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# Brand New Bus Service: Go direct to Howletts six times a day with Stagecoach



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Visitors to **Howletts Wild Animal Park** will be able to get there via bus direct from two of Canterbury's main transport hubs, starting on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

The bus service will operate six times a day throughout May half term and beyond, in a bid to make one of Kent's most popular tourist attractions even more accessible.

**Bob O'Connor, Managing Director of Howletts and Port Lympne Wild Animal Parks**, said: *'I'm thrilled that Stagecoach are running a dedicated bus service to the park. Visitors who use this direct service will be able to take advantage of our Two for One Entry Offer when they print out a special voucher from [Stagecoachbus.com/eastkent](http://Stagecoachbus.com/eastkent) and show their bus tickets and voucher on arrival at the Gatehouse.'*

The Howletts bus will run six times a day starting from 09.50am at Canterbury West Station and 10.00am from Canterbury Bus Station. Fares are priced at £2.60 single and £4.40 return, children aged between 5 and 15 years old will be able to travel from £1.30 single and £2.20 return.

**Philip Norwell, Managing Director of Stagecoach in East Kent** added: *'We are delighted to be working with Howletts to provide a bus service from Canterbury West Station and the bus station to the Wild Animal Park, during the summer. Route 200 buses will run roughly hourly and are timed to link up with high speed trains to and from London. This splendid attraction will feature on our Big Bus Guide as somewhere it is easy to visit by bus, using our Explorer Ticket – offering unlimited all day travel across East Kent and East Sussex from £6.20 per adult – you can take up to three kids with you from only 10p each at weekends and during school holidays.'*

Timetables for the new dedicated service will be available in the Howletts Gatehouse and at Canterbury Bus Station. For further information including opening times and special events at Howletts Wild Animal Park please visit [www.aspinallfoundation.org/howletts](http://www.aspinallfoundation.org/howletts)

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## Editor's Notes

- The Aspinall Foundation is proud to be celebrating 30 years of animal conservation in 2014. Since it was founded in April 1984, the charity has become a world-leader in animal conservation helping to protect a wide range of critically endangered species and has also pioneered ground-breaking reintroduction projects.
- The Aspinall Foundation manages conservation projects in Congo, Gabon, Indonesia and Madagascar, as well as providing financial support to various partner projects around the world. The conservation charity's important work helps prevent some of the most endangered species on the planet from becoming extinct.
- The Aspinall Foundation, working in conjunction with Howletts and Port Lympne Wild Animal Parks in Kent, is one of the most successful breeders of captive endangered animals in the world. With unrivalled achievements in husbandry the conservation charity boasts 135 gorilla births, 33 black rhino, 123 clouded leopards, 33 Javan gibbons, 104 Javan langur and 20 African elephants
- Howletts and Port Lympne Wild Animal Parks were awarded Best Leisure and Tourism Business at the 2012 and 2013 KEiBA awards.
- Howletts and Port Lympne Wild Animal Parks are members of VisitEngland's accreditation scheme for quality visitor attractions VAQAS.
- Howletts and Port Lympne Wild Animal Parks are members of the UK Inbound organisation – one of the leading trade associations in the UK Tourism industry and the only association to focus exclusively on the inbound tourism sector.
- For more information and offers from Stagecoach please visit [www.stagecoachbus.com/eastkent](http://www.stagecoachbus.com/eastkent)

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