

### Drive-thru Reserves

Take your own vehicles through our animal reserves on the ultimate safari adventure.

You're best to allow at least 30 minutes for the drive-thru reserves.

Our drive-thru is divided into four sections. Here's a quick guide to the animals you'll see in each section.



### Section 1: African Animals

The animals in the first section of the drive-thru reserves are all native to Africa. The most recognisable animal is the southern white rhino, but this section is also home to three different species of antelope, as well as Ankole cattle.

#### African Animals Fast Facts

##### White Rhino

- The rhino has poor eyesight.
- Rhinos are herbivores and eat grass, stems and branches.
- These cumbersome beasts are very fast runners and can reach top speeds of 28 mph!

##### Ankole Cattle

- A breed of domestic cattle from Africa with enormous horns.
- The males have horns that face forward and the females' horns curve upward.

##### Lechwe

- An elegant antelope. Golden brown with a white belly.
- An excellent swimmer. If startled, it will completely submerge itself, leaving only a pair of nostrils showing.

##### Greater Kudu

- A large antelope with white stripes on its back. The males have spectacular, spiralled horns.
- They are super agile and can easily jump a height of 2 metres.

##### Eland

- This is the largest (and slowest) African antelope.
- It looks a little bit like a cow with long, twisted horns.
- Have long, thin white stripes on their backs and dark spots on their legs.



### Section 2: The Lions

The second of the reserves is home to our pride of African lions. The lions are kept separate to the animals in the first section – you can probably guess why!

#### African Lions Fast Facts

- Lions live in a family group called a pride.
- Lions are carnivores – which means that they only eat meat.
- They are the only cat that cannot purr. Instead they roar! A lion's roar can be heard over 5 miles away.
- The male lions have a thick mane of hair around their necks. Their mane helps them to attract female attention.
- You'll most likely see the lions sleeping – male lions can spend up to 20 hours a day asleep!

**KEEP YOUR  
WINDOWS  
CLOSED!**

**CAN YOU  
ROAR  
LIKE A LION?**



### Section 3: The Macaque Reserve

Our Barbary macaques are highly gregarious and social animals. They're the only species of macaque to have populations living outside Asia, and can be found in Algeria, Morocco and Gibraltar. These cheeky monkeys may look cute, but they have sharp teeth and they can bite when they feel scared or threatened.

#### Barbary Macaque Fast Facts

- Barbary macaques are a species of monkey.
- Monkeys usually have tails. The macaque does have one, it's just very, very small.
- Barbary macaques have large cheek pouches that can hold as much food as their stomachs.



**PLEASE  
DON'T FEED  
THE MACAQUES**

**We like jumping on cars. You can bypass us if you want to.**

### Section 4: Asian Animals

The final section of the drive-thru reserves is home to the Asian animals. You'll notice camels, antelope and some very special deer.

#### Asian Animals Fast Facts

##### Bactrian Camel

- Have two humps which are used for storing fat (not water!)
- They can drink a bathtub of water in just 15 minutes – gulp!
- Their long eyelashes help protect them from the desert sand.

##### Nilgai

- A large antelope which looks a little bit like a cow with a tuft of hair on its throat.
- The females have white socks and the males have short, sharp horns.

##### Père David's Deer

- Has a brown coat and a long horse-like face. Males have long branched antlers.
- They were originally native to China, but became extinct in the wild nearly 100 years ago.

##### Axis Deer

- A pretty deer with a spotty coat and white throat.
- Has very obvious black 'eyebrows'.

##### Persian Fallow Deer

- Have a fawn coat and small white spots which run in a straight line along their bodies.
- The males have large, flat antlers, shaped like a hand with the fingers extended.
- A very rare species of deer, nearly extinct in the wild.

##### Eld's Deer

- A small deer with a light brown coat.
- Their specially adapted hooves allow them to move easily in boggy ground.



#### Important safety notes for the drive-thru reserves

Whilst driving through the animal reserves, ensure your windows and doors are kept closed at all times. If animals come close to your vehicle, do not panic, just move away slowly.

Soft-top vehicles and motorbikes are not permitted in the drive-thru reserves for safety reasons.

In the event of a breakdown, do not leave your vehicle. Sound your horn, put on your hazard lights and phone 01786 841 456.

We have a minibus available for visitors without their own suitable transport. Please ask at the Ticket Office for more information.

You enter the animal reserves at your own risk; we cannot be held liable for any damage to your car.