



## **The Gruffalo and other stories at Cornbury Park**

### **Answers to all your questions.....**

#### **What is The Gruffalo and other stories at Cornbury park?**

This is a full morning or afternoon event on the Cornbury estate during which Julia Donaldson and her family will be putting on a show of fabulous stories and songs. There will be warthogs, rats and scarecrows.....and of course a visit from everyone's favourite woodland monster! Before the show, you will be able to enjoy the site and some Little Wild Things activities and buy books and popcorn, and after the show there will be a meet and greet with the Gruffalo himself!

#### **Where is the show being held?**

We are delighted to be using a part on the beautiful Cornbury Estate. The performance will be open-air and will take place in a grassy valley, with the audience sitting on the ground on a sloped grass bank. You are welcome to bring a rug or cushions to sit on. Directions to the site will be provided in your booking confirmation email and there will be signs to follow on the day.

#### **When are the shows?**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July**

##### Morning

Popcorn, books and activities from 10am, **Show 11–12pm**, Gruffalo meet & greet 12–1pm

##### Afternoon

Popcorn, books and activities from 2:30pm, **Show 3:30–4:30pm**, Gruffalo meet & greet 4:30–5:30pm

**Gates will close 15 minutes before each performance. Please allow plenty of time to get yourselves from the car park to the performance field.**

#### **How long will the event be?**

The full event runs over 3 hours. The performance will last for one hour, and gates will open an hour before the start of each show to allow you time to arrive, enjoy some Little Wild Things activities, visit the bookshop and buy popcorn should you wish to do so. After each performance there will be the opportunity to spend a little more time on site to have a photo or a cuddle with the Gruffalo and pop some bubbles.

**When will tickets go on sale?**

Tickets will be available on the Little Wild Things booking page from **8pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May**. Adult and child tickets are £15 each. There is no need to book tickets for siblings under 2 years old when attending with older brothers and sisters. Your ticket for entry is your booking confirmation email with your booking reference number – please bring this with you to gain access to the event (on your phone is fine).

**Is there parking on site?**

You will be able to park your car on a hard grassy area off the main track. You will then need to walk a short way to the performance area, over the grassy field and down a slope. If this is difficult for anyone in your party for any reason, then we can organise transport between the performance area and the car park. Please let us know on your booking form when prompted, and we will be in touch.

**Can we get to the site by public transport?**

The event site is around 1.5 miles from Charlbury which is served by trains and local buses. There are various taxi firms in the area who could drive you the last leg.

**Can I bring a pushchair?**

You are welcome to bring pushchairs on to site but will need to leave them in a designated place outside the seating area for the duration of the show. Please remember the show will be held in a field so a baby carrier might be an easier mode of transport if you have one.

**Will there be toilets available on site?**

Yes – no need for wild wees! There will also be baby changing facilities, but we ask that you take all nappies home with you.

**A member of my family has reason to be seated close to the stage, is this possible?**

Yes of course, please let us know on your booking form when prompted, and we will be in touch to see how best to help you.

**Will there be refreshments available?**

There will be popcorn for you to buy if you would like to at a cost of £1 a bag. This stall will be cash only, so please dig out your pound coins! There will not be any drinks for sale so please bring these with you, making sure you have plenty of water for all the family as hopefully it will be a glorious day! Please note alcohol is not permitted on site.

**Can we bring a picnic?**

Sorry, but not this time. We think that by the time you've enjoyed the show and waved to the Gruffalo, it'll be time to head for home so our lovely staff and volunteers have a chance to tidy up before the next performance.

**How will everyone be seated during the performance?**

The grassy bank for audience seating will be clearly marked, and all areas have a good view of the stage. The seating area will open 15 minutes before the start of the show and spots will be allocated by our staff on a first come-first-served basis. Feel free to bring a rug or a cushion to sit on.

### **What about the weather?**

This is an outdoor performance, so please come dressed for the weather, whatever it may be. The seating area will be in full sun for most of the day, so sun-hats and sun-cream may be needed if the sun decides to shine. If on the other hand, it is raining, then remember that at Little Wild Things, rain never stops us having fun! We will do all the sun-dances and rain spells we know, but a coat with a hood will be essential if the forecast looks wet! You are welcome to bring an umbrella as long as you remain aware of audience members behind you and use it considerately. Unless the weather is deemed to be dangerous, the performances will take place as planned.

### **Can I bring my dog, mammoth, mouse or wildebeest to the show?**

Sorry no pets allowed – Gruffalos eat dogs for breakfast!

### **Will Julia Donaldson be signing books after the show?**

Unfortunately, Julia can't offer a book signing this year. However, there will be a small number of pre-signed copies of her best loved books available to buy from our bookshop on the day.

### **What if the performance is cancelled for any reason?**

If we are forced to cancel the performance for any reason we will provide a refund for your tickets minus 25% for unrecoverable event costs.

### **What if I need to cancel my booking?**

If for whatever reason you need to cancel a ticket, up to 10 days before the show, we can offer you a full refund, please just get in touch. Less than 10 days before the show we will be unable to offer refunds, but are happy for you to pass your tickets on to friends. Just make sure to pass along your confirmation email in order for them to gain entrance to the event.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any other questions. We can't wait to see you for some monster fun in the sun!

