

LEARNING with LONGLEAT

Sensory trail

Discover Longleat through touch, smell, sight, movement and sound. Take a moment to hear birdsong, see the colours of the rainbow in our flowers or listen to the wind rustling leaves in the trees and so much more.



What can you see?

Drive-Through Safari

- Look at the replica skulls in the African Painted Dog Lookout.
- Use the signs in The Lookout to identify each dog.
- Watch the video in the The Lookout.
- Use the telescopes that overlook the reserve.
- Look under the flaps on the tree boards near the African Traders shop to see what lives in and around trees.
- Look closely at the animals as you travel through the Safari, what differences can you see?



Walking Safari

- Look at the replica skull in Koala Creek.
- Watch the video in Koala Creek.
- Watch the sea lions swimming in the lake while onboard the Jungle Cruise.
- Look closely at what animals have fur, feathers or scales as you walk around.



Grounds and Gardens

Can you find:

- The horse statue in the Secret Garden?
- The hearts over the path in front of The Orangery?
- The bushes shaped like peacocks?
- In the springtime, look for flowers and blossom – look up and down.
- Can you find a flower in every colour to make up the colours of the rainbow?
- Late spring and summer – look up in the Secret Garden, can you see the handkerchief tree?



What can you hear?

Drive-Through Safari

- Use the sound board in African Village to listen to the animal sounds.
- Listen to the commentary on the Longleat app as you travel through the Safari.
- If you are lucky enough you may hear the lions roaring.



Walking Safari

- Listen to the lorikeets in their aviary.
- Can you hear the water at the Giant Otters & Crocodiles.
- Listen to the sea lions barking during feeding time on the Jungle Cruise.
- Enjoy the meerkats' chatter in Jungle Kingdom.
- Hear the parrots in Animal Adventure.
- Can you hear the Longleat Railway? Listen out for the train whistle.
- Can you hear the bats making noises in the Bat Cave?



Grounds and Gardens

- Listen and see if you can hear bees buzzing.
- Are there birds singing?
- Pause to hear water from the fountain in front of Longleat House.
- In autumn, listen for the sound of the fallen leaves crunching under you as you move around the gardens.



What can you smell?



Walking Safari

- Can you smell the sea lions' food in the fish cups on the Jungle Cruise?
- What different animal scents can you smell down at Family Farmyard? (closed in winter).
- Have you noticed the binturongs in Jungle Kingdom? They have a smell like burnt popcorn!
- Can you smell the eucalyptus leaves that the koalas are munching on at Koala Creek?
- What does the Bat Cave smell like?

Grounds and Gardens

- Smell the roses on the arches and the tall purple flower called a salvia, in front of the Orangery during the summer.
- In the spring time, take in the scent of the beautiful purple flowers that cover the Orangery. These are called wisteria.
- As you leave the Secret Garden towards the Jungle Cruise, smell the plant by the exit, this is called wintersweet.
- Smell the fresh air.



You can touch...



Drive-Through Safari

- Make your own felt dog pattern in the African painted dog Lookout.
- You may be around at the right time to feed the giraffes (10:30am and 2:30pm during the summer months).
- At certain times of the year you can feed the deer in the Deer Park.

Walking Safari

- Feed the lorikeets in their aviary (subject to availability).
- Touch the enormous gorilla statue at the entrance of Jungle Cruise.
- Feed the sea lions (subject to availability).
- See if you can find some animals out and about at Family Farmyard (closed in winter).
- Visit Animal Adventure to see if there are any handling sessions available (typically during school holidays).
- Touch the statue of Lewis the koala in Koala Creek.

Grounds and Gardens

- Touch the bark of the 300 year old oak tree next to the tennis court.
- In the autumn collect acorns and fallen leaves from the ground.
- Touch the tree bark on some of the big trees around the gardens.
- Touch the grass.



Please remember to always wash your hands after touching anything.

Look for movement...



Drive-Through Safari

- Are the lemurs jumping around in the walkthrough in African Village?
- Watch the animals grazing in the reserve in African Village.
- On a Wednesday and Saturday watch out for the big cats and carnivores eating.

Walking Safari

- Watch the lorikeets flying in their aviary.
- Enjoy the meerkats running around your feet in Jungle Kingdom.
- Look at the sea lions swimming in the lake during the Jungle Cruise.
- Have a ride on Rockin Rhino, or watch from the platform.
- Bounce, play and swing at the Adventure Castle.
- Explore the Little Explorers' Garden for more fun.
- Feel the bats flapping around you in the Bat Cave.

Grounds and Gardens

- Can you find your way around our maze?
- Is it windy? Are the trees blowing in the wind?
- Are there swans or geese flying overhead or swimming on the water down at the lake?





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