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Lift-off into green space

EXCITED organisers of this year's Enchanted Forest are promising visitors an experience that's out of this world...quite literally!

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

Scotland's premier sound and light show expect 2008's event to attract more than 20,000 visitors.

If this number is achieved, it will set a new record for the event which is now in its seventh year.

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 count-

down commence on the main show.

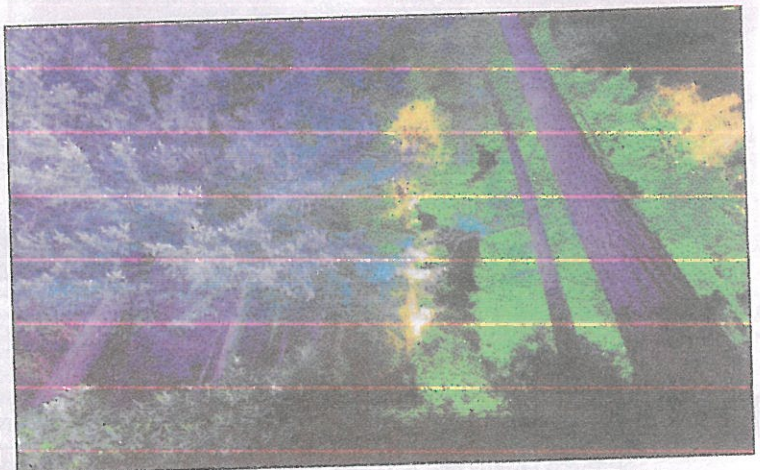
After lift off, visitors have an opportunity to explore their new world within the forest, making their way around the paved walk, exploring new planet landscapes, bridging the void and encountering some of our best known extra terrestrials, before returning to Earth.

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, said: "We also have a dedicated play area for children at ET Wood which pays homage to the extra-terrestrials we all know and love from television and film."

Last year over 17,000 people attended The Enchanted Forest which is also supported by the local Pitlochry Autumn Festival.



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