

Animal Encounters

Meeting place for animal encounters (see zoo map)

Please see entrance board for daily animal encounters

10:00am - until 1 hour before closing
Animal handling with rabbits and guinea pigs at PETALZ Barn

11:00am
Ring Tailed Lemur Feeding - Meet at the Ring Tailed Lemur enclosure

12:30am
Meerkats - meet in the courtyard opposite the PETALZ Petting Barn

2:00pm
Reptiles in the Encounters Room, Animal Management Centre

Zoological Gardens

Welcome to Kirkley Hall



Lots more to EXPLORE

We are here to provide a great day out for all of the family and hope to make it a fun learning journey; after all we are a college!

We hope you enjoy finding out about our animals, plants, wildlife and the countryside and have fun along the way. Please keep an eye on our website for special events and activities and try and check out some of our regular features such as the animal encounters. We are not a petting farm but our hosts will talk to you about the animals and let you hold some of them, if appropriate. We plan to add lots more for you to see and do, so please come back and see us again soon.

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It's a wild day out!

Kirkley Key

- 1 Entrance to the zoo
- 2 Corvid Centre
- 3 Climbing Forest
- 4 The Orangery Tea Room
- 5 Ornamental Garden
- 6 Woodland Garden
- 7 Start of River, Forest Trail and Cherry Glade
- 8 Woodland Visitor Centre
- 9 Entrance to Walled Garden
- 10 Glasshouses
- 11 Grass Seating Area
- 12 Obelisk Monument
- 13 End of River and Forest Trail
- 14 Outdoor Activity Centre
- 15 Red Squirrel Wildlife Hide
- 16 Country Shop



Zoo Key

- 1 Entrance / kiosk and animal centre
- 2 South America - Alpacas & Rhea
- 3 Animal Management Centre: toilets & baby changing
- 4 Aquatics
- 5 The birthday room
- 6 Walk of Life, includes: amphibians, reptiles, primates and Armadillos
- 7 Cotton-top Tamarins
- 8 Capybara
- 9 The Courtyard includes: Meerkats, Porcupines, Emperor Tamarins, Common Marmosets, Skunks, and Cuscus
- 10 Bush Dogs
- 11 Cockatoo
- 12 Common Genet
- 13 Wetlands
- 14 Temminck's Tragopan
- 15 African aviaries, including Von der Decken's Hornbill
- 16 Macaw
- 17 Raccoon Dogs
- 18 Mara
- 19 Reindeer
- 20 Kirkley Kiosk, picnic area and play area
- 21 Ring Tailed and Ruffed Neck Lemurs
- 22 Lemurs
- 23 PETALZ petting barn
- 24 The Outback experience including: Parma Wallabies & Kookaburra Wallabies
- 25 Tawny Frogmouth
- 26 Donkeys
- 27 Shetland ponies



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January

Recycle Your Christmas Tree Weekend

Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th, Throughout January, 10am-4pm

Here at Kirkley Hall Zoological Gardens we actively promote conservation so why not help us by recycling your old real tree. Bring your trees to the zoo for us to use for animal shelters and enrichment and in return you will receive 50% off entry to the zoo this weekend!

January Blues

Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th January, 10am-4pm

Chase away your January blues with half price entry to Kirkley Hall Zoological Gardens this weekend!

February

Valentines Weekend

Valentine's Day February, 10am-4pm

Be wild at heart and treat your loved one to a Valentines Weekend romantic stroll around Kirkley Hall Zoological Gardens and you can enjoy 2 for the price of 1 on all adult admissions.

Madagascar Madness

Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th June, 10am-4pm

Come along and learn about all the Madagascan species we have here at Kirkley Hall Zoological Gardens. Find out about our lemurs and help us conserve the native flora and fauna of Madagascar through activities, trails and quizzes.

Insect Weekend

Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th June, 10am-4pm

Come along and learn what makes an insect an insect and how important they are. We will teach you how you can spot them at home and in your neighbourhood, see how the diversity of insects affects the rest of the world while carrying out mini beast surveys and an identification trail.

Fabulous Father's Day

Sunday 18th June, 10am-4pm

Free entry for dads to Kirkley Hall Zoological Gardens.

National Nest Box Day

Monday 20th February, 10am-4pm

Each year the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) runs National Nest Box Week from 14th to 21st February. St Valentine's Day marks the start since this is the traditional date when birds pair up for the new breeding season. We will show you how to make your very own nest box while teaching you how to clean them out and check that they are in tip-top condition for the coming breeding season. Additional charges apply.

February Half Term Zoo Club

Monday 20th - Friday 24th February, 10am-4pm

A whole week of events to bring out your inner zoo keeper! Every day there will be different activities for you to join in with including helping the keepers with their daily checks, feeding the lemurs, training the cockatoos and walking the Shetland ponies. Book between one and five days, the choice is yours! £30 per day, open for children aged 5-8 and 9-15, lunch included.

July

Africa Weekend

Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd July, 10am-4pm

Come and explore the animals of Africa that live within our zoo, snakes, lizards, lemurs, and lots more animals can't wait to meet you! With African tours and traditional African crafts come and discover a real taste of Africa!

Primate Weekend

Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th July, 10am-4pm

Here at Kirkley Hall Zoological Gardens we have a growing collection of primates including lemurs, marmosets and tamarins. Come and learn about this diverse range of primates including how to care for them correctly in captivity. You can also look forward to a primate trail as well as a conservation talk about Projecto Titi (conserving the Cotton Top Tamarin).

Kirkley Summer Fair

Sunday 23rd July

Come along and enjoy entry to the Zoo along with other activities including, magician, punch and judy shows, helicopter rides, family games, fun fair, dog show and much more.

Fairy Tale Day

Wednesday 22nd February

Come along dressed as a fairy or wizard, follow the trails, make your own wings, magic wands and listen to a story by our very own fairy godmother.

Pirates & Princesses Day

Friday 24th February, 10am-4pm

Come along and join our resident pirate Captain Raggy Beard for our Pirates and Princesses day here at Kirkley Hall Zoological Gardens. The day will be packed with fun and adventure including games, treasure hunts and story telling. Remember to come dressed as either a pirate or a princess as the best costumes will win a prize!

Lambing Weekend

Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th March, 10am-4pm

Kirkley Hall is celebrating the first signs of spring by inviting the animal loving public to see the new born lambs, as well as enjoying our extensive range of animals including lemurs, meerkats, reindeer, wallabies and much more.



March

Madagascar Weekend

Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th March, 10am-4pm

Come along and learn about all the Madagascan species we have here at Kirkley Hall Zoological Gardens. Find out about our lemurs and help us conserve the native flora and fauna of Madagascar through activities, trails and quizzes.

April

Kirkley Kriffers

Tuesday 18th April, 10am-4pm

Get up-close and personal with amazing megabugs that creep and crawl. See giant tarantulas, frogs, geckos, spiders and beetles; try and spot stick insects camouflaged amongst the leaves or a praying mantis on the twigs. Count the rings on the tree trunk to discover its age and guess the number of legs on a giant millipede.

Eggstravaganza Easter Family Fun

Saturday 8th - Sunday 23rd April, 10am-4pm

Come along to Kirkley Hall Zoological Gardens and take part in our Easter fun! You can join in on an egg hunt, craft sessions and story time.



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Saturday 19th August, 10am-4pm

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September

Animal Training Weekend

Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd September, 10am-4pm

Come and see how we train our animals here at Kirkley Hall Zoo, you can look forward to seeing our Cockatoos and Asian Palm Civit undergoing target training.

Aquatics Weekend

Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th September, 10am-4pm

Come and see a range of fish, turtles and amphibians and learn about how to care for and look after ornamental fish. For more information on caring for fish see www.bigfishcampaign.org

Easter Zoo club

Monday 10th - Friday 14th April, Monday 17th - Friday 21st April, 10am-4pm

A whole week of events to bring out your inner zoo keeper! Every day there will be different activities for you to join in with including helping the keepers with their daily checks, feeding the lemurs, training the cockatoos and walking the Shetland ponies. Book between one and five days, the choice is yours! £30 per day, open for children aged 5-8 and 9-15, lunch included.

Northumberland Residents' Festival

Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd April, 10am-4pm

As part of Northumberland Residents Festival, Kirkley Hall Zoological Gardens will be offering a 50% discount on all tickets for residents of Northumberland, please note proof of address will be required.

South America Weekend

Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th April, 10am-4pm

Come and celebrate Latin America culture all weekend! Visit our Latin American animals; from alpacas and maras, to bush dogs and capybaras, you're bound to be amazed by our fascinating creatures. South American crafts and games will also be taking place all weekend, so come along and enjoy some South American culture!

October

October Half Term Zoo Club

Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October, 10am-4pm

A whole week of events to bring out your inner zoo keeper! Every day there will be different activities for you to join in with including helping the keepers with their daily checks, feeding the lemurs, training the cockatoos and walking the Shetland ponies. Book between one and five days, the choice is yours, open for children aged 5-8 and 9-15, lunch included.

Fairy Tale Princess Day

Monday 23rd October, 11am-3pm

Come and join in all the fun as we welcome 4 Fairytale Princesses to Kirkley Hall Zoo. You can meet and greet with these real life princesses with lots of time for photographs, a truly magical day filled with princess fun.

Superhero Day

Thursday 26th October, 11am-3pm

Come and join in all the fun as we welcome 4 super heroes to Kirkley Hall Zoo. You can meet and greet with these real life superheroes, as well as learning about our superhero animals, with lots of time for photographs, a truly herotastic day filled with Superhero fun.

May

Red Squirrel Conservation Weekend

Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th May, 10am-4pm

We are actively helping conserve the Red Squirrels we have here at Kirkley Hall. Working with Ponteland Red Squirrels and the Red Squirrel Northern England. Come and join us to make squirrel feeding boxes and join one of our keepers on a woodland walk showing you what to look out for and hopefully spot a Red Squirrel. Additional cost apply for squirrel feeders.

National Pet Weekend

Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st May, 10am-4pm

This weekend we are supporting National Pet Month! Our weekend event is designed to help promote responsible pet ownership, make people aware of the benefits of pets for people and people for pets and increase pet owners' knowledge.



Pumpkinfastic Weekend

Saturday 28th October & Sunday 29th October

Bring along your own pumpkin and enter our carving competition and why not leave behind your pumpkin as a gift for one of our animals.

December

Santa visits the Zoo

Throughout the weekend in December

Why not come along and help Santa around the Zoo making lots of gifts for our zoo residents.

Christmas Zoo club

Monday 19th - Friday 23rd December, 10am-4pm

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Kirkley Hall Zoological Gardens Sixth Birthday

Saturday 27th May, 10am-4pm

Come along and help us celebrate Kirkley Hall Zoological Gardens sixth birthday, you can look forward to face painters, games and treasure hunts

May Half Term Zoo Club

Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June, 10am-4pm

A whole week of events to bring out your inner zoo keeper! Every day there will be different activities for you to join in with including helping the keepers with their daily checks, feeding the lemurs, training the cockatoos and walking the Shetland ponies. Book between one and five days, the choice is yours! £30 per day, open for children aged 5-8 and 9-15, lunch included.

June

Love Your Zoo Week!

Saturday 27th May - Sunday 4th June, 10am-4pm

The Love Your Zoo campaign was launched by BIAZA, the aim is to encourage people to visit their local BIAZA zoos and aquariums and to not only have a great day out, but also learn just how much they do for conservation, education and research. As a member of BIAZA we will be offering talks, quizzes and games for you to enjoy throughout the day.

