



## FIRST EDUCATION AND SCHOOL TRAVEL

First Education & School Travel have teamed up with Beamish Wild to produce this fully-packaged educational visits programme. Our bookings team will work with you to plan each aspect of your visit, including arranging and planning your travel... booking could not be easier!

We currently work alongside a range of other experienced partners such as The Field Studies Council, Youth Hostels Association and Lego Discovery Centre. We also manage the transport provision and logistical support aspects of the DCSF funded Do it 4 Real Summer camp programme.

## PROVIDING COST-EFFECTIVE, SAFE & RELIABLE TRAVEL

We recognise the importance of the travel element in any educational visit and understand that this area is key to the overall success of the trip. By pooling our strengths, First Travel Solutions and Beamish Wild ensure that the quality and delivery of each aspect of your visit is planned meticulously and delivered to the very highest standard. Additionally due to the scale at which we work, we also provide a cost effective travel option.

## SAFE & SECURE

The safety of students and staff is paramount and risk assessments for all activities on site will be made available to you prior to your visit. All staff on-site have a wealth of experience in wildlife and conservation and Beamish Wild perform a full disclosure CRB check on all staff interacting with pupils or vulnerable adults.

## FIRST TRAVEL SOLUTIONS AND BEAMISH WILD WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

First Travel Solutions is part of the FirstGroup of companies, the UK's largest surface passenger transport company carrying 2.7 million passengers every day.

Beamish Wild is located within the grounds of the beautiful Beamish Hall between Durham & Newcastle. The Wild Birds of Prey Centre opened in 2008 and specialises in the care and conservation of birds of prey. The centre is also committed to educating the general public, and particularly young people in exploring the fascinating world of birds of prey.

## AVAILABILITY & HOW TO BOOK

Working in partnership with Beamish Wild we use our considerable expertise to manage each element of your educational visit. We provide you with a Wild Days Out Teachers Information Pack, giving in-depth detail to support learning in the classroom prior to your visit. We can also provide curricular linked exercises for when you return to the classroom. When your booking is confirmed we will send a Group Leader Support Pack to help with the finer details in planning your day, confirmation of your travel arrangements and a simple booking form and invoice.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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# BEAMISH WILD BIRDS OF PREY CENTRE



## WILD DAYS OUT

Fully-packaged curricular linked day-visit programmes for Key Stages 1, 2 & 3



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## OUR WILD DAYS OUT PROGRAMME

### A Typical Programme

The itinerary below suits our younger guests and offers a fun and lively outside classroom experience. For older groups we can provide a range of alternative activities such as archery, shelter building and low ropes. These activities are subject to availability and carry an additional charge per person.

**10:00 Arrival & safety brief**

**10:30 Adventure Play**

An opportunity for the group to burn off some energy in the adventure playground.

**11:00 Flight Demonstration**

An opportunity to see some of our resident birds in free-flight.

**12:00 Lunch and free-time in the Centre**

Bring your own lunches to eat in our picnic areas. Alternatively we can provide packed for the group at an additional cost.

**13:00 Treasure Hunt**

A mini orienteering/treasure hunt course situated entirely within the safe grounds of Beamish Hall. The group work out and discover the location of hidden items using imagery as hints.

**13:30 Educational Talk**

The resident falconer will spend time with the group taking them through the various species of owls, eagles and vultures we have at the centre. The session will include information on the ancient art of falconry, husbandry and breeding in captivity.

**14:00 Flight Demonstration**

A second opportunity to see some of our resident birds in free-flight.

**15:00 Departure**

### HOW DOES IT WORK?

Simply call or email us with the dates on which you would like to visit, letting us know the size of your group and informing us of any special requirements. We will then check availability, arrange your travel and make the package arrangements with the centre. We will confirm your request by sending a simple booking form, invoice and group travel pack... it really could not be easier! (Note: minimum group size 25 pupils plus staff)

### OUR WILD DAYS OUT PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Fully managed return travel to Beamish Wild Birds of Prey Centre
- Teachers resource pack
- Bookings Coordinator to handle all aspects of the visit
- Delivery of a Beamish Wild Days Out programme

Educational visits provide a range of positive experiences as widely promoted by DCSF in the Learning Outside the Classroom manifesto. The package gives a fascinating insight into the world of birds of prey and encourages participation, communication as part of a group, problem solving and working together as a team all in a fun and safe environment.

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### Key Stage 1-3

### Birds of Prey Wild Days Out

Located in the grounds of Beamish Hall, The Wild Birds of Prey Centre is home to over 70 birds of prey including Owls, Eagles, Falcons, Hawks and Vultures. Large aviaries are located in ancient woodland replicating the birds natural habitat as closely as possible.

The Wild Days Out programme offers a fun and lively outside classroom experience and promotes learning through first hand experience giving the pupils an opportunity to interact with the raptors throughout the day.

The programme aims to impress on pupils that our planet is full of natural wonders that require only basic and simple methods of care and support from humans in order for them to survive and thrive. The programme is also supported by a detailed teachers pack, including information sheets on birds of prey, conservation, the history of falconry and suggested areas of class research prior to your visit and also suggested follow-up work for back in the classroom.

We provide a general Group Leader Support Pack including the relevant site risk assessments, licensing, insurance etc. We will also be happy to talk through any special requirements that your group may have.

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