

# My Trip to The Living Rainforest

Going on a school trip is an exciting adventure! We are going to visit **The Living Rainforest** near Newbury. Here is what I can expect during my visit.

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## Getting There and Arriving

We will travel on a large coach – it will take an hour. It might be noisy on the coach but will be a good chance to talk to my friends.

When we arrive, I will see a large glass building. This is where the plants and animals live. It might be a little loud as other children arrive, but that is just because everyone is excited.

We will park in the car park and then make our way to the entrance.



## Going in

When we go in, it will look like this inside. I might need to wait for a few minutes while my teacher signs us into the centre.



This will be our base for the day – it is where we will leave our bags and have our lunch.

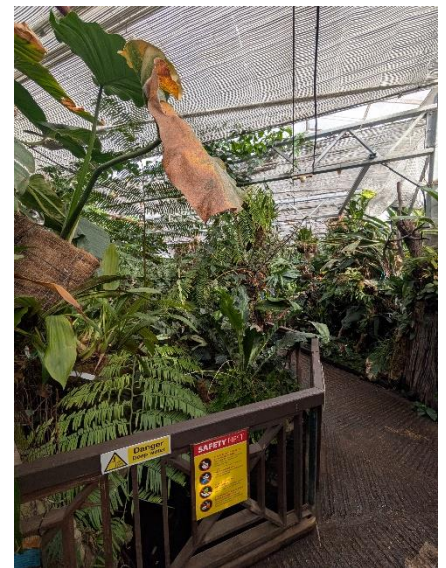
When we get there, a member of staff from the centre will teach us the rules of how to stay safe in the rainforest domes.

## The Tropical Houses

When I walk inside, I will notice two things right away:

- **The Heat:** It is very warm and humid inside, just like a real rainforest!
- **The Plants:** There are huge green leaves and tall trees everywhere.

It might make me feel very excited or maybe a bit nervous because it is so different. This is ok.



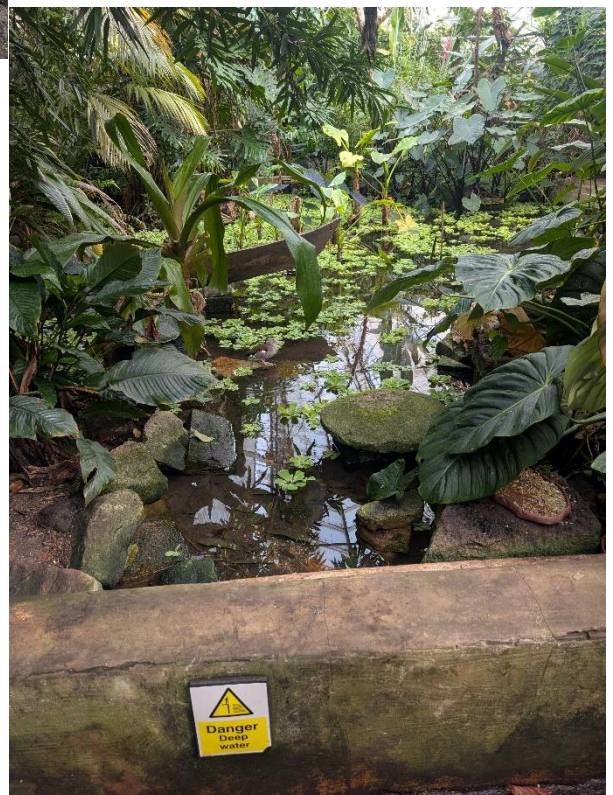
I will not touch the plants to keep myself (and the plants) safe.

There is some open water in the rainforest domes so I will need to be careful and listen to the adults who are with me.

The floor may also be wet and slippery.

Inside the centre, there is a 'No Running' rule!

There will be lots of safety signs around though to help keep me safe.



## Seeing the Animals

The animals at The Living Rainforest live in special enclosures, but some might move around or above me.

- I will try to use my **"indoor voice"** so I don't startle the animals.
- I will use my **"looking eyes"** to watch where I am going.
- I will keep my hands to myself to keep both me and the animals safe.
- I will not try and copy any of the noises the animals make as this might frighten or confuse them



## Exploring with My Group

I will stay with my teacher and my small group. We might go on a tour or do a workshop. If I have a question, I can raise my hand. If the rainforest feels too warm or too noisy, I can tell an adult, and they will help me find a quiet place to take a break.

Remember, there may be members of the public visiting the rainforest as well – including some young children - so we will need to be kind, polite and show respect.



There are special doors we will have to go through to get into the rainforest domes – these are used so no animals can escape into a different place!

## Lunchtime and Toilets

We will have a scheduled time to eat our lunch. This is a great time to talk with my friends about what we've seen.

We will also have time to go to the toilets.

There is a shop and a playground but we are not allowed to use these on our school visit.



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## Important Reminders:

- It's okay to feel excited!
- It's okay if I don't see every animal; some like to hide.
- I am going to have a fun day learning about nature.

When the trip is over, we will get back on the bus and head back to school. I can tell my family all about the amazing plants and animals I saw!