

A Visual Story to support your “Nature Nights” experience

**WHIPSNADE
ZOO**

a ZSL conservation zoo



The “Nature Nights” experience is **ONLY** available to ticket holders. It is not included in your Zoo entrance ticket.

Tickets for the “Nature Nights” experience can be booked online on the ZSL Website.

Tickets for “Nature Night” can be booked here:
[Nature Night Camping | Zoological Society of London \(ZSL\)](#)

Getting to the experience in the Zoo

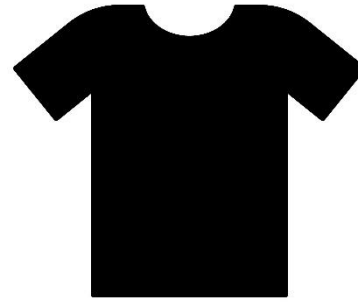
Please make your way to the Main Entrance of the Zoo. Our security team will direct you to our main lawn area, close to the Butterfly House.

A map of the Zoo can be downloaded here:

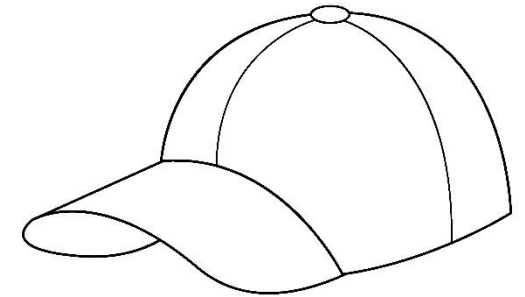
[Map of ZSL Whipsnade Zoo | Zoological Society of London \(ZSL\)](#)



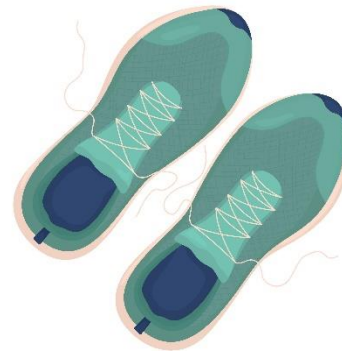
The Nature Nights experience takes place outside around different places in the zoo.



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, for the experience to make sure I stay safe.



Arriving at my experience

- At 18:30 I will wait close to the “Main Entrance” of ZSL Whipsnade Zoo.
- This is what the “Main Entrance” area looks like and where I need to wait.
- Most people arriving for the Nature Nights experience will be arriving in cars. There might be lots of cars around.
- If I am not arriving in a car this is OK. The security guard at the entrance will be able to show me where I will need to walk to.



Waiting for my experience to begin

- The experience does not start until 18:30. Sometimes the Nature Night Hosts might not be ready exactly at 18:30. If they are ready a little bit early or late this is OK as I will still get to take part in the “Nature Nights” experience.

Starting my experience

- When the Nature Nights Hosts are ready they will let the security guard at the main entrance know and they will point us to the place where we will be camping.
- There will be other people taking part in the Nature Night experience. Usually there will be no more than 40 people taking part in the Nature Nights experience, but sometimes there might be a few more or a few less people.
- The Nature Nights Hosts will check my ticket and anyone else who is doing the experience's ticket.
- They will show us where we can park our car and where we will be able to camp.
- Once we are ready I will be able to take my camping things to the grass area and another Nature Nights Host will be able to show me where to put our tent. They will also tell me some important information that I will need to listen to.



The Nature Nights Hosts that meet you will be wearing green uniforms.



Where I will be staying for the night

- This is the area where I will be able to put my tent for the night.
- The Nature Night Camping area is close to lots of animals. Sometimes I might be able to hear the other animals like the lions, chimps and zebras.
- There are also free-roaming animals who live at the zoo, like Wallabies and Mara. These animals are free to go where they like. Sometimes they like to come close to the tents and the camping area. These animals are OK and will not hurt me.
- Close to where I am camping are toilets and drinking water. The Nature Nights Hosts will be able to show me where these are.

Getting ready for my experience

- When I arrive at the camping area I will be able to put my tent up on the grass.
- I will be able to pick somewhere on the grass area to put my tent.
- The Nature Nights Hosts will let me know how long I have to set my tent up.
- There will be other people setting their tents up on the grass too. There is lots of space on the grass to distance from other people if I need to.
- If I need to go somewhere that is quieter I will be able to tell the Nature Nights Hosts and they will be able to point somewhere quieter for me to go.



My evening Nature Night experience 1

- At 7:15pm it will be time for the first Nature Nights activity. The Nature Nights hosts will meet me and the rest of the group to start the Lookout Lodge tour.
- After the Nature Nights Hosts have welcomed everyone and told us some important information we will start the first activity of the evening.
- In this time the Nature Nights Hosts will also ask me what I would like to eat for breakfast.
- The first activity takes place between 7:15pm and 7:45pm. This activity takes place in the area by the campsite. Everyone will come together as a group for this activity. If I do not like being so close to other people, this is OK. There is lots of space in this area where I will be able to move away from other people.

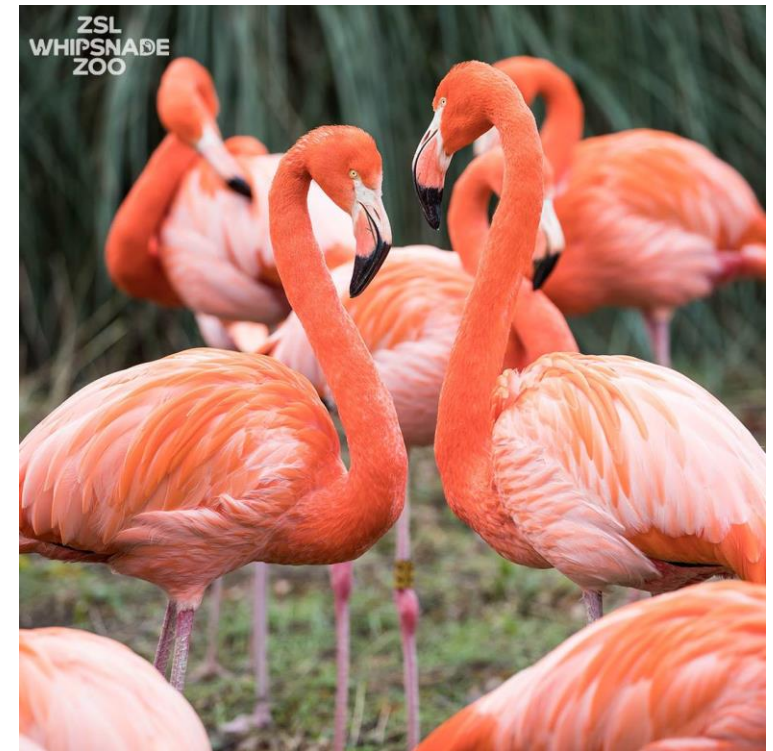


My evening Nature Night experience 2

- From 7:45pm until 8:15pm it will be time to eat any food that I have brought with me if I would like to.
- Everyone staying on the Nature Nights Camping Experience will need to bring food with them for the evening.
- The Nature Nights Hosts will let me know when it is time for this break. They will also give everyone a 5 minute warning before we start the next activity for the evening.
- The next activity after everyone has had their food will be a tour of the zoo.

My evening Nature Night experience 3

- When the Nature Nights Hosts are ready they will give everyone a 5 minute warning that we will be leaving on a tour. If I have brought a torch with me I can bring it with me on the tour. It is important I listen to what the Nature Nights Hosts say about using the torches.
- It might be dark on our tour, but this is ok. The Nature Nights Hosts know where we are going and will make sure we are all safe.
- Some of the animals that we might get to see are the Flamingos.
- We will be able to stop at some animals on our tour and the Nature Nights Hosts will tell everyone some information about the animals.
- I will be able to ask the Nature Nights Hosts questions if I would like to.



Arriving Back at the Camp for the evening

- When we have finished seeing some animals we will walk back to the Nature Nights camp together as a group.
- When we arrive back at the camping area the Nature Nights Hosts will tell everyone some important information for the night and in the morning.
- There will also be the chance to take part in another short activity once we arrive back at the camping area. The Nature Nights Hosts will tell us about this.
- There will be Nature Nights Hosts staying in a tent in the camping area overnight. They will be there overnight and if I have any problems in the night they will be able to help me.



My morning Nature Night experience 1



- In the morning I will need to make sure I have packed everything away from my tent, as well as my tent before I meet the Nature Night Hosts.
- The Nature Night Hosts will have told me what time I need to be ready for in the morning. They will also let me know where everyone is meeting.
- When everyone is ready the Nature Night Hosts will meet the group together.
- There might be a different Nature Night Host in the morning to who I met last night, but that's OK. They will introduce themselves to us.
- As soon as everyone is ready we will walk as a group to look at some of the animals.
- After we have looked for some of the animals in their enclosures we will walk to breakfast as a group and I can ask the Nature Night Hosts lots of questions.

My morning Nature Night experience 2

- When we arrive at Base Camp Restaurant for Breakfast I can sit at any of the tables in the restaurant.
- The drinks at Base Camp Restaurant will be laid out on a table so I will be able to help myself to the drink that I would like.
- Once breakfast is cooked and ready, the staff working in the restaurant will bring everyone's food out to them.
- If I get stuck with anything I will be able to ask the Nature Night Hosts or one of the catering team for help.
- Once everyone in the group has finished eating their breakfast the Nature Night Hosts will let me know when we will leave on another short tour of the zoo.



My morning Lookout Lodge experience 3

- After we have had breakfast and have left Base Camp Restaurant, the Nature Nights Hosts will take us on another tour around the zoo.
- We will be on the morning tour with the Nature Nights Hosts until the zoo opens at 10am.
- We will walk around the zoo to visit some more animals and the Nature Night Hosts will be able to tell me and the rest of the group lots of information about the animals.
- Some of the animals we might get to see are the Asian Rhinos.
- I will be able to ask the Nature Night hosts some questions about the animals if I would like to.



The end of my experience

- Once the zoo has opened to the public that is the end of the Nature Night experience.
- Once the zoo opens to the public and we have seen the last animal on our tour the Nature Night Hosts will tell me and the rest of the group some information for the rest of the day.
- The Nature Night Hosts will wait for a few minutes if I would like to ask any questions.
- If I would like to I can spend the rest of the day at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo.



Thank you
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