

**DISCOVER WINCHESTER FACT SHEETS**

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Please fill out the following as fully as possible and return to [miranda@rocketlaunch.co.uk](mailto:miranda@rocketlaunch.co.uk) Please also send up to five high resolution images which are suitable to be downloaded and used by the media.

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| Name of attraction | Marwell Wildlife |
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| Attraction location | Thompsons Lane, Colden Common, Winchester, SO21 1JH |
| Attraction social media handles | Twitter - [twitter.com/Marwellwildlife](https://twitter.com/Marwellwildlife)  Facebook - [www.facebook.com/marwellwildlife](http://www.facebook.com/marwellwildlife)  Flickr - [www.flickr.com/groups/marwellwildlife/](http://www.flickr.com/groups/marwellwildlife/)  Instagram - [www.instagram.com/marwellzoo/](http://www.instagram.com/marwellzoo/) |
| Attraction website | [www.marwell.org.uk](http://www.marwell.org.uk) |
| Attraction description in 100 – 150 words | Marwell Wildlife is a global conservation charity which owns and operates Marwell Zoo, based near Winchester in Hampshire.  The 140-acre park is home to an incredible range of exotic and endangered species, including giraffes, Amur tigers, snow leopards, white rhinos, penguins and a two-toed sloth in its lush state-of-the-art Tropical House.  Guests can get close to the wonders of the natural world and learn about a variety of animals during its daily talks and animal feeds.  Marwell’s brand promise is ‘connecting people with nature’ and the zoo seeks to encourage understanding and inspire care for the natural world. |
| Attraction key facts  No more than 10 stats and USPs | 1. Marwell launched a world exclusive BRICKOSAURS event in April 2019, with a collection of giant LEGO brick dinosaurs – including an eight-metre T.rex - displayed around the park. The event is running until 1 September 2019 and is free with general admission to the zoo. 2. Marwell is the only zoo in the UK which has all three species of zebra; Plains, Grevy’s and Hartmann’s mountain zebra. 3. Endangered species at Marwell include: Addaz, African wild ass, Alaotran gentle lemurs, Amur leopards, Amur tigers, Black-and-white ruffed lemurs, Cotton-top tamarins, Crowned lemur, Egyptian tortoises, Golden lion tamarins, Grevy’s zebra, Partula snail, Przewalski's horses, Pygmy hippo, Okapi, red pandas, Red-ruffed lemurs, Ring tailed lemurs, Rothschild giraffes, Scimitar-horned oryx, Sclater’s crowned pigeon, Siamang, Sun conures, White rhinos and Wrinkled hornbill, to name but a few! 4. Marwell is the only zoo in the UK to have a pre-school linked with it (Kids Love Nature Kindergarten). Marwell Zoo’s Education Team provide twice-daily Mini-Zoologists Explorer Sessions in all areas of the zoo, as well as lessons at the Learning Centre with live reptiles, mammals and insects. 5. Café Graze at Marwell Zoo was awarded The Soil Association Food For Life Silver Award in September 2018 – serving organic milk only, Fairtrade tea and coffee, sustainably sourced fish and palm oil (since 2017), free range eggs and over 60% of its suppliers are local to Hampshire. The cafe also serves over 75% homemade meals. 6. Marwell Wildlife engages with over 40,000 schoolchildren through curriculum-based education programmes and welcomes more than 500,000 visitors each year to its 140-acre site. 7. Marwell Wildlife is about connecting people with nature. As a conservation charity, it is action oriented and at the forefront of conservation work around the world, working in partnership with communities, statutory agencies and other non-governmental organisations. Its projects extend from the reintroduction of desert antelopes in the Sahara through to community-based projects in Northern Kenya and from habitat restoration in the south of England and snow leopard conservation in the mountains of Central Asia. 8. The state-of-the-art ‘Energy for Life’ Tropical House is an £8million exhibit spanning two levels. It offers fantastic vantage points, where guests can experience face-to-face encounters with a diversity of wildlife, including free-flying birds, and exotic plants in a tropical climate, while learning about the flow of energy through life. The ground-breaking project features a woodchip boiler that will be supplemented by a specialist boiler capable of burning straw-based animal manure in the future (ie fuelled by zoo poo!), thus helping Marwell achieve its goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2020. |
| Opening hours | Open 363 days per year (closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day) from; 10am - 4pm, or 10am - 5pm, or 10am - 6pm, depending on the time of year.  For current opening times: <https://www.marwell.org.uk/zoo/plan/opening-times> |
| Admission charges | Prices vary, depending on the season.  Standard/summer prices (excluding optional donation) from; £18.88 per adult, £15.29 per child (3-16 years), infants two and under go free.  Winter prices (excluding optional donation) from; £15.29 per adult, £12.14 per child (3-16 years), infants two and under go free.  For full price list: <https://www.marwell.org.uk/zoo/tickets-experiences/ticket-prices-and-offers> |
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