




# WILLOWBANK WILDLIFE RESERVE

## DETECTIVE GAME



**Welcome Detective!** Let's see what interesting facts you can find out about the animals and the place they live in the reserve.

Follow the Willowbank path. See if you can find the answers to all the 31 questions along the way.

**GOOD LUCK!** 

**Question 1:** How many years can Long finned Eels live for? \_\_\_\_\_

Which country do they swim to so they can lay their eggs? \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 2:** What type of deer are wandering around in the paddock on your left?

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**Question 3:** Just after you pass the deer paddock, look around. Can you name the scruffy looking geese?

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**Question 4:** You are now in the MARSH area, a swampy place. What types of plants grow here? Fill in the missing letters

F \_ \_ X      and      C \_ \_ B \_ \_ E TR \_ \_

**Question 5:** Look for the Emu.

How many toes does it have on its feet? \_\_\_\_\_

Can they fly? \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 6:** You are now walking in the Wallaby enclosure.

Which country do they come from? \_\_\_\_\_

What is a baby wallaby called and how are they carried? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Question 7:** Look for the Capuchin monkeys.

What is the difference between the tail of a monkey and an ape? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why do you think there is a large sign asking people NOT to FEED them? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Question 8:** We have some beautiful parrots. Name the different parrots on display

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**Question 9:** Find the Ring tailed lemurs. They like to sunbathe to warm themselves up. Which country do they come from? \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 10:** Perhaps you may hear the Siamang Gibbons calling. Why do you think they have such long arms?

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You are now entering the 'Heritage New Zealand' area (farmyard), where you will find a great display of farm animals, many of which were found in the early settlers farm days.



**Question 11:** What kind of pigs can you see on your right? \_\_\_\_\_

Before continuing through the farmyard you will go through our Eco Garden

**Question 12:** There maybe various fruit or vegetables growing when you visit. Name three different types that you can find. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Question 13:** Look for the Leopard tortoises. What is the difference between a tortoise and a turtle?

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**Question 14:** Next to the tortoises is a beautiful green lizard. What is it called? Why are there heat lamps in the enclosure? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Question 15:** Look for the Clydesdale horse. Her name is "Sam". She is very kind, but please do not feed her anything. If everyone fed her, she would get ill and too fat to walk.

What did farmers use the Clydesdale horse for do you think? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Question 16:** What types of goats are on display? \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 17:** Have a look at all the different sheep and cattle. They are most unusual. Can you names the different ones on display? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Question 18:** The Auckland Island pigs have a different shape snout to the kunekune pigs. What do you think they use this for? \_\_\_\_\_

After a short walk you are now entering the 'Natural New Zealand' area



**Question 19:** Find the kakariki. What does the word kakariki mean? Hint: There are two meanings

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**Question 20:** Once you leave the Maori village you will be able to see a bird that looks a little bit like a kiwi, but it is not. It is called a W \_ \_ \_

**Question 21:** When you enter the kea aviary, see how many kea can you count.

What is the bright colour under their wings? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you think there are double doors before you enter and leave the aviary?

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**Question 22:** In the Tuatara House find the tuatara. What is the English meaning of the word tuatara?

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**Question 23:** If you are quiet, you may be able to see the Blue ducks. What is another name for them?

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**Question 24:** At the enclosure just before the Nocturnal House you will see a large bird which has blue and green feathers and a red bill.

Is this a Pukeko or a Takahe? \_\_\_\_\_

Was this bird thought to be extinct? \_\_\_\_\_

How much can it poop out in a day? \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 25:** Before you go through the Kiwi house, think about why it is so dark in there and answer when you are back outside. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Question 26:** There is a large and sometimes noisy parrot as you leave the Nocturnal House. What is this parrot called? \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 27:** In the next aviary you will find the Kereru which is the 2018 Bird of the Year. They are important seed dispersers for the forests. What types of food do they eat? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Question 28:** Look for the NZ Falcon as you go through the gate. When chasing its prey, how fast could they be flying? \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 29:** What is the name of New Zealand's only surviving native owl? \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 30:** There are two furry predators of birds, eggs, lizards and insects on display. Can you name them?

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**Question 31:** Do possums eat only leaves, fruit and berries, or do they also eat birds and their eggs?

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**WELL DONE!** Were you able to answer all the questions?  
Check answers with your teacher.

Take this detective sheet home.

I am sure others at home would love to read all the interesting information you gathered today.

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