

## Guidance for learning visits to Cassiobury Park

### Are you planning to visit Cassiobury Park?

#### **We strongly recommend that your school/group makes contact with Cassiobury Park's Hub Education Service prior to your visit:**

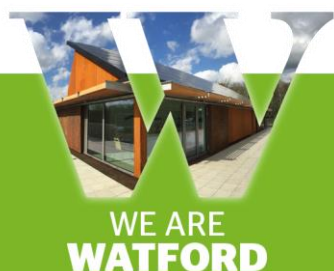
- Hub staff can help with resources, specific programmes or learning requirements.
- Guided visits will provide benefits such as opportunities for all year learning and the use of Hub staff expertise.
- Hub staff can provide access to any available free education resources.
- Hub staff will be able to inform groups of maintenance works or activities taking place within the park.
- There is no charge for independent visits but if you want to bring your group to the park please get in contact, as it helps us make sure there are not too many groups trying to use the same part of the park on a particular day.
- Hub staff can offer advice or assistance for any equality, diversity and inclusion needs.
- Hub staff can provide information on park facilities.
- We can facilitate bookings for the miniature railway (educational group rate: additional £1.50 per person).

### A pre-visit?

A free pre-visit can be arranged with Hub staff, to arrange this please contact us by email at [Cassiobury@watford.gov.uk](mailto:Cassiobury@watford.gov.uk) or phone 01923 727072.

### Visit enquires/book guided visits

For enquires or to book guided visits at Cassiobury Park, contact the Hub Education Service on [Cassiobury@watford.gov.uk](mailto:Cassiobury@watford.gov.uk) / 01923 727072. Please advise the Hub team of any equality, diversity and inclusion needs.



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## When visiting Cassiobury Park:

### Groups/ Schools responsibilities

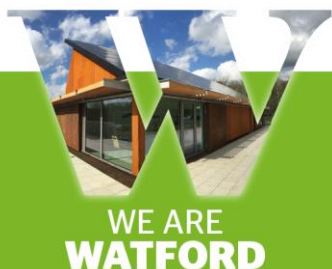
- Group leader and participants are responsible for safety and behaviour during the entire visit.
- Please read the Hub's pre-visit paperwork which contains health and safety information, site and session details.
- The group must also provide their own risk assessment and follow best practice by bringing first aid kits and have your own first aider at the visit.
- Hub staff leading guided sessions will carry a First Aid Kit (first aid trained) and other safety equipment as well as a mobile phone.
- Ensure your group follows your school and Local Authority policies for outdoor visits. Also, please have the correct adult to child ratio for your visit. Hub staff are not included in your ratios.
- A Health and Safety talk will be given at the start of the sessions and will cover hazards stated in the risk assessment. This talk will also include what to do what to do in the event of a problem or emergency.
- Pre-visit information will highlight key safety information such as vehicles on site and hand-washing.

## Travelling to Cassiobury Park

Cassiobury Park's nearest post code is WD17 3AR.

### Travelling by public transport:

- Watford Underground Station (Metropolitan line), 5 -minute walk from the park
- Watford Junction Railway Station, 20-minute walk from the park
- Watford High Street Railway Station, 20-minute walk from the park
- Bus 352 stops outside Watford Metropolitan line station. Alternatively, many more services stop in Watford town centre



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## Travelling by coach/ minibus

- No coach parking at Cassiobury Park, or at nearby residential roads (Cassiobury Park Avenue/ Gade Avenue or Parkside Avenue). All coaches must only drop off/pick up groups at the Langley Way entrance and find alternative parking elsewhere.
- There are limited of minibuses parking spaces at the park. All groups/ schools must book in advance minibus spaces with the Hub team.

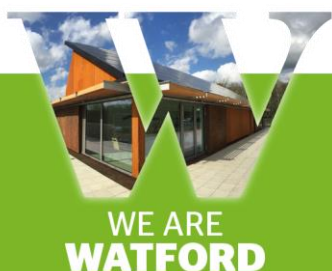
## Weather

The park's learning activities are based outdoors and we strongly advise:

- Wear clothing you don't mind getting muddy
- Participants to wear long sleeves and trousers
- Wear clothing suitable for the weather conditions that day; hat for hot weather, waterproof coats & gloves during winter.
- Participants to wear strong shoes or wellingtons.
- If groups are undertaking field studies, we advise wearing wellington boots (above ankle), and bringing spare shoes and changes of clothing.
- During warm weather please bring a re-usable water bottle

## Cassiobury Park is rich in wildlife and habitats, please help look after it by:

- Respecting animals and plants found on our sites.
- Not littering.
- Keeping noise levels low.
- Using pathways to reduce trampling and damage to meadow and woodland habitats.
- Don't remove dead wood (branches and logs) from site – these are important to the health of our wildlife.
- Keeping our river and ponds clean
- Cassiobury Park has designated areas of a Local Nature Reserve (LNR) and a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) which require extra environmental considerations. When planning self-led activities in the park, please inform the Hub team so they can provide you with the best advice when using these areas.



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