

# Discovery Boxes



## What Are They?

Discovery Boxes are giant treasure chests filled with interactive activity ideas and props! The activities help to focus your observations on the animals, as well as finding out all sorts of amazing facts. They meet a variety of learning styles and are especially good for visual and kinaesthetic learners. For SEND pupils there is also a separate blue box labelled "For Special Needs Groups" within each of the Discovery Boxes.

## Are there any health and safety concerns?

The activities have been designed to be safe and easy to manage with a small group of pupils. To help you to include accurate details for your risk assessment, there are some risk assessment guidelines for using the Discovery Boxes.

Please see the Discovery Box page for more details.

## How to Book

Discovery Boxes can be booked **for free**, in half hour time slots, every day of the week. To book a Discovery Box, please [click here](#) and select step 2. You can also book Special Needs activities in the boxes.

### Scout and Guide groups

Discovery Boxes are available for Scout and Guide groups to use during weekends and school holidays.



## What is in a Discovery Box?

Inside you will find up to activity packs with accompanying props, photos and information, targeted at pupils up to age 11.

Each pack includes instructions (with answers on the back where needed!). These are designed with enquiry skills in mind, so contain open questions which the adult leaders can take to the required level for their pupils.

The activities and instructions are designed so they can be picked up and used straight away, without the need for preparation or research.

Sometimes the props do not fit inside the activity pack folders, but these loose props in the box are clearly labelled.

For SEND groups, there are separate activities in a blue box inside the main Discovery Box.

## Where Are They?

There are four Discovery Boxes around the zoo, supporting the theme of habitats:

- **Oceans** at Penguin Cove
- **Savannah** at the Serval boardwalk
- **Rainforests** inside the gibbon's long house
- **Mountain & Desert** beside the snow leopards

Please see the Discovery Box page for a map of these locations around the zoo.

## What do I do next?

Upon booking, you will be emailed all the information you need, including a padlock combination code to access the boxes.

On the day of your visit, simply turn up at your allocated time slot, unlock the Discovery Box, open it and enjoy!

When you have finished using the Discovery box, please put everything back as you found it and lock the box back up again. Please be mindful of your allocated time slot and think about other groups who may have booked.

We hope you have fun discovering more about Marwell's wonderful animals and their wild habitats with our Discovery Boxes!

