



ZSL
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Zoo Explorers A Visual Story

Booking a ticket



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

This experience can be booked online on the Whipsnade Zoo website:

[Zoo Explorers | Whipsnade Zoo \(5-7 year olds\)](#)



Suitable Clothing



Some parts of the experience will take place outside in the zoo.

Suitable clothes must be worn for being outside. This might be a sunhat and t-shirt or raincoat and jumper.

Closed-toe shoes must be worn, like trainers or wellington boots, to make sure you stay safe.



Arriving for your experience



At 10:15 you need to wait close to the zoo entrance at the colourful 'ZSL Patrons' wall, just to the left of the main zoo entrance.

Zoo staff will come and greet you here where you will be signed in to the zoo for the day.

There might be lots of people around in the area but there is lots of space so you can move away to a quieter place. There are also toilets available if you need them.

A map of the zoo can be found here:

[Map | Whipsnade Zoo](#)



Starting your experience



Zoo staff will be wearing a green uniform and zoo volunteers will be wearing a red uniform. They will be looking after you for the experience and are there to help with anything you need.

There are a maximum of 10 children who can take part in this experience so there will be others joining you for the day.



Rainforest Room



As you enter the zoo, you will follow the zoo staff to the Rainforest Room.

You will be given instructions by zoo staff and volunteers to keep you safe around the zoo.

In this room, you will be getting to know other people on the experience, and this is where you will have lunch.

You can wash your hands in this building and use the toilet whenever you need to.

(Please note the following itinerary is an example and animals and timings can be subject to change.)



Inside the Butterfly House



As part of our first activity, we will go into the butterfly house. To enter the butterfly house, there is a sliding door and a curtain of black ropes to move apart.

There is a temperature change in the butterfly house, and it is very humid and warm.

There are butterflies that fly around freely and may fly near you. The butterflies rarely land or rest on people and there are areas where you can move away. You must not touch the butterflies.

If you feel too hot or uncomfortable, you can ask to leave at any time.



On the Farm



After lunch, we will visit Hullabazoo Farm to help in one of the goat paddocks by cleaning up after the goats.

You may get a little dirty but you will be able to wash your hands afterwards.

The goats are very friendly and you can stroke and feed them. If you do not want to, you can move away at any time.



Feeding the Chimpanzees



We will be making some food enrichment for the chimpanzee troop. We will be hiding food in different items to encourage the chimpanzees to show their natural feeding behaviour.

Only the zoo staff will throw the enrichment that you have made over to the chimpanzees.

You will be able to watch the chimpanzees use their enrichment and ask any questions that you have.



Feeding the Bison



We will then go and see the bison and you can feed them some vegetables.

You will need to wear plastic gloves to then be able to throw some food into the bison habitat.

The bison will come over for the food and you can ask any questions that you have.



Graduation



At the end of the course, you will receive a certificate and t-shirt for completing Zoo Explorers.

We will then go back to the entrance of the zoo so you can meet your adult. You will be able to re-enter the zoo with your adult if you would like to.



Thank you!



Come and see us again for Junior Zoo Academy!

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