

# Educational Visits Information and Booking Form

There are lots of options for you to enjoy at The Falkirk Wheel, you can combine them to create a trip suitable for your class. The following options are available:



## Boat trip

Experience the thrill of travelling 35 metres into the air on the world's first and only rotating boat lift. The boat trip includes a guided commentary on the history, working and construction of The Wheel. The trip lasts for approximately 50 minutes and is included in the cost of every educational visit.



## Costs

Each educational programme includes the above boat trip followed by one of our four 30-40 minutes workshops (details on page 2). The programme costs £4 per child. All teachers, helpers and carers go free. Each school will receive a free guide book on their visit and teachers are entitled to a free familiarisation visit after booking.



## Other facilities

To make your visit easier, we also provide free coach parking on-site, free tea/coffee for coach drivers, coat and bag storage and lunch space for all educational visits. Within the visitor centre you will also find our gift shop which is full of the latest gadgets and gizmos for that special souvenir of the day.

## Also on-site

The grounds around The Falkirk Wheel offer an excellent, safe viewing area for the boat lift and how it works. There is also a children's play park and a new interactive mini canal will be opening in 2011.

If that is not enough, there are plenty of woodland walks all around the site including paths all the way up to the Antonine Wall and Roughcastle Roman Fort, both UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

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## Shaping the landscape

A look at the local history of the area and how changes in industry have altered the geography. Children will have the opportunity to look at archive materials and create their own timeline.

Curriculum for excellence: SOC 1-04a, 1-07a, 1-14a, 1-13a, 2-04a, 2-13a, 2.08a, 2-06a, 2-09a, TCH 2-01b

## Build a canal

Uses a simple interactive sandbox to show children how and why canals were built. Find out about the people involved in building the canal and work out how they did it.

Curriculum for excellence: SOC 1-07a, 2-08a, 2-09a, 1-13a, 2-13a, 1-14a, SCH 1-15a, TCH 1-14a, 2-14a

## Taking care of our world

Investigate what we need to protect around The Falkirk Wheel including local habitats and organisms. We look at how the visitor centre and Wheel can positively impact on the environment.

Curriculum for excellence: TCH 1-02a, 2-02a, 2-02b, SOC 2-09a

## Building structures

Explore the incredible innovation that is The Falkirk Wheel. Discover how it came to be here, who built it and learn about the design. Incorporates the use of plans, images and other material.

Curriculum for excellence: SCN 1-15a, 1-20a, 2-20a, 2-20b, TCH 1-14a, 1-01a, 1-01b, 1-01c, 2-14a, 2-0a

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To book your educational visit to The Falkirk Wheel, please call 08700 500 208 today and discuss your requirements. Alternatively, fill out the following form and fax it to us on 01324 671 224.

Name:

School:

Contact number:

Email address:

Age range of pupils:

Number of pupils and adults:

Special requirements:

## Frequently asked questions from other teachers

**What is the accepted ratio of adults to children for the visit?**

The Falkirk Wheel offers one free adult place per 8 children aboard our boat trip.

**Is time for a snack or lunch factored into the workshops?**

Lunchtime is provided as part of the experience. However, no time for snacks is factored into the workshops.

**Should the children bring outdoor clothing?**

There is the possibility that workshops can be held outside to enhance the children's experience. Where possible, please ensure that every child has waterproof clothing with them on your visit.

**How do we get there?**

Directions to The Wheel can be found on our website [www.thefalkirkwheel.co.uk](http://www.thefalkirkwheel.co.uk)



*Yours to enjoy anytime*

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