

A Visual Story to  
support your  
“Meet the  
Tigers”  
experience

**WHIPSNADE  
ZOO**

a ZSL conservation zoo



The “Meet the Tigers” experience is **ONLY** available to ticket holders. It is not included in your Zoo entrance ticket.

Tickets for the “Meet the Tigers” experience can be booked online on the ZSL Website.

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Tickets for “Meet the Tigers” can be booked here:

[Meet The Animals At ZSL Whipsnade Zoo | Zoological Society of London \(ZSL\)](#)



# Getting to the experience in the Zoo

Please make your way to the Tiger enclosure to find the “Meet the Tigers” meeting point. The meeting point can be found close to the Base camp restaurant side of the Tiger enclosure.

**A map of the Zoo can be downloaded here:**

[Map of ZSL Whipsnade Zoo | Zoological Society of London \(ZSL\)](#)



# Arriving at my experience

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**MEET THE  
TIGERS**  
MEETING POINT



Pre-booked ticket holders only  
Tickets available from the Visitor Centre

- At 10:45am I will wait close to the “Meet the Tigers” meeting point sign. This meeting point is close to the toilets near Base Camp Restaurant.
- This is what the “Meet the Tigers” Meeting Point sign looks like. And this is where the sign is.



# Waiting for my experience to begin

- The experience does not start until 11am, but while I am waiting for the zookeepers to arrive I can look for the tigers in their enclosure. Sometimes the zookeepers might not arrive exactly at 11am. If they arrive a little bit early or late this is OK as I will still get to take part in the “Meet the Tigers” experience.
- 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 here so I can move away where there are fewer people.
- If I move away this is OK as there are lots of places where I can still see the “Meet the Tigers” sign to watch for the zookeepers to arrive.

# Starting my experience

- 2 zookeepers will come to the “Meet the Tigers” sign and meet us there.
- A Zoo Volunteer will also meet us at the “Meet the Tigers” sign and check my ticket and anyone else who is doing the experience’s ticket.
- There are a maximum of 4 people who can take part in the experience so there might be other people doing the experience with me.



This is a picture of a zookeeper. The zookeepers that meet you will be wearing green uniforms.



This is a picture of a volunteer. The volunteers that meet you will be wearing red uniforms.

# Keeping the tigers safe

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- The zookeepers will ask me to put gloves on because we have to keep the animals safe.
- The zookeepers will give me some blue gloves to wear. By wearing some gloves it means I can help to keep the tigers safe and healthy.
- This is what the gloves look like.

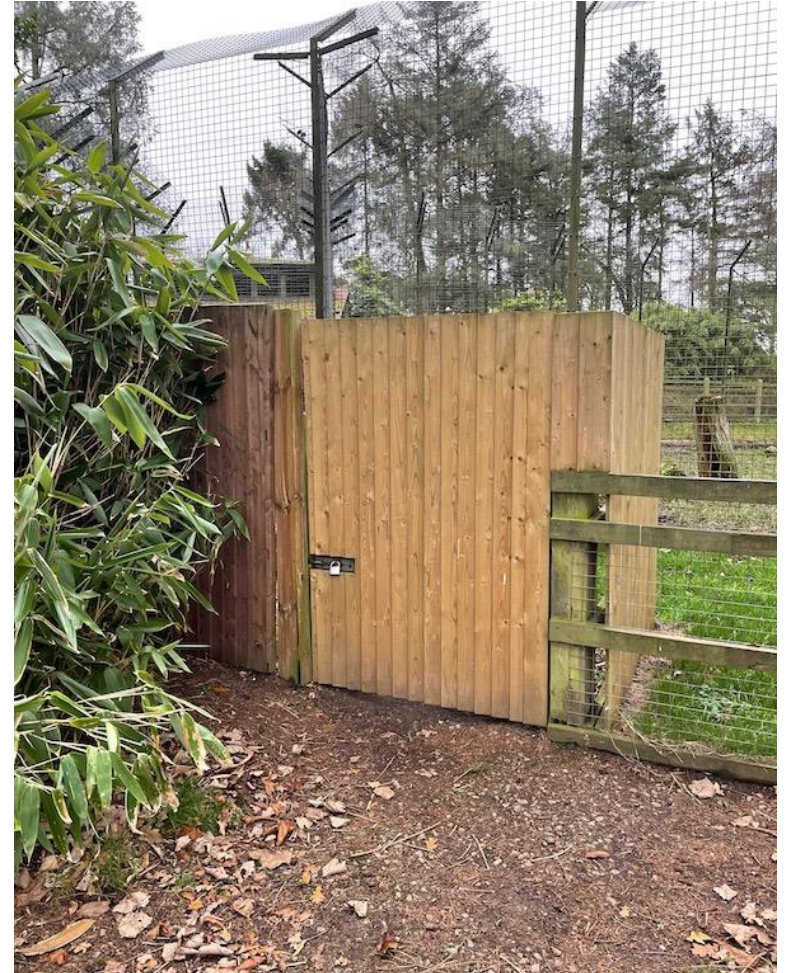




# My “Meet the Tigers” experience

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- The zookeepers will also tell me and everyone else taking part in the experience a few things to remember. It is important I listen to what the zookeepers tell me as it will help to keep me safe once we go into the special area where my experience will take place.
- There is a fence around this area so people not taking part in the experience cannot see what we are doing. Although I will be close to the tigers there is a special fence between where I will be standing and the fence of the tigers enclosure. This means I will be safe from the tigers.
- Once the zookeepers have told us the important information we will go through the gate into the special area.
- The special area where the zookeepers take me will let me see the tigers up close. This is the gate into the special area.



# My experience

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- This is what the special area looks like.
- It is important that I stand back against the tall fence. If I am not sure, the zookeepers will be able to tell me where I need to stand to stay safe.
- When everyone taking part in the experience is in the special area, one of the zookeepers will show me what I can do to feed the tigers.
- It is important I listen to this as we are helping the zookeepers with some of the training for the tigers.



# What the tigers eat

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- This is an example of what I might be feeding the tigers. The tiger's food might smell strange to me, but this is OK as the tigers really like this food.
- I don't have to touch the meat, as I will be holding some metal tongs that the zookeepers will put the food in for me.



# What I will be doing

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- The zookeepers will show me what to do and how to feed the tiger. They will show me how to ask the tiger to stand up or sit. They will also watch while I feed the tiger to make sure I stay safe.
- If the tiger stands up on its back legs there might be a sound of the tiger on the metal fence.
- Sometimes the tigers get excited and growl. If they do this it is OK, they are just excited and they will not hurt me.
- If it is muddy the tiger might splash some mud on me as they stand up. But this is OK and it won't hurt me.
- This is an example of what I will be able to do and how big the tiger is when they stand up.



# What I am allowed to do

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- I will be able to take turns with everyone else feeding the tiger. The zookeepers will tell me when it is my turn to feed the tiger.
- While we are feeding the tiger, the zookeepers will tell us lots of information about the tigers and I will be able to ask questions about the tigers.
- I can ask someone to take photos of me while I feed the tiger, and I can take photos while other people feed the tiger. I cannot take selfies with the tigers as they do not like this.



# The end of my experience

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- Once we have fed the tiger all the food, I will be able to ask the zookeepers any questions and then it will be time for the experience to end.
- I will be able to give the zookeepers the gloves that I have used and there is also a hand sanitiser that I can use if I would like to.
- This will be the end of the experience and the zookeepers will open the gate to let us all out of the special area.
- After I have finished the experience, I will be able to look for more animals in their enclosures at the Zoo.



Thank you  
for taking part in  
our "Meet the  
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