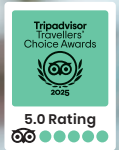


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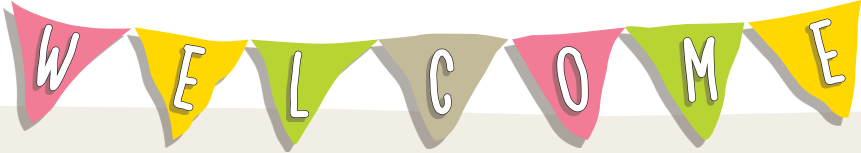
# GROOVY GUIDE

INSIDE...

♥ YOUR DAY, YOUR WAY ♥ OUR FAB FACILITIES  
♥ PRIMATES ♥ OWLS



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Dear teacher,

Welcome to Monkey Haven, an award winning animal sanctuary with charity status – and also the most popular attraction on the Island, according to TripAdvisor. We have also won VisitEngland’s award for top small attraction in the country.

This is a happy home for rescued primates and birds of prey. We care for monkeys, owls, meerkats and many more exotic creatures.

We love showing school parties around and it’s our mission to ensure that you have lots of fun, while learning all about the serious work that we do helping animals in crisis. We are also keen to raise awareness of the plight of animals in the wild, facing threats including deforestation and poaching.

We can offer you a general tour and presentation or focus on your particular interests. Topics that we could cover include conservation, rainforests, evolution and animal behaviour. You can let us know any preferences on the booking form or give us a call to talk through your ideas.

If you have any questions before your visit, please get in touch. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Love from all the staff at Monkey Haven x

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YOU CAN CHOOSE HOW YOU WANT TO SPEND YOUR TIME HERE – AND WE WILL GIVE YOU PLENTY OF SUGGESTIONS. TO GIVE YOU THE IDEA, THIS IS HOW YOUR DAY COULD SHAPE UP...



**10AM** Arrive at the Haven to be greeted by staff. You’ll be assigned one of our education officers, who will give you an introductory talk explaining what we’re about and answer any questions. We’ve had lots of experience showing school parties around, and will pitch the discussions at the right level for your students.

**12.30PM** Lunch! Bring your own tuck or head for Xhabu’s Tea Room – please let us know in advance if you would like us to prepare packed lunches for your students.

**1.30PM** Explore the park by yourselves or head for Wise Owl Lodge for your own activities.

**10.30AM** Guided tour of Monkey Haven, giving you the chance to hear all about our amazing animals and how they came to be here. We’ll also introduce you to one of our hand reared owls. Plus we’ll show you our small collection of reptiles, including snakes and our Stick Insects.

**2.30PM** Go crazy in the adventure play areas.

**3PM** Home time (via the gift shop, of course!).



# OUR FAB FACILITIES



## YOUR OWN CLASSROOM

We've got great facilities for schools, including a heated Education Lodge which will be your classroom for the day.

It's packed with resources. Feel free to use the Lodge as you want, and store your bags here.



## LUNCH OPTIONS

Bring your own food – and eat in the Education Lodge. Alternatively, dine al fresco on our picnic benches.

Xhabu's Tea Room also sells a good selection of hot and cold drinks, ice cream, sandwiches and snacks.



## ACCESS FOR EVERYONE

The paths throughout the park are wide and flat, suitable for wheelchairs.



## PLAY AREAS

Let the children run wild at Funky Monkeys (5s and over) and Cheeky Monkeys (under 5s).

### Plus...

- ✓ Toilets (including fully accessible)
- ✓ Handwashing facilities next to the Education Lodge
- ✓ Baby changing rooms
- ✓ Gift shop with pocket money toys

### Risk Assessment:

We can provide a risk assessment for your records – or you are welcome to conduct your own.

"The children at Dover Park Primary School had a great day. Lilymae took us on a tour and gave us an absolutely amazing talk about owls. I was so impressed with how informative she was and how she adapted her language so it was age appropriate for the children. She was so accommodating and made us feel really welcome. I will definitely be booking again and just wanted to say a massive thank you."

# SCHOOL ADMISSION PRICES

£7.95 PER CHILD/STUDENT (SELF GUIDED)

OR

£8.50 PER CHILD/STUDENT  
WITH GUIDED TOUR, INCLUDING A  
REPTILE OR MINIBEAST MEET AND GREET

An animal carer will give an educational talk about the animals they look after. Please let us know if you'd like to add a Meet & Greet talk when you make your booking.

Minimum: 15 people

1 adult goes free per 8 children | Additional adults: £7.95 | Coach drivers: free

PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR TO MAKE A BOOKING.

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## WHY NOT ADOPT ONE OF OUR ANIMALS FOR YOUR CLASS?

FROM JUST £15 FOR A YEAR,  
YOU'LL GET A CERTIFICATE AND  
THE PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS  
THE ANIMAL'S UPKEEP.



CHOOSE ME

# WHAT'S THE POINT OF MONKEY HAVEN?

WE GIVE ALL OUR ANIMALS THE CHANCE TO LIVE HAPPY, ENRICHED LIVES IN PEACEFUL SURROUNDINGS. HERE ARE THREE OF THE MAIN REASONS THAT THE CREATURES COME TO BE HERE...

## 1. THEY WERE RESCUED FROM THE CRUEL PET TRADE

Our meerkats used to be kept as pets in unsuitable conditions and still bear the scars. One of them has lost his tail, which could be because his hutch was too small or he bit it off out of boredom.



## 2. THEY WERE EXPLOITED AND MISTREATED

Milan the Squirrel monkey was kept as a pet, in a bird cage. She was rescued when an animal lover spotted her for sale on a Spanish website. The owner didn't know how to care for her. She had a broken arm, probably caused by being forced into clothing. She also has a humped back caused by rickets, which leads to fragile bones and deformities. This is common in animals that don't get enough sunlight or a proper balanced diet.



## 3. THEY ARE UNSUITABLE FOR BREEDING PROGRAMMES

If we care for these animals, then this gives zoos more space for animals that are important for conservation.

Taabo, the beautiful Diana monkey, has a genetic eye condition which means he is no longer a candidate for breeding programmes.



## FURRY FACT

OUR BEAUTIFUL COLOBUS MONKEYS HAVE A FURRY 'CAPE' THAT ACTS AS A PARACHUTE TO HELP THEM GLIDE THROUGH THE TREES. HOWEVER THEIR DISTINCTIVE GOOD LOOKS HAVE MADE THEM A TARGET FOR POACHERS – AND IN SOME COUNTRIES, THEIR TAILS ARE USED AS FLY SWATTERS.



# PRIMATES



SOMER & RASMAYA  
THE LAR GIBBONS

OUR CHEEKY MONKEYS AND NOISY GIBBONS ARE ALL HOUSED IN LARGE, SPACIOUS ENCLOSURES. WE GIVE EACH ANIMAL EVERYTHING THEY NEED TO ENSURE THAT THAT THEY STAY HAPPY AND HEALTHY – THAT MIGHT BE A WATERFALL, CLIMBING FRAME, OR LOTS OF FOLIAGE TO PLAY AROUND IN.

Our diverse primate collection is the largest on the Isle of Wight and each species is fascinating to watch. You'll love discovering their unique personalities.

The Lar Gibbons might try and steal the show with their loud territorial singing – our resident showgirls are Somer and her mother Rasmaya. They adore showing off, playing with cardboard boxes and do all kinds of acrobatics. You'll probably hear them before you see them!

## ALSO LOOK OUT FOR

THE CHEEKY RHESUS MACAQUES use a variety of facial expressions to communicate, including grimacing (to show fear), chirping (when they find a really tasty bit of food) and screaming (to demonstrate aggression). Experts from Portsmouth University are studying our monkeys to look at their forms of communication.

OUR TROOP OF BARBARY MACAQUES were rescued from the illegal pet trade – this sociable bunch love grooming and playing, and will devise imaginative games from simple props like a plastic cup or towel.



SPOK THE RHESUS MACAQUE

# OWLS & OTHER BIRDS

KETCH THE EAGLE OWL

WE'RE NOT JUST MAD ABOUT MONKEYS, YOU KNOW! THE HAVEN IS ALSO HOME TO VARIOUS SPECIES OF OWL, FROM THE GREAT GREY OWL TO THE TINY AUSTRALIAN BOOBOOK.

We're crazy about other types of birds, too. Kookie the Kookaburra is one of the noisiest and cheekiest creatures you'll ever meet – he likes a joke and finds visitors very amusing, so don't be offended if he laughs at you!



KOOKIE THE KOOKABURRA



OAKLEY THE BARN OWL

Many of our birds have come from zoos and private collections. Others were injured or rescued native birds from the wild. We have a 'rescue and release' policy – so that wherever possible, we care for the birds until they are well enough to be released back into the countryside.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON!

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