



News Letter – October 2011 Issue

Puma Walk About

Binx the Puma cub is getting more and more popular as he continues to meet our visitors!



We cannot always guarantee when he will be out and about, and depending on his mood and the weather there may be days where he only has a very short trip out. Generally we will try and take him for a short walk around the park just after the keepers have been in the Tiger enclosure.

Please note however that even though he is a beautiful friendly cat we do not want to encourage too much contact and therefore you cannot currently stroke him on his walks... But then isn't walking around with a baby Puma (with no fences in the way) enough?



Many thanks to Les Willis for supplying these beautiful pictures of Binx while he was out and about last week!

If you ever have any photos which you would like to share with us and which you think might be worth showing off in our monthly newsletter please e-mail them to info@winghamwildlifepark.co.uk and we will always look at trying to display some! Also we love it when people share their photos on Facebook so don't be shy!



Facebook Competition

As before we are running a competition on Facebook for a season ticket. All you have to do is like our page: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/WinghamWildlifePark> And when we reach 3000 likes, one of those friends gets picked at random for the prize!

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No Croc Feeding Talk on 08/10/2011

Sadly we will not be doing one of our Crocodile feeding displays on Saturday 8th October. Please be assured that this is a one off cancellation of the feeding talk (with the crocs being fed during park closing hours that morning instead). Our reptile keepers who are responsible for feeding these animals will not be in during the day on Saturday and as I am sure you can all imagine, feeding the Crocodiles can only be done by specially trained keepers. Our reptile feeding time is becoming very popular and is usually held at 4:00 pm every Saturday...

If you have not yet seen the reptile feeding time, please do take the time out to have a look, watching our keepers feed a variety of reptile species including:

- Cuban Crocodile
- West African Dwarf Crocodiles
- Western Diamondback Rattlesnake
- Spectacled Caiman
- Black & White Tegu
- White Lipped Tree Viper
- Rough Necked Monitors
- Gray's Monitors
- And more

Please note that some animals may vary on the day

Construction Work is GO!

As many of our more regular visitors will know, the Winter season is our busiest season in terms of building work. We have a number of projects planned over the Winter period and already have 2 main projects under way which are:

Reptile House Expansion

The Reptile House has always had a middle aisle of vivariums which was upgraded around 1 year ago. Now that we have moved the hands on animal encounters out of the Reptile House we have got space to increase the size of the middle aisle of smaller enclosures. We will be adding approximately 30 new enclosures over the winter period which will significantly increase the number of reptile species kept at Wingham Wildlife Park... Keep your eyes peeled over the next few months for some BIG announcements in the reptile house... I am sure you won't be disappointed!

Primate Enclosures

Along the side of the Education Centre which faces the Reptile House we have got 3 new large enclosures being built for 3 of the species of Primate at the park. We will be moving the Squirrel Monkeys, Vervet Monkeys and half of our Tufted Capuchins in to these enclosures. They are shaping up beautifully and I am sure that all of their future inhabitants will really love the height and sense of freedom which the enclosures designs will give them. We can't wait to see them all move in, and hope that you will all enjoy seeing them in their new homes soon! Watch this space for news on when they will be finished.



Pumpkin Carving Competition

Supply your own carved pumpkin along with an entry fee of 50 p per pumpkin and you could win a free family day entry ticket! They will be judged at the Fright Night by our staff – don't bring entries in too early... Mouldy entries won't count! 😊





WINGHAM WILDLIFE PARK

FRIGHT NIGHT

31st October 2011, 6:00 - 8:30
We will shut normal park operations at 4:00

*Pumpkin Carving Competition
(ask us for details)*

Free games for the kids

Our pumpkin walk is back!

Meet the Reptiles

£3 each if you're in fancy dress
£4 for normal dress

To help us raise money for
21st Century Tiger

This year we are doing our annual Fright Night, but we are doing it to help raise money for 21st Century Tiger. This is a great charity which supports a number of projects designed to help Tigers in the wild. To help us try and raise as much money as possible for them, please feel free to forward this newsletter to all your friends and family, or print out a copy to hand out to people or (where possible) put up in your business / work place.

Thank you all in advance for your support and we hope that this year will be bigger and better than in previous years, and that we can help make an impact on wild Tigers.... While having a lot of fun doing so!