



Monkey World - Ape Rescue Centre

Educational Session Booklet

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Guided Tour

£5 per child

Get the most out of Monkey World with one of our guided tours. Your experienced and knowledgeable Education Officer will lead your party around the park, stopping at the enclosures to explain how we conduct our work in primate rescue and rehabilitation. You will hear the stories of how and why our primates have been rescued, how we care for them at the park, and how we are currently working to help more primates in need around the globe. Our Education Officers will answer any and all questions you may have, and some of the primates might even come over to say hello!



£10 for 20 devices



Audio Tour

Take a self-guided tour around Monkey World with our downloadable Audio Tour. As you make your way around the park, look out for the Audio Tour signs at the enclosures. There are 15 recordings to listen to as you make your way around the 65 acre site. The recordings are designed to help you navigate your way around the park, whilst learning about the species we have rescued from neglect, cruelty and abuse around the world.

A QR code will be made available upon arrival. Please note that devices and headphones are not included.



Rescue & Conservation

Monkey World has been caring for rescued, rehomed and endangered primates since 1987. Our 65-acre park in the heart of the Dorset countryside is home to 25 different species, several of which are declining rapidly in the wild as a result of human activity. In this talk, you will learn about Monkey World's work in primate rescue and rehabilitation, including individual primates' rescue stories, our involvement in endangered species breeding programmes and our conservation projects at the Dao Tien Endangered Primate Species Centre in Vietnam.

Adaptable for all ages and levels, this session is perfect for enhancing any visit to the park, learning about the threats primates face in the wild and gaining an insight into the importance of conservation.

£35 for up to 35 children; £1 per additional child

Monkey or Ape?

Primates are our closest cousins, but how much do you know about them?

In this fun, interactive session, we'll discover many of the 20+ primate species living here at Monkey World. As well as classifying and naming species, we'll learn about the different habitats they live in in the wild and the adaptations that make them able to survive, comparing our own bodies and senses to those of monkeys and apes!

£40 for up to 35 children



Threats to Primates

In this session we'll focus on why a primate rescue centre like Monkey World is so important. We'll discuss how habitat loss in South America, Africa and Asia fuels the illegal wildlife trade, and what happens to the primates who are poached from the wild. We'll also focus on the legal primate pet trade happening here in the UK, and how Monkey World is at the forefront of bringing the trade to an end.

£40 for up to 35 children



Caring for Primates

With over 250 primates at Monkey World, our Primate Care Staff have to work incredibly hard to make sure that everyone has all of their needs met. In this interactive workshop, you'll learn just what that takes! We'll talk about food, health, hygiene, accommodation and enrichment, considering how animals have needs just like our own. We'll also think about the importance of family, and how we ensure our rescued primates get the social contact they need.

£40 for up to 35 children



Caring for Chimpanzees and Orang-utans



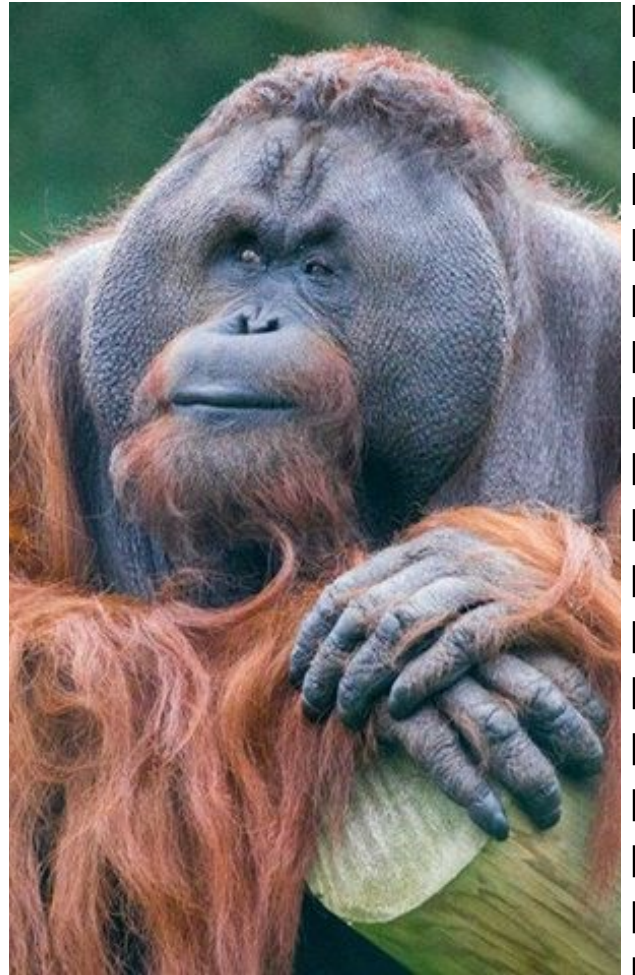
Chimpanzees, orang-utans and humans are all part of the great ape family—so how do we care for our closest living relatives at the park? In this session we'll focus on how our Primate Care Staff manage the daily care of our chimpanzees and orang-utans, and how they try to replicate how they live in the wild. We'll also discuss the threats these great apes are facing in their natural habitats and what we can do to help these incredible endangered species to survive.

£40 for up to 35 children

Orang-utans

In this session, learn all about how these critically endangered great apes have been rescued from the illegal wildlife trade and have found a safe, permanent home at Monkey World. Discover how our Primate Care Staff care the orang-utans at the park, and how they live in the wild. Learn how their forest habitats in Borneo and Sumatra are disappearing as a result of human development and the palm oil industry, and what we can do to help them.

£40 for up to 35 children



Slow Loris

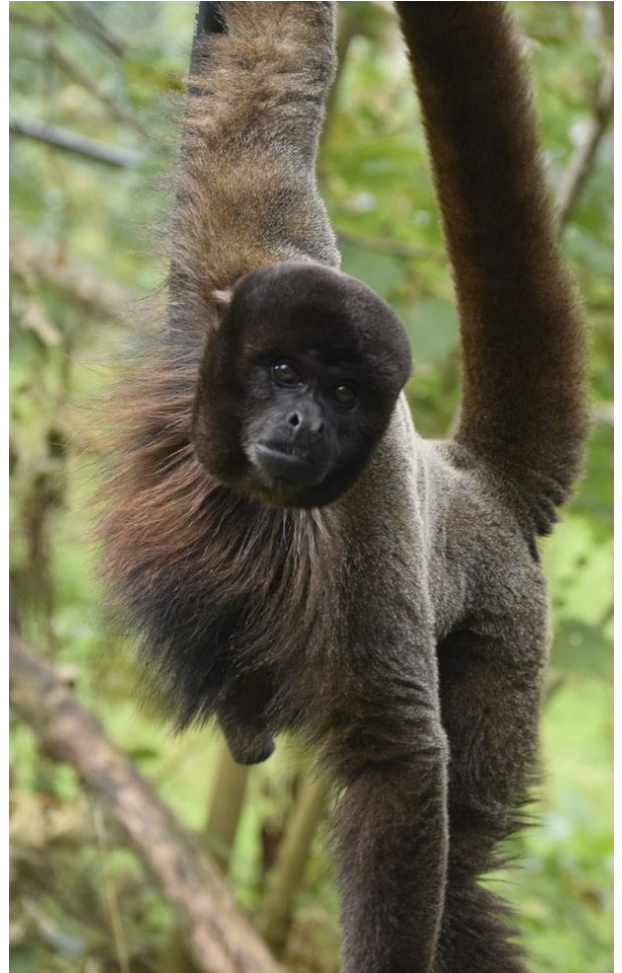
Discover the lives of our elusive Bengal slow loris in this workshop. Native to Southeast Asia, these small nocturnal primates might appear cute but they pack a powerful venomous bite! We'll discuss the illegal wildlife trade and how slow loris are being taken from the wild to be kept as illegal pets, and how it affects their welfare. You'll find out how we care for a nocturnal species at Monkey World and how we are returning pygmy slow loris to the wild in Vietnam with our conservation charity, EAST.

£40 for up to 35 children

South American Safari

As the largest continuous rainforest on earth, the Amazon is home to many monkey species which are also found living at Monkey World. We'll investigate the conditions of the rainforests of South America and how woolly monkeys, capuchins and marmosets are adapted to live there. We'll also discuss how these species are under threat from deforestation and hunting, as well as why we are rescuing them from people's homes here in the UK!

£40 for up to 35 children



Southeast Safari

The ancient rainforests of Southeast Asia are home to many species on the brink of extinction, including gibbons and orang-utans. In this interactive session, we'll investigate the conditions of the rainforests of Southeast Asia and how orang-utans and gibbons are adapted to live there. We'll also discuss how these species are under threat from deforestation and hunting, and how we are helping Vietnamese primates to return to the wild!

£40 for up to 35 children

Families Matter!

Family is one of the most important aspects of our primates' rehabilitation at Monkey World. Many of our primates are rescued from lives of solitary confinement, but would live in social groups in their natural habitats. However, just like with us, primate families come in all different shapes and sizes! In this session we will discuss the different types of families found in wild primates, as well as the importance of foster families here at Monkey World.

£40 for up to 35 children



Human Primates at Monkey World

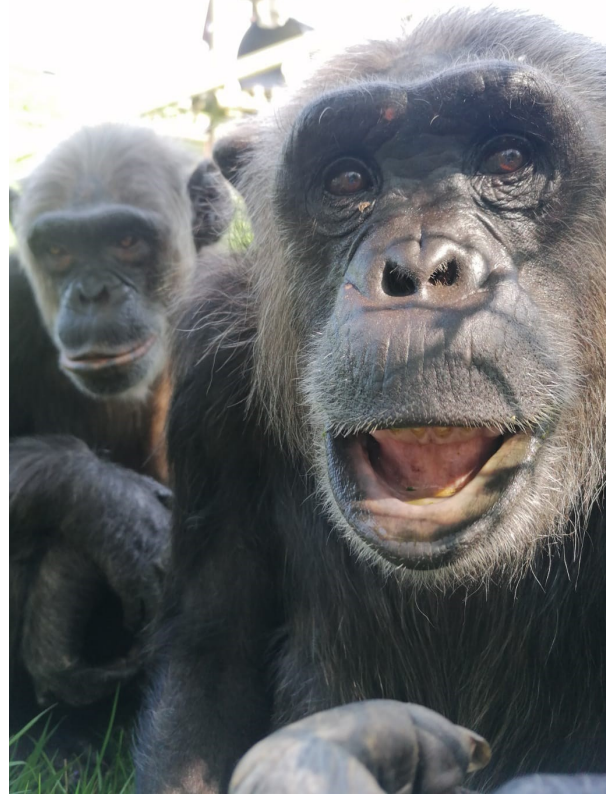


Our rescued monkeys and apes are not the only primates at Monkey World—there's the staff too! In this session we will look at the variety of roles within the Monkey World team, and how they all contribute to the success of our rescue centre. We will discuss what each departments' responsibilities are and which skills they require. We will also discuss the routes our staff have taken to get to the positions they are in today.

£40 for up to 35 children

Primate Taxonomy: Characteristics & Adaptations

In this session we will explore what defines a primate, and how primates are classified as apes, monkeys and prosimians. We will also discuss the differences between Old World and New World primates. Using examples from the rescued and endangered primates at Monkey World, we will explore the differences between species and how they are adapted for an arboreal lifestyle.



£40 for up to 35 students



Business & Customer Service

Monkey World has been a world-renowned primate rescue centre since 1987, but how does the park operate? In this session we will discuss how our self-funding rescue centre provides a high-value customer experience, whilst ensuring the needs of our rescued primates are top priority. We will also focus on how we aim to deliver excellent customer service, and the different areas in which we communicate with our customers and supporters.

£40 for up to 35 students

Primate Behaviour

This session is perfect for students visiting Monkey World to conduct ethograms and primate observations. In this session we will discuss primate communication and social organisation, and how these impact different species' behaviour. We will also consider how our rescued primates' backgrounds have impacted their behaviour, creating abnormalities and stereotypies. Finally, we will discuss how we encourage our primates to exhibit natural behaviour, and how operant conditioning forms a vital part of our primates' preventative healthcare.

£40 for up to 35 students

