

WHAT IS MONKEY FOREST DOING TO BE SUSTAINABLE?



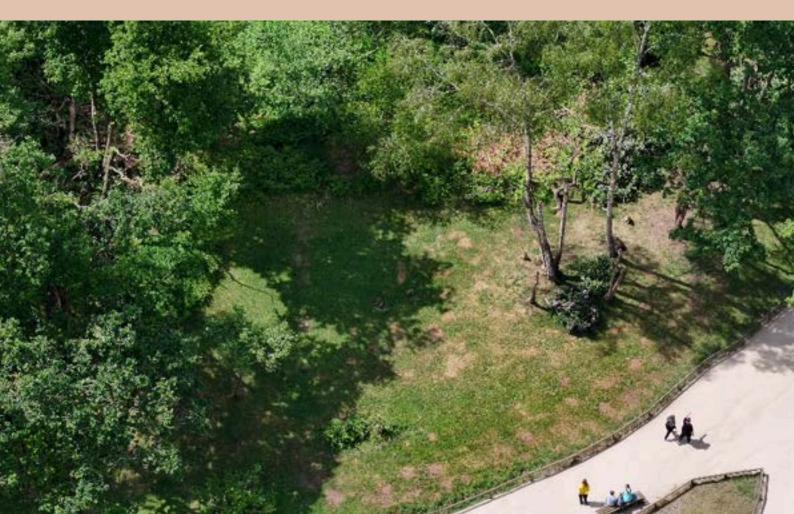
At Trentham Monkey Forest, we are committed to a sustainable future, where the harmony between nature and our primate inhabitants is nurtured and protected.



INSIDE THE MONKEY FOREST

We provide the habitat for Barbary macaques, who are adapted for a temperate mountain climate. This means they live in our UK forest all year round.

This low-impact lifestyle means the monkeys themselves require very little energy input, making our park one of the greenest animal attractions in the UK by design. No heated monkey houses, no large costs on lighting... just monkeys living in a forest as they should. Monkey food is sourced from a local supplier.





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In the café, we serve locally roasted, Rainforest Alliance coffee. In addition to this, we offer discounted price on some drinks when bought with an "Eco mug", to reduce the use of take away cups/dishwasher cycles. We use recyclable items as packaging in our café.

Food waste is collected and composted from our monkey food and café waste. In addition to this, only paper straws are used on site, plastic cutlery not offered.

THE SHOP

Recycled and "Eco-friendly" shop products are sourced where possible. This includes notebooks made of stone rather than paper, and plush todays made of recycled plastic bottles.

We only offer paper carrier bags in our shop, and only if requested by our visitors. 85% of the soft toys in the shop are recycled or recyclable. The Monkey Forest souvenir guide is printed on FSC paper.



SOLAR POWER

We've just completed the installation of over 100 solar panels on the roof of our café and shop! This 60kW+ solar energy system will now provide around one-third of our total energy needs, helping us to further protect the environment alongside our Barbary macaque conservation work.

The areas where we mostly consume electricity are the café, shop, and visitor facilities and with our new solar panel system, we're now covering a substantial portion of that energy demand through renewable means.





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An exciting development for us is the introduction of our brand-new off-road electric vehicle (EV). Morning with Monkey VIP explorers will have the opportunity to experience our latest EV safari vehicle, which will smoothly navigate the forest floor, providing them with exclusive behind-the-scenes access to the expansive woodlands - at no cost to the environment.

Our previous vehicle required fuel, so this change is positively impacting our carbon output when delivering VIP Experiences.

OPERATIONALLY

We operate seasonally - being closed over the winter months helps us keep down costs.

When we are open, we encourage our visitors to buy their tickets online - with no need to print physical tickets. This minimises paper usage.

Natural stone pathways are used across the site- no tarmac or other artificial surfaces are used. Grass carparks included. We have sent zero waste to landfill for at least the last 5 years.

Recycled materials are used to create new play spaces, utilising reclaimed wood and giving them a new purpose! In the office, we use Woodland Trust a4 copier paper as standard, helping to give back to our planet.

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