

A Visual Story to
support your
'Zoo Explorers'
course

**WHIPSNADE
ZOO**

a ZSL conservation zoo





Booking a ticket

The 'Zoo Explorers' experience is ONLY available to ticket holders.
It is not included in your Zoo entrance ticket.

The 'Zoo Explorers' experience can be booked online on the
Whipsnade Zoo website.

You can book the 'Zoo Explorers' course here:
[Zoo Explorers | Whipsnade Zoo \(5-7 year olds\)](#)

Suitable clothing



- Some parts of the course will take place outside in the zoo.
- I need to make sure I wear suitable clothes for being outside. This might be a sunhat and t-shirt or raincoat and jumper.
- I need to make sure I wear closed-toe shoes, like trainers or wellington boots, to make sure I stay safe.



Arriving for my course



- At 10:15 I will wait close to the zoo entrance at the colourful 'ZSL Patrons' wall, just to the left of the main zoo entrance.
- The course does not start until 10:15am. Sometimes zoo staff might not arrive exactly at 10:15am. If they arrive a little bit early or late, this is OK as I will still get to take part in the 'Zoo Explorers' course.
- There might be lots of people around in the area where I have to wait but this is OK. If I don't like this, there is lots of space so I can move away where there are fewer people.

A map of the zoo can be downloaded here:

[Map | Whipsnade Zoo](#)



Starting my experience

- A member of zoo staff and a zoo volunteer will come to the 'ZSL Patrons' wall and meet me there.
- There are a maximum of 10 children who can take part in a 'Zoo Explorers' course so there will be others joining me for the day.
- The zoo staff and volunteer will ask my adult to sign my name in for the day and I will listen to instructions before going into the zoo.



Zoo staff will be wearing a green uniform and zoo volunteers will be wearing a red uniform. Here is a picture of a Whipsnade Zoo staff member.

Walking to the Rainforest Room

- As I head into the zoo, I will follow the zoo staff to the Rainforest Room.
- I must listen to all instructions given by zoo staff and volunteers and take care at the zebra crossing.



Rainforest Room



- When I am inside the Rainforest Room, I will be asked to find a seat and the zoo staff will tell me what we are doing next.
- I must not touch anything on the benches unless I am told to by zoo staff or volunteers.
- In this room, I will be getting to know other people on the course and learning all about habitats.
- I can wash my hands in this building and use the toilet whenever I need to.



On the Farm



- In the morning, I will visit 'Hullabazoo Farm.'
- I will be helping in one of the goat paddocks by cleaning up after the goats.
- There might be other visitors in the paddock which is OK. I will stay with the people on my course and the zoo staff.
- I might get a bit dirty whilst cleaning but I will be able to wash my hands afterwards.
- The goats might come up to me, but they are all very friendly and I can move away if I need to. If I want to, I can gently pet them, and I might be able to feed them too.



At the Chimpanzees



- Before visiting the Chimpanzees, I will be able to make some food enrichment for them. I will be hiding food in different items to encourage the Chimpanzees to show their natural feeding behaviour.
- When we get to the Chimpanzees, only the zoo staff will throw the enrichment onto 'Chimp Island'.
- I will be able to watch the Chimpanzees use their enrichment and ask any questions that I have.



Feeding the Bison



- I will be able to feed the Bison some vegetables if I would like to.
- I will need to wear plastic gloves to touch the food. Zoo staff will help me put on these gloves if I find it tricky.
- I will then be able to throw some food into the Bison habitat.
- It doesn't matter if I can't throw very far as the Bison will come over and find the food.



Graduation

- At the end of the day, I will be given a certificate and t-shirt for completing Zoo Explorers.
- The zoo staff will then take me back to the zoo entrance to meet my adult.
- Once my adult has signed me out of the course, I can go back into the zoo if I would like to.

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This is to certify that

has completed Zoo Explorers

Signed _____
Date _____



Thank you for
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[Junior Zoo Academy \(8-10 year-olds\) |
Whipsnade Zoo](#)

