



The Langholm Initiative

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Half Day Wildlife Experience (4hrs)

On this half day experience we will concentrate on areas around **Langholm Moor**.

This shorter experience may suit a family with children interested in exploring the outdoors or those a little short on time while visiting the area.

Wild Eskdale already deliver outdoor education activities to local schools and we can incorporate some of these activities into your day which can make the experience a little more personal for children.

Langholm moor and the surrounding area is home to some of the most iconic and rare species of Wildlife in Scotland. The dramatic landscape is a designated SSSI and a Species Protection Area for the mysterious and rare *Hen Harrier*.

At certain times of the year you have the chance to witness the magnificent “**Sky Dancing**” as these beautiful birds prepare to mate.

The **South of Scotland Golden Eagle Project** has begun its five year project releasing Golden Eagles into the area. This means that the landscape around Langholm is now the first place in Scotland you have the chance to see **Golden Eagles** in the wild when traveling north from England.

We can collect you in our 4x4 vehicle from partner [accommodation](#) or from accommodation within 15 miles of Langholm. Either that or we can meet at an agreed area and set off from there. We will decide on a **start time** in agreement with you a few days before the experience. We will visit **Langholm moor** where we will be searching for **birds of prey** such as Hen Harriers, Short Eared Owls, Merlin, Peregrine Falcon, Kestrel and maybe even a **Golden Eagle**. Other highlights on the moor may include the beautiful and charismatic **Wild Goats**, Roe Deer, Brown Hare, Stonechat and much more. We will also visit Tarras water, a stream that cuts its way through the moor providing a home for Dippers, Pied flycatchers and Grey Wagtail.

There are several **woodlands** in the area and we may visit a number of these where we have a chance to see Greater Spotted Woodpecker, Sparrow Hawk, Goshawk, Greenfinch, Common Crossbill, Siskin and many others.

At Wild Eskdale we want to make sure our experiences are designed to suit everyone. If you would like to discuss your guided tour with us then please do get in touch in advance of your chosen date.

The price also includes a **morning tea/coffee break**.

Pricing

*Single person pricing - When booking as a single person (not exclusive) you will be charged the single person rate of £80 at the time of booking. However if on the day you are sharing the vehicle with other guests you will be refunded £25. That way nobody in the vehicle is paying a different rate for the same experience.

*Under 16yrs – Anyone under the age of 16 years old must be accompanied by an adult. The minimum age for an experience is 10yrs. If you have children under 10 years old but would like to book an experience please contact Wild Eskdale directly and we will work with you to deliver a package that works for your family.

Other information

Wild Eskdale don't use a minibus where you have to fight for the attention of the guide or for time to see what's top of everyone's list. We use a 4x4 which we definitely need as some of the locations with our exclusive permission to access by vehicle don't really have what could be called a road anymore. Each experience will have a maximum of four people in our fully insured vehicle. At maximum capacity this will require 3 people to sit in the back seat. If you would prefer to have a more **personal experience** why not book our **exclusive deal**?

Feel free to bring your own but Wild Eskdale will also provide binoculars and top of the range Swarovski spotting scopes to make the most of your experience.

Insects: Biting midges might be present. Please make sure to take any precautions you see fit to combat this. Ticks are also present on the moor. We suggest wearing thick socks pulled up with long trousers over the top. Please make sure to check yourself for ticks at the end of the day.

Dietary

Please let us know of any dietary needs in advance of your experience as this impacts what is included in the packed lunch. We cannot be held responsible for any adverse effect of supplied food or drink that we have not previously received dietary information about.

Charity

Unlike private Wildlife tour companies, Wild Eskdale is a Langholm Initiative charity project. This means that the fee you pay for an amazing Wildlife experience goes directly towards community projects, outdoor education and to any nature reserves we visit to aid with their running costs.

What will be provided by us:

- Top of the range Swarovski spotting scope.
- Opticron binoculars.
- Wildlife identification books.
- Morning/Afternoon tea or coffee
- 4x4 transport for the experience
- Collection from and drop off to an agreed location.

- Access to an experienced guide.
- Exclusive access to certain areas of Langholm Moor.

What you should bring:

- Clothing for all weathers - some areas of the moor are quite exposed and can be cold/wet even in the summer.
- Wellington boots (not vital but might improve your experience).
- Camera.
- Any medication you require (please inform Wild Eskdale prior to the experience of any medical requirements).
- Bottle of Water.
- Feel free to bring your own wildlife spotting equipment.
- A smile!