Zoo and Conservatory
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Calderglen Country Park

Photo: Meerkats

Not for display
opening hours

Open all year round except 25, 26, 31 December and 1 and 2 January.

For daily opening times please contact reception, children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Season tickets are available. Please enquire at reception in the conservatory.

How to find us:

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enjoy your visit

Calderglen Zoo is set within the beautiful grounds of Calderglen Country Park. The zoo is set in 1 cosy acre but is home to about 50 different species of animal.

Although most of the animals are small and cute, they all have big personalities and are just as exciting as their bigger relatives.

Within the confines of the conservatory and gardens, we aim to showcase a selection of the vast array of plants from around the world, geographically placed into areas of origin in the conservatory.

We house a variety of commonly used economic plants, e.g. tea, coffee and rubber etc, hopefully this will widen our knowledge of how plants are an integral part of everyday use, and of course, we have attractive permanent and seasonal colourful plantings to cheer the “spirit” as well as the body!

what we do

Calderglen zoo keepers constantly strive to provide the zoo animals with the highest standards of welfare possible.

Calderglen Zoo is home to many rare species including one of the rarest birds and tortoise species in the world, as well as some more common adorable favourites including our mob of meerkats.

We raise over a thousand pounds every year which goes towards local and global conservation of animals and their wild habitats.
Individual Animal Experiences

wild breakfast

This experience gives visitors the chance to wake up the zoo animals with tasty treats before we open to the public. You will have the opportunity to feed zoo animals such as the coatis, meerkats, Scottish wildcats and kookaburras. A unique experience for any animal lover.

Maximum of 3 people per experience.
Suitable for ages 7+
Children taking part in this experience must be accompanied by an adult.
This experience runs from 9am-10am.

Be a little zoo keeper

Experience what it is like to be a zoo keeper at Calderglen Zoo. Little zoo keepers will have the chance to clean out, feed, and handle some of Calderglen’s friendliest zoo animals.

Maximum of 2 people per experience.
Suitable for 7-14 year olds.
Morning sessions run from 10am-1pm.
Afternoon sessions run from 2pm-5pm.
Group Experiences

feeding tour

Groups can watch the zoo keeper feeding Calderglen favourites including the coatis, meerkats, guinea pigs and rabbits. The zoo keeper will tell the group all about the animals being fed. Feeding tours take place outside so groups should wear suitable outdoor clothing.

Maximum of 20 children per feeding tour.
Feeding tours last between 30-40 minutes.
Suitable for children aged 7+

animal encounter

The animal encounter allows groups to meet some of Calderglen Zoo’s friendliest animals up-close. These animals are not on show to the public but become some of the visitors’ favourites after they have met them. Animal encounters are especially good for groups with additional needs or young children who may get easily distracted.

Maximum of 25 children per animal encounter.
Animal encounter lasts between 40 minutes to 1 hour.
Suitable for children aged 5+

Calderglen Zoo can provide Nursery groups, Primary schools, Secondary schools, Further education, University groups, Groups with additional needs, Evening tours can also be arranged.
At Calderglen Conservatory we offer a choice of Horticultural talks and tours. The talks can involve a guided tour of the conservatory and gardens highlighting factual interest from our plant collection, economic importance of plants and general everyday use. Pre and primary sessions can include a craft workshop to compliment the visit.

All group and individual experiences include admission into Calderglen Zoo and Conservatory for the participants involved in the experiences.

for further information or to book

Please contact reception on:
01355 236 644
Email: calderglencountrypark@southlanarkshireleisure.co.uk

Please have the following details to hand at time of booking including contact person, address, phone number and email address. Please also include the number of adults and children, and any additional needs.
fun facts

Recent research suggests there are fewer than 150 Scottish Wildcats left in the wild. Calderglen Zoo is part of a program run by the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland. Zoos will breed Scottish Wildcats in zoos and then release them into the wild.

Hand-reared kookaburras can be trained to laugh on command.

Emperor tamarins were given this name as their moustaches resembled the moustache of German emperor Wilhelm II.

The yew tree nestled within Calderglen Zoo gardens is one of the oldest yew trees in Scotland, believed to be between 600-1000 years old.
visitor information

Please DO:

✔ Keep a hold of your ticket as it allows you to re-enter the zoo for the rest of the day.

✔ Ask at Reception if you require a wheelchair. The Conservatory and Zoo have full disabled access.

✔ Eat food and packed lunches only in designated areas. The Wet Weather Shelter is located in the Zoo gardens and there are picnic benches in the park, as well as a BBQ site near the Adventure Playground.

✔ Remember that your lunch is only for you! The animals have special diets and can become poorly if fed the wrong thing.

✔ Wash your hands after visiting the animals.

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