



# Beavers Go Wild at Dublin Zoo

*Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2017*

We travel to Dublin by train, using a group train ticket, with a block seat reservation. We will walk from Heuston to Phoenix Park, spend the day at Dublin Zoo, as part of a national Scouting Ireland beaver scouts event, following a trail for clues to earn a special badge. We will then walk back to Heuston for the return train journey.

## Depart:

Please drop beaver at Kilkenny railway station by **8:15am**.

Please ensure that your son has had a decent breakfast, and a toilet visit prior to drop-off.

## Kit:

- full uniform – each beaver must be dressed in **jumper and necker**. We also expect all investiture and rank badges issued to have been sewn on.
- **small day rucksack**
- **coat** – we will be outside for almost the entire day. Early forecasts suggest that the weather is likely to be dry but cold; a coat should be worn or carried in the rucksack. In the event of forecast rain, the coat should be water-proof, or an additional pac-a-mac or similar should be in rucksack.
- **hat** and/or **gloves** – may also be wanted (optionally) by the beaver
- **food!** They will need a large packed lunch that will sustain them for the entire day: morning feast on the train (just being realistic!), Lunch, and Tea. We cannot guarantee that we will be able to visit any food vendor – time may not allow, queues may be too long, and prep time may delay us, nor have we costed for this. As such, please do not assume that it is an option. Please also note that we cannot be responsible for any money given to a beaver to pay for extra food, nor do we expect to sub them for food. Finally, we request that wrappers are kept to an absolute minimum! If necessary, consider removing them in advance and using a Tupperware box.
- **water** – refillable drinks bottle, with a secure (i.e. non-leaking) lid
- **plastic bag** – a 70c supermarket checkout bag
- **money** – having said everything above, if time were available (and if crowds aren't too insane) we would try to give an opportunity to visit the gift shop or an ice-cream vendor, if this is wanted by you and your son, but this just cannot be guaranteed, and it would have to happen in a measured way that doesn't delay, or split up, the group. Both the Zoo and Heuston station are very busy!



NB: please ensure all items are labelled with names.

## Return:

We arrive back at Kilkenny railway station at 6:20pm.

## Irish Rail train times:

Out: Kilkenny 08:28  
Dublin Heuston 10:00

Return: Dublin Heuston 16:40  
Kilkenny 18:17