

DINOSAURS IN THE WILD

ESSENTIAL RISK ASSESSMENT INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS

This document provides information about the general risks you may encounter during your visit to Dinosaurs in the Wild.

Coach parking

Please note that there's no parking at our London venue, but there is coach parking at the O2, located between Millennium Way and West Parkside – information on location and prices can be found at tickets.aegeurope.com/theo2parking/coach.

As coaches cannot drop passengers off at the main entrance to Dinosaurs in the Wild, you'll need to ensure that pupils are supervised whilst in the nearby coach park, before your group accesses the path on West Parkside that leads to the venue.

Public transport

You'll need to ensure that pupils are supervised whilst using any public transport arrival points to the venue, as there are no designated walking routes to the experience from them.

The closest tube station is North Greenwich, which is on the Jubilee line. You can also access Greenwich Peninsula via the TFL Emirates Air Line cable car or via the Thames Clipper river boat service, alighting at North Greenwich Pier.

It is between a 4-to-10-minute walk from the various public transport arrival points to the venue, which is located on **West Parkside (near junction with John Harrison Way), Greenwich Peninsula, London SE10 0BE** – please see the map below, which shows where we are on Greenwich Peninsula in relation to other local landmarks, such as the O2:



Alternatively, you can find us using the search term 'Dinosaurs in the Wild' if you have the Google Maps app on your smartphone.

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Weather considerations

The experience is entirely indoors. However, if it's raining when you arrive, care should be taken when entering the building, as floors may become slippery when wet.

Cloakroom facilities

Each group will be given access to facilities in which to store items such as coats and packed lunches. Pupils should not leave valuables in these and any food deposited should not require refrigeration. We do recommend that pupils leave bags on your coach where possible, so as to avoid possible queues at the cloakroom. Keeping bags outside of the venue will also help to avoid waiting in line for the bag searches that take place on arrival.

Eating areas for packed lunches

Depending on the timing and the number of schools visiting on any given day, your group should be able to sit on the carpet in the Dinosaurs in the Wild foyer and eat their packed lunches there. However, if this is something that your school group will require, you'll need to email us in advance at education@dinosaursinthewild.com, stating the date/time of your attendance, so that we can confirm that we can accommodate your request.

Visual effects

The experience features spectacular visual effects and interaction for visitors, although there are no strobe or pyrotechnic special effects; certain parts of the experience are quite loud, graphic and potentially scary for some, so it's up to group organisers to decide whether the experience is suitable for any particular individual within their group.

Dinosaurs in the Wild personnel

There'll be Dinosaurs in the Wild personnel, who'll be in character, circulating among students, providing extra information about specific parts of the experience. All staff who have direct contact with children have full Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks.

Pupil supervision

Teachers or group leaders should remain with their pupils and are responsible for their general health and safety, as well as for accompanying them in case of an evacuation. Please note that there's a sequence at the end of the experience where you may get temporarily separated from the children you're looking after. However, to minimise the risk of this happening, we aim to put school groups through the experience in their own dedicated tours, wherever possible. We'll also discuss this with you before you enter the experience, so that you know what to expect

Experience signposting

There's no signposting within the experience, but groups are led by guides at all times, so there's no risk of getting lost.

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Slips and trips

There will be lots to see as you're moving around the experience, so there's a trip risk if pupils are looking at the displays and not concentrating on where they're walking. Wet flooring outside the building is also a slip risk.

First aid and medical provision

There are first aiders on duty at all times while the experience is open; event staff will be able to help you if you require a first aider. If a child/visitor requires specific medication or medical care, it's your responsibility to ensure that this is in place.

Wheelchair users, accessibility and special needs

The experience is wheelchair-friendly and can accommodate two wheelchair users per time-slot, who'll be able to access Dinosaurs in the Wild in full. We can also accommodate mobility scooters within the experience.

If you're attending the experience with larger groups of wheelchair users or with a mobility scooter user, you'll need to advise us in advance by emailing access@dinosaursinthewild.com. This is so we can arrange to meet you before the experience and run through some top-line logistics with you.

Suitably trained carers will need to accompany visitors with special needs that aren't mobility-related.

We've also recently updated some of the FAQs on our website about children with autism, so be sure to visit our education-related FAQs at dinosaursinthewild.com/education. In addition, our more general FAQs can be found at dinosaursinthewild.com/faqs/.

If you still can't find the answer to any query you might have, please do email us at education@dinosaursinthewild.com.