

Press Release

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Enchanted Forest Organisers Expect Sell Out Show as 2008 Theme Launches them into Space

Big Tree Country, the organisers of Scotland's premier sound and light show, The Enchanted Forest, have announced they expect this year's event to attract over 20,000 visitors, setting a new record for The Enchanted Forest that is now in its seventh successful year.

The theme for this year's show, which takes place between 17th October and 2nd November at Faskally Wood near Pitlochry, is "A Journey Through Space".

During the event, Faskally Wood, which is managed by Forestry Commission Scotland, will be transformed into an astronomical playground which marks an appropriate trailer for the approaching celebrations of International Year of Astronomy in 2009, celebrating 400 years since Galileo first looked into a telescope.

Visitors will be met in Pitlochry's main street by their "shuttle" bus which will take them to the launch pad at Faskally Wood. Entering the EFSA (Enchanted Forest Space Agency) for the first time, visitors will undergo a brief astronaut training session before watching countdown commence on the main show.

After lift off, visitors have an opportunity to explore their new world within the forest, making their way around the paved walk, exploring new planet landscapes, bridging the void and encountering some of our best known extra terrestrials, before returning to Earth. All areas of Faskally Wood will be lit for effect and the experience is bound to be truly out of this world.

Hamish Murray, chair of the steering group for the Enchanted Forest 2008 commented, "This year's theme has everyone very excited. We've really built upon the experience and successes of past years and we've come up with something that is innovative and speaks to people of all ages."

"We also have a dedicated play area for kids at ET Wood which pays homage to the extra-terrestrials we all know and love from television and film. Whether your 5 or 55, this year's theme is bound to get you smiling!" he concluded.

Last year over 17,000 people attended The Enchanted Forest which is also supported by the local Pitlochry Autumn Festival, making it a truly family event.

The shuttle departure point in Pitlochry is a simply two minute walk from Pitlochry Railway Station and organisers are urging people to make best use of the public transport links available.

For further information about the Enchanted Forest and to purchase tickets, visit the Enchanted Forest website at www.enchantedforest.org.uk

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