



## **In the Eyes of the Animal / Hamsterley Forest / 13-15 May 2016 / FAQs**

What is *In the Eyes of the Animal*?

*In the Eyes of the Animal* is a virtual reality film experienced in woodland headsets in a forest setting. The large headset contains a virtual reality headset, including headphones, whilst a backpack provides a tactile sound system, enhancing the immersive effect. The film is approx. 10 minutes long, but is accompanied by other activities, including a walk into the forest and an induction to the equipment, making the overall experience about an hour long.

What is virtual reality?

Virtual reality is a new type of technology which simulates a physical presence in a real or imagined world. In these experiences, we feel like we are *within* the world on screen, creating a powerful and exciting immersive experience.

Will it make me feel sick?

Some audiences experience disorientation and occasionally nausea during virtual reality experiences. This is minimised by sitting down on the seating provided. If at any point you feel uncomfortable you can raise your hand and a member of our team will provide you with assistance.

What ages is it suitable for?

The content of *In the Eyes of the Animal* is family friendly. We recommend that ages 11+ will have a better quality experience, due to their ability to bear the weight of the headset and to focus on the screen.

What should I wear?

The ticket includes a walk in the woods so please wear all-weather clothing and appropriate footwear.

What if it rains?

*In the Eyes of the Animal* will continue in light drizzle, but anything heavier will see us move the work to an alternative, fully-covered location. Whatever the weather, *In the Eyes of the Animal* will run, so please do still come along!



What facilities are there on site?

Hamsterley Forest boasts a number of car parks, excellent walking and cycling routes, a café (open 10am until 4pm), a bike hire (open 10am until 5pm on weekends), and an info point with walking and cycling maps of the Forest. There are shorter walks, including the Stick Man Trail, and a play area for children. Visit [www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infid-6vyg9a](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infid-6vyg9a) for full info. We would certainly encourage you to make the most of your visit!

Please bear in mind that phone signal is not reliable. Wifi is available at the café during opening hours.

What if I wear glasses?

You might choose to remove them for comfort reasons, if you are able to focus enough on the screen. But if you can't or don't wish to, it's fine to wear them within the headset, it may just take a little longer to adjust the headset to a comfortable level.

Is it accessible?

At this point the route is not accessible for wheelchair users or mobility scooters. The gravel paths are steep at times and there are a few steps. Audiences are welcome to take pushchairs and prams with them, though they may have to return to the Info Point by an alternative route. If you have specific requirements you'd like to ask us about please email [hello@andfestival.org.uk](mailto:hello@andfestival.org.uk) and we will assist you.

What if I can't come anymore?

This event is free but has very limited capacity. Therefore if you can't come it is important you let us know so we can give your space to someone else.

What if I want to book a group?

Email [hello@andfestival.org.uk](mailto:hello@andfestival.org.uk) with your requirements and we will endeavour to accommodate you. As this is an experience with limited capacity, please be aware that we may need to split you into smaller groups in order to facilitate your visit.