

West Midlands Safari Park,

An attraction to that has a whole host of fantastic learning opportunities.

The park offers a wide range of family entertainment, with a drive through safari where you can get up close and personal to some of the wildest of creatures, a sea lion experience and countless other weird and wonderful animals big and small. The park is dedicated to its animal welfare and prides itself on both conservation and education. For all you thrill seekers out there the park also has its own theme park with roller coasters and rides for all the family. If however you do not get the opportunity to visit the park or would just like to get more information, they have their own web site www.wmsp.co.uk where there is bags of information not only about the park itself and forthcoming attractions but also about the conservation work that the park is involved in and educational programmes they run. There are fun and educational activities to get kids involved in and lots of great ideas for follow on lessons.

The park has its own education mission 'to provide a fun and exciting learning experience for all', 'to connect the people with the natural world' and 'to help raise awareness of the zoos and safari parks role in the future harmony of people and animals'. With this dedication and commitment, I recommend this as a fantastic family day out, full of fun and masses of educational resources.

The cost per person is £10.50 with a free admittance for the under 3's, and this includes a free return visit. The Theme Park rides however are an extra cost with wristbands at £9.75 each. My advice however is to visit the site firstly for the drive through safari and all the other animal attractions and re visit the park with the free ticket to splash out on the rides, that way you get two different days out!

We visited the park last summer and made a whole project of our day out, not only working with the different species of animals we encountered but also with the way the park is run and how they have become a vital role in conservation.