

Zookeeping Qualification Practical West Midlands Safari Park

The 1-week practical training programme at West Midlands Safari Park consists of practical and theoretical learning with a focus on experiential learning. West Midlands Safari Park is located between Kidderminster and Bewdley and has easy travel links. It is a popular and well-regarded safari park, with a dedicated education centre - the 'Safari Academy' who focus on conservation, education and research. The Park is home to a wide range of species from all over the world including meerkats, lemurs, red pandas, penguins, sealions and reptiles plus the 'safari drive-through' with Zebra, lions, tigers, elephants, African painted dogs and many more.

Practical training is delivered in small groups and includes:

- Presentations from the Education Team and Park experts.
- Tours of the Parks key areas to include the Veterinary Care facilities, Safari Reserves, Lemur woods and Discovery Trail.
- Practical skills development – a chance to learn practical animal handling and husbandry skills with a range of both domestic and exotic animals.
- Research project
- Zoo administration – animal record keeping
- Sessions delivered on - specialist care with a focus on reptiles, animal training with a focus on sealions, Carnivore enrichment, sustainability and conservation.
- End of week summative quiz followed by a graduation and presentation of a work experience certificate.

A timetable will be provided containing all activities for the week.

The Zookeeper qualification is open to anyone aged 16 or over. No prior qualifications are necessary. Please note, accommodation, travel and food are not included in course fees. Course fees must be paid in full prior to attending the practical placement.

Next practical training dates available: TBC