

# TOUCH THE WILD EDUCATION PROGRAM



## PROGRAM OUTLINE

### Overview

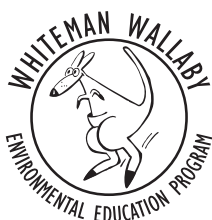
'Touch the Wild' is a very popular excursion that offers primary students the opportunity to visit Caversham Wildlife Park, and also enjoy the excellent picnic and recreation facilities of Whiteman Park.

Caversham Wildlife Park, home to more than 200 species of native fauna, birds and farmyard animals, is located within the village area of Whiteman Park.

Caversham is the largest privately owned Wildlife Park in Western Australia. It boasts a well-respected native animal breeding program and is the best place in Perth for students to get 'hands on' experience of a large array of farm and native animals.

At the Wildlife Park students have the opportunity to view and interact with a large variety of animals including kangaroos, koalas and wombats, watch the highly entertaining 'Farm Show', and exit at leisure for lunch or breaks to enjoy the many facilities and attractions of Whiteman Park, including play and picnic grounds.

Teachers booking into this program are given a shelter 'base' within the Whiteman Park picnic grounds for the day. This 'base' is located conveniently close to playgrounds, toilet facilities and parking.



Whiteman Park, Perth,  
Western Australia

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## Essential Information

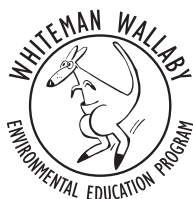
<b>Duration of visit</b>	An average visit is between 2 – 4 hours.								
<b>Cost</b>	\$8.00* per student and any sibling 3 years and over. \$22.00* for 'extra' parent helpers i.e. more than adult : students ratio.								
<b>Group size</b>	Minimum: 5 students      Maximum: 500 students								
<b>Program availability</b>	Monday – Friday 8:30am – 5:30pm Please note most of the interactive components of this program take place between 10:00am – 2:00pm. To gain the maximum benefit from your excursion, we suggest you plan to visit Caversham between these times where possible.								
<b>Age suitability</b>	3 years and over								
<b>Resource support</b>	Integrated learning programs have been developed for early (K–Year 3), middle (Years 3–5) and late childhood (Years 5–7). These are available free of charge for teachers booking a 'Touch the Wild' excursion. Programs cover all learning areas, include all outcome links, and have the potential to provide a term's worth of activities for students.								
<b>Opportunities for interaction with animals</b>	<p><b>Farm Show</b> 10:00am – 11:00am, 1:00pm – 2:00pm</p> <p>At the Farm Show students will learn how farmers round up sheep using dogs and horses, shear sheep, crack the whip, milk a cow and other interesting information relating to farming.</p> <p><b>Wombat and Friends Show</b> 11:00am – 12:00 noon, 2:00pm – 3:00pm</p> <p>Wombats, 'Bubs', 'Natta' or 'Neil' are available to meet small groups of students at a time at the special display area indicated on the map at the end of this document.</p>	<p><b>Koala Enclosure</b> 10:00am – 4:30pm daily</p> <p>There are about 30 koalas at Caversham. You are able to walk into the enclosure, pat the koalas, watch them feed and ask the Wildlife Officer on duty lots of questions.</p> <p><b>Aviaries</b></p> <p>There are a number of walk through aviaries on site where students will be able to view a variety of bird species. Children may need to be specially supervised at the entry/exit gates to ensure only one door is open at a time.</p>	<p><b>Molly's Farm</b> 9:30am – 4:30pm</p> <p>Students will be able to feed various animals on display including sheep, donkey, rabbits and guinea pigs.</p> <p><b>Kangaroo Enclosure</b> 8:30am – 5:30pm daily</p> <p>In the centre of Caversham Wildlife Park is a huge walk through kangaroo enclosure. Home to approximately 70 kangaroos. Food is available to hand feed the kangaroos from a food-bin located in the middle of the enclosure.</p>						
<b>Arrival and registration</b>	All school groups visiting Caversham Wildlife Park need to collect an entry voucher from the Whiteman Park Visitor Information Centre PRIOR to going into Caversham. School groups will not be admitted directly into Caversham unless they present this voucher. The voucher is obtained when you register your class' arrival and make payment at at the Whiteman Park Visitor Information Centre in the Village. (Refer to Arrival and Registration Guidelines in the Whiteman Park Excursion Management Plan)								
<b>Supervision – parent helpers</b>	Are admitted FREE OF CHARGE under the following ratios: <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>Years K–2</td> <td>1 adult to 5 children</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Years 3–12</td> <td>1 adult to 10 children</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Special needs</td> <td>1 carer to 1 student with special needs</td> </tr> </table> <p>Please note that to be eligible for FREE ENTRY the adult carer must be with the group to qualify e.g. either enter with the group at the time of commencing the program or have been identified as a parent helper by the teacher when registering group numbers at Whiteman Park. EXTRA SIBLINGS (3 years and over) will be charged at the nominated student rate.</p>			Years K–2	1 adult to 5 children	Years 3–12	1 adult to 10 children	Special needs	1 carer to 1 student with special needs
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For the **Farm Show**, students must be seated ten minutes before start time. Groups that are running late will not be permitted to view the Show.

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### How long does it take to go through Caversham Wildlife Park?

Your class can spend as much time in Caversham Wildlife Park as you choose. It depends on what you plan to do whilst in the Wildlife Park. Whiteman Park will usually allocate your group about four hours per visit. This provides most classes with enough time to view and interact with all the animals on display and watch both Shows.

### Can we feed the animals?

You are allowed to hand feed the kangaroos and the farm animals. In these animals' enclosures you will find special food pellets that you can feed the animals. Please ask Caversham Wildlife Staff (Animal Attendants or Volunteers) for further information.

### What different types of animals are at the Park?

There are about 200 different species of animals and birds. Altogether there are over 2,000 animals to be seen at the Park. Native animals include koalas, kangaroos, wallabies, wombats, Tasmanian Devils, quolls, potoroos, possums and bettongs. There are many species of birds as well as the Tawny Frogmouths, cockatoos, kookaburras and emus. Farm animals are represented by sheep, goats, deer, donkeys, rabbits, cows, ponies, llamas, guinea pigs, geese, chickens and buffaloes. Refer to the map of Caversham Wildlife Park (overleaf) for more animal species.

### How many times can we re-enter Caversham Wildlife Park on the same day?

Your group is welcome to leave Caversham and re-enter later in the day as a group if you need to. Sometimes schools are booked into Caversham in the morning and have had such a good time that they want to go back and visit their favourite animals again after lunch. Please let the Reception staff at Caversham know if you would like to do this.

### Do we get a guide?

No, apart from the initial welcome to Caversham Wildlife Park you don't get a guide. However, as you are walking around in your small group you will see a number of uniformed Caversham Wildlife Park Animal Attendants and Volunteers who will be more than happy to answer your questions.

### How do we know how to get around inside Caversham Wildlife Park?

There is a map available to all visitors. Please ensure each group leader receives one on arrival at Caversham Wildlife Park.

On the map you will find that the Wildlife Park has been divided up into four main quadrants: South West, South East, North East and North. Each quadrant aims to be representative of the types of animals and vegetation found in these areas. I.e. The North East quadrant is representative of the north-eastern corner of Australia and so contains Lorikeets and Flying Foxes, that are common to this part of Australia.

When you are walking around Caversham Wildlife Park keep an eye out for the tall totem poles that name the entrance to each quadrant.

Linking each of the quadrants is a central pathway that surrounds the kangaroo enclosure and is the quick route to follow to find the toilets and entry/exit points of the Wildlife Park.

### What else can we do at Whiteman Park?

There are many other attractions, facilities and education programs that can be teamed with your 'Touch the Wild' experience to provide an even more sensational day at Whiteman Park.

*Have a sausage sizzle.*

*Watch a spectacular 'Birds of Prey' display.*

*Try the orienteering course in the village.*

*Explore the wonderful Children's Forest.*

For more information please contact the Whiteman Park Bookings Officer on (08) 9209 6028.



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## MAP OF CAVERSHAM WILDLIFE PARK

