

Educational Visit

Structure of a Typical Day (Can be changed to meet your requirements)

Approx. 0945 Group will be met at the swing bridge over the Leeds and Liverpool Canal and given a brief introductory talk including general health and safety requirements

Packed lunches can be taken direct to the Visitor Centre from 0915

A guided walk around the Reserve can take up to lunch time – this will include a brief history of the area and change of land use over time, comparison of river to canal, visit to bird hides and different wetland habitats, dragonfly conservation area and wildflower meadows.

As the Reserve is explored children are provided with “sticky boards” to help them focus on the environment around them by creating their own picture from items of interest found on the walk – leaves, grasses, flowers, feathers, shells etc.

1200 Lunch – hopefully a picnic outside or if weather inclement in the Visitor Centre. Hot drinks available for staff.

1245 Start activities – each lasts approx 30 minutes. With a single class visit 3 activities can be covered at any one time or if a double class visit 4 activities at once.

1430/1445 – Gather on the lawn by Visitor Centre (inside if inclement) to summarise on the day, answer any questions, feedback and farewell.

NB

Some schools have chosen to visit the Reserve twice in the year – once early in the year just for the morning walk round and then again later for the full day with activities to see how it has changed during the intervening months.