

WINTER 2023

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Boki The Bear

December saw the arrival of Boki, our new baby bear. Rejected by his family and then hand-reared by the team at Port Lympne, Boki has now found his new home and will now be taught how to be a bear, under the expert care of our keepers.

He has settled in incredibly well and is enjoying his new found home. For a limited time only meet boki on an exclusive baby bear experience.

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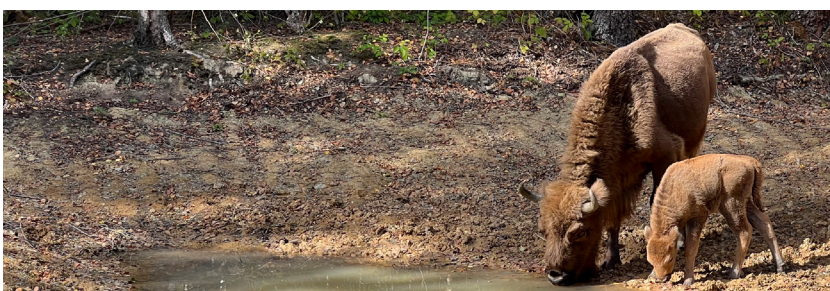
Wildwood is not just a wildlife park but also a unique conservation project which aims to protect native British wildlife and bring back the original wild wood. Every visit and membership helps preserve some of the UK's most endangered animals. Find out more about our conservation, education and rewilding initiatives at wildwoodtrust.org

Park Developments

If you have been to our park recently you will have seen, and possibly experienced our new Top Forest viewing platform. This new feature to the park gives visitors a better viewing opportunity whilst providing much needed privacy for the animals. Visitors can now view our elk, deer, and bison from a much higher vantage point with 360 views. Enjoy the calm and stillness that comes with being surrounded by trees and you might even be lucky enough to spot our Bison herd in the Blean! In the year ahead we plan to have more exciting park developments, enhancing your experience at our park.

Wilder Blean

Since our last update you will have seen there have been not one, but two new additions to the herd! One of our females had been hiding her pregnancy throughout the move and in September, for the first time in 6,000 years, the first wild bison was born in the UK. Then on a rainy day in December, the bull arrived. He kept us waiting in the rain for hours, but it was all worth it when he emerged to complete the herd. All the bison are settling in well and working their magic on the habitat, news even reached the likes of Leonardo DiCaprio!



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Adoptions

Wildwood animal adoptions last for one year and are the perfect gift for any animal lover.

Experiences

We currently offer bear, wolf, Arctic fox and bison experiences, photo days and guided tours on our website. Keep an eye out for more great animal experiences in the pipeline.

Gifts

This is where you can buy vouchers unique to Wildwood, including animal experience vouchers and annual memberships.

Clothing

Look good and help protect British wildlife with Wildwood's selection of certified organic cotton clothing. Our partners at Teemill use print on demand technology powered by renewable energy.

Arctic Arrival

Visitors to the park since January may have noticed that our Arctic Fox enclosure now homes not two but three Arctic foxes! Teddy and Flo, our long-time residents were joined by Albert on January 3rd. He has made himself right at home, fitting in perfectly with his new family and showing us his confident and curious personality.

Blean Proxy Species

Now that the bison are settled, the Wilder Blean project, in partnership with Kent Wildlife Trust, kicks up a gear. We can now start introducing proxy species, such as Exmoor ponies and longhorn cattle in to the area. We will then embark on a fascinating journey as we monitor their interactions with each other and with their environment, and watch the transformations that take place. 2023 is looking up to being a wild year.

Rebrand

If you go down to the woods today, you're sure of a big surprise... Wildwood is now an internationally recognized charity, thanks to projects that were made possible by our team's hard work, our collaborations with other organisations, and the immense support from all of you over the past 21 years. We couldn't be more proud of the work we have achieved together, and to reflect on this new stage in our life we are having a makeover.

As a growing charity with plans to expand our work, we needed to make sure our brand reflected our values, vision and mission. Ditto Creative, a Kent design agency, understood who we are and where we are going. Together we have developed a fresh look for Wildwood. We hope you love it as much as we do!

This won't change who we are, what we do, or what we stand for - Wildwood will still be the same beautiful woodland park with the animals you know and love, just with a new look!

Events

With February half-term and our 21st birthday around the corner you can expect an event-filled couple of months ahead.

Mud Month is happening this February, with a whole month of messy, muddy fun for visitors to enjoy. We will have a mud zone, two trails and more! Grab your wellies and wear your messy clothes, it's going to get mucky!

March is our birthday month, we have lots of exciting activities planned and even a birthday party! Keep your eyes on our website or social media for more updates, and if you want to be involved you can help us decorate our park with bunting! Just hand yours in to our shop by the end of February and we'll do the rest.



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