

TOP PICKS

Best spots to visit

See the best of our wetland wildlife

Use the numbers with the map overleaf

1 Enjoy our Wetland Discovery Boat Safari*

Explore wetland habitats on board our electric boats. Wildlife surrounds you – ducks on the surface, fish below and birds in the skies above. Your friendly guide will make sure you don't miss a thing.



2 Immerse your group in a wild place

Visit our Reedbed boardwalk that leads you into the sights and sounds of one of the largest reedbeds in Sussex.

During the summer, look out for dragonflies perching on twigs and stems.

* Booking is essential, subject to availability, £1.50 per child

3 Coastal creek and diving duck feed

Diving ducks and wading birds surround you on this up close, walk-through aviary experience.

If you're here at noon come and see our diving ducks being fed in the cut-away viewing tank.



4 Pelican cove

Meet the incredible dalmation pelicans – the largest pelicans in the world.

If you're here at 2pm, come along and meet their keeper.



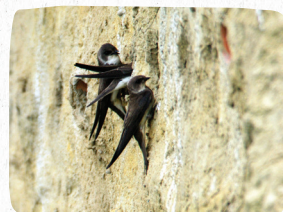
5 In the spring and summer months visit our Sand martin hide

From here watch the sand martins flying to their nest holes.

Sand martins are swallow-like birds which arrive in March from West Africa.

Can you see the holes they make in the bank? Our artificial sand bank has holes ready made for them.

Why might sand martins nest in holes?



6 Visit the Discovery hide

From here you can see common birds such as mallards, tufted ducks and moorhens.

If you are lucky you might see the blue flash of a kingfisher.

Look through the low windows to see what is sitting on the water or sleeping on the banks.



7 If you have booked the raised pond, this is the place to explore our ponds and discover real and amazing underwater life.



8 To burn off extra energy and get physical, visit our pond skaters play area.



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EXPLORE OUR WETLANDS



Answers to questions pupils love to ask

How many birds do you have?

We have around 500 birds of 48 species in our living collection and throughout the year we have up to 3,000 wild birds at any one time!

What do ducks eat?

They eat a variety of different foods. Some eat plants while others eat small animals such as fish, or insects living at the bottom of a pond. We feed the ducks grain which is full of goodness and the birds love it!

What are the small cages on the surface of some of the ponds?

It's a sea duck feeder! This box made of wire mesh and wood protects our ducks' food from pests. Ducks dive and swim under the edges of the box, surfacing inside to eat the food pellets floating there.

What do the big black bins do?

These are our emperor feeders; they look like alien spaceships. They are filled with grain; birds can access the food by pecking at them.

How long can a diving duck hold its breath? How deep can they dive?

A diving duck such as a tufted duck will stay underwater for 15–25 seconds, depending on the depth of the water. Some ducks like the long-tailed duck can dive up to 60 metres (197 feet). Why don't you time them?



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