

- If the venue is LEC, lunch will be taken at the Centre followed by,
- The Lunchtime Waste Challenge. We challenge the school to produce as little waste as possible from your packed lunches. We encourage all to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle

**Safety** All our activities and sites have undergone a risk benefit analysis. Risk Assessments and health and safety information can be downloaded at:

[www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/learning-about](http://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/learning-about)

Our staff student ratios vary depending on age and ability of the group and the activities booked. All our leaders are First Aid qualified

**Clothing** Please ensure that children are wearing warm outdoor clothing. Waterproof jacket, wellies or stout shoes are advisable for all visits

**Behaviour** Teachers are responsible for good behaviour, discipline & lunch time supervision

**Medical Information** Please let us know about any allergies, medical conditions or special needs. See booking form to enter details

**Payment** Please note you will be invoiced after your visit for the number of children on the day

**Cancellation** Please let us know as soon as possible if you have to cancel or if your numbers change significantly

**Insurance** Our Learning and Discovery Team is covered for £10m Public Liability Insurance. Please ensure that your school or LEA has appropriate insurance cover

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#### LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of the session:

**All** children will, or will be able to:

- Understand the needs for life
- Use their senses as a means of investigating
- Have used props in an appropriate manner
- Understand some new concepts, words and phrases
- Have had a fun and enjoyable day in the Peak District National Park

**Most** children will:

- Understand how green plants grow
- Understand the importance of food chains
- Understand the importance of food and water for growth and to stay alive

**Some** children may also:

- Understand the links between green plants, life processes, and the natural environment

#### CURRICULUM LINKS

**Literacy** - children will be introduced to some technical terms and vocabulary and be encouraged to use and record words to describe their visit

**Science** - children will study *living things and their environment and humans and other animals*

**English** – the children will employ *listening skills and sustain concentration*

**Citizenship** - all activities involve teamwork, working out how and for what purpose we use the props

**Thinking Skills** - all activities promote independent enquiry, listening to others and making relevant comments

**Weather** We will continue activities in all but the very worst weather so please make sure everyone comes prepared to be outside in the rain and/or cold!

Shelter is available at both venues

**Every Child Matters** All activities aim to cover the ECM outcomes of:

- Be Healthy
- Stay Safe
- Enjoy and achieve
- Make a positive contribution

**Prior Learning** It is not essential that any prior learning has been undertaken. A little knowledge of the Peak District National Park and special places would, though, be useful

**Follow-up Work** For all our activities we enjoy receiving post visit letters or pictures from children. Please send these to us at the address below. For further follow-up ideas and information, please see our website

**Peak District National Park Authority**  
**Learning & Discovery Team**  
**Field End Bungalow**  
**Losehill Hall**  
**Castleton**  
**Hope Valley**  
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