

**WHIPSNADE ZOO**  
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# Visual Story

Trolls: A Field Study

21 June – 22 September



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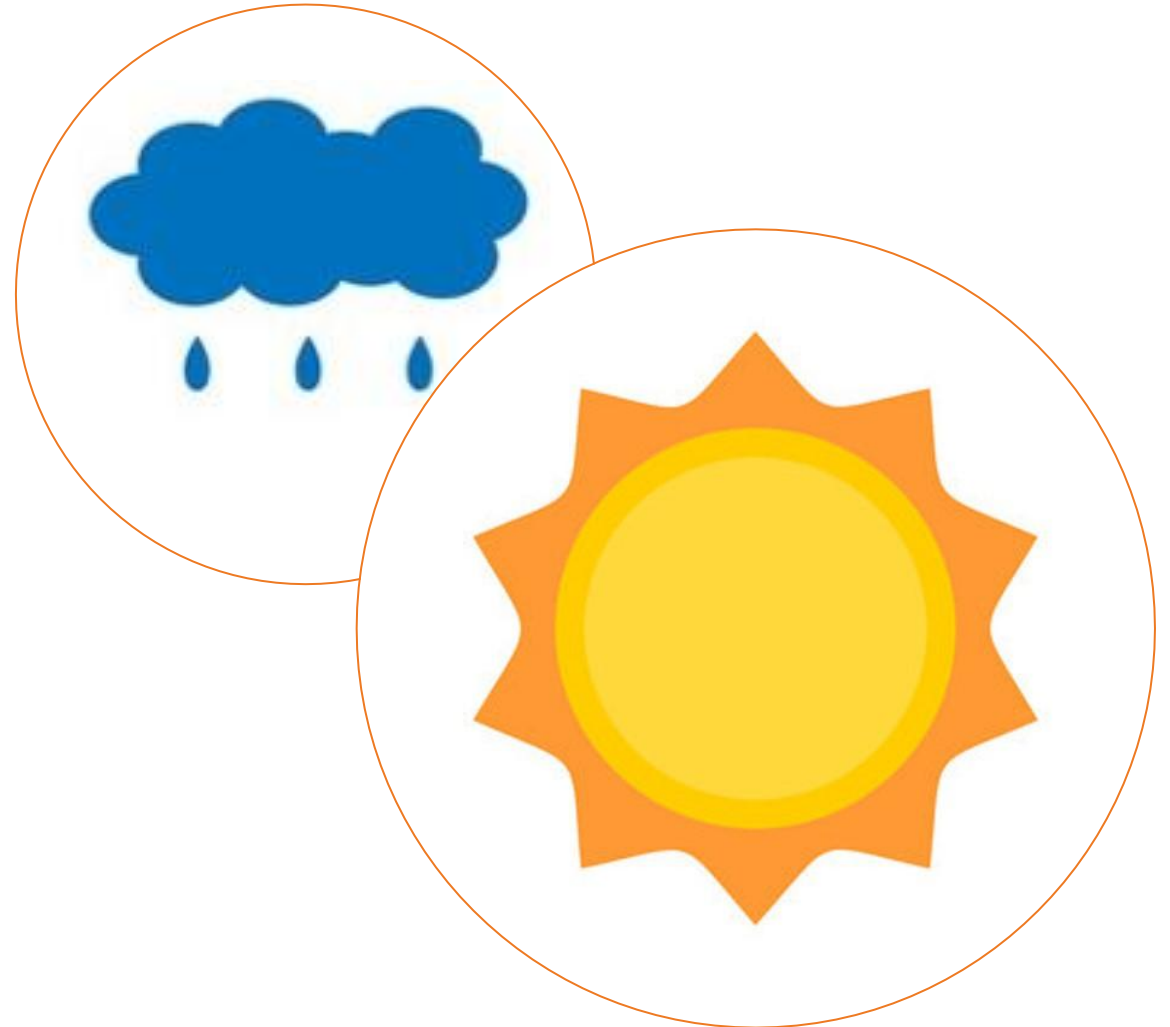
- The trail is a self-led trail where you can find 12 giant trolls that are exploring around site.
- Each troll is 7-10ft tall.
- There will be 3 staff led activity stations around the trail.
- You will have a trail map to help you find your way around.

More information on accessible sessions can be found here:

[Accessibility and Inclusivity | Zoological Society of London \(ZSL\)](#)

# Weather

- This event is outside. There is no shelter.
- You may need to wear a coat or use an umbrella if the weather is bad.
- You may need a hat and sunscreen if the weather is good.



# Getting to the Event

The trail can be done in any order so there is no right place to start.

However, there is a troll outside the Visitor Centre. You can collect your map from the desk opposite the trolls by the big map opposite lemurs.

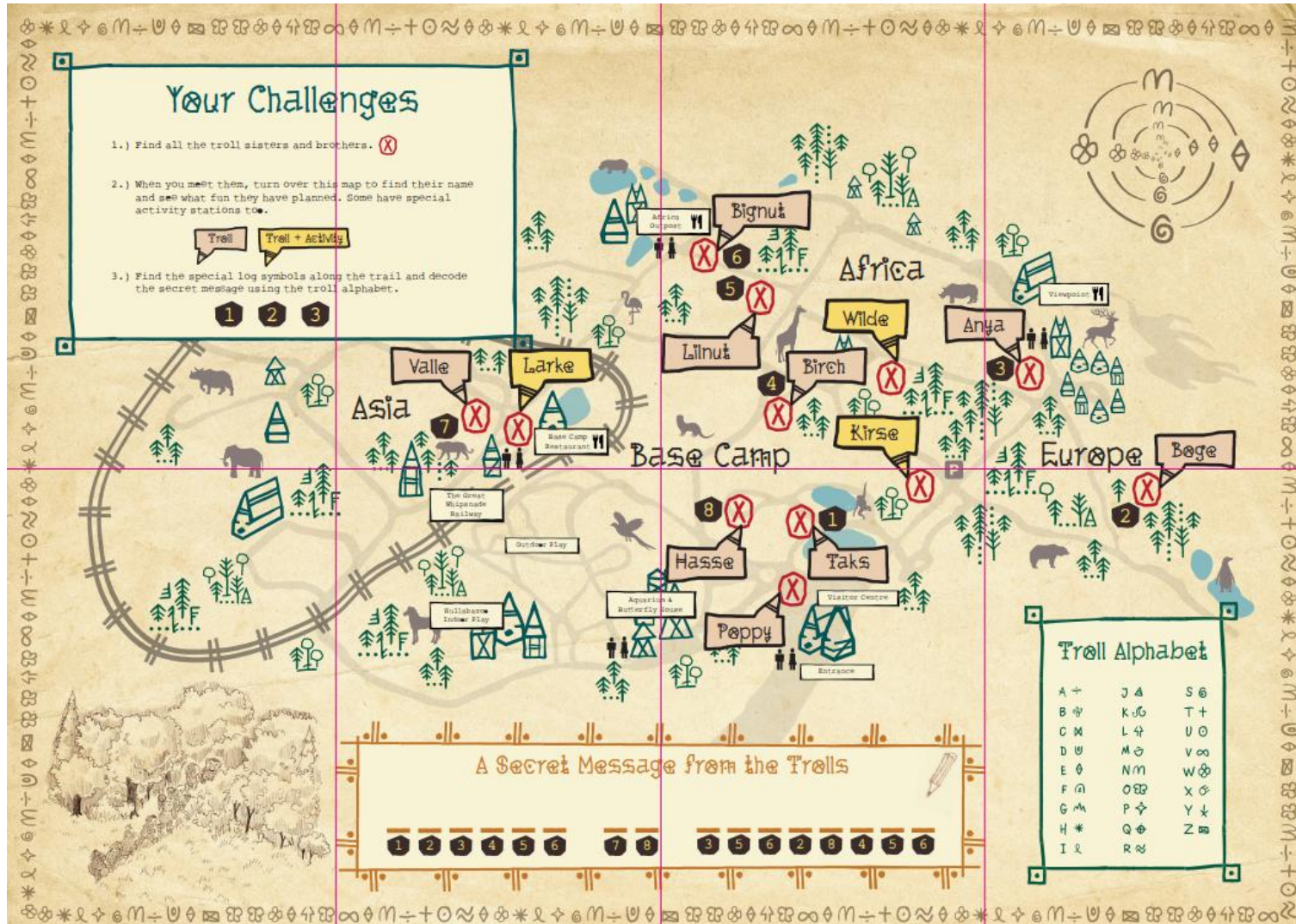
A map of the Zoo can be downloaded [here](#). You can also download the Zoo app from this page, which may help you with directions onsite.



# Trail Map

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- This is the map you will receive.
- It will be folded when your first get it.
- The location for each troll is not exact but will get you in the right area so you can explore and find them.

# Trail Map

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**Birch**  
Nature is bigger and smaller than I thought...  
Which animal is your height twin?

**Anya**  
I'm finding out so much crazy stuff about human folk!  
Done, done, done, done. Drop a stone in the bucket you like more.

**Wide**  
Pore while I draw you for my book of strange beasts.  
Troll + Activity

**Boge**  
Come here little human! I'm collecting interesting thoughts about nature.  
Beautiful view!  
Can you write me a poem about this?

**Kivso**  
Only humans live in big stone works and cozy burrows. What can you make?  
Troll + Activity

**Taks**  
Real treasure's not gold. Just look about and you'll discover much more exciting things!  
Find something from nature that's...  
beautiful!  
rough!

**Poppy**  
I thought these pocket stars would be delicious as you humans love them so much, but they're all bitter and crunchy.  
Troll + Activity

**Valle**  
Snow... UH! I was having a relaxing dream about dung beetles. Close your eyes and try out nature with your other senses.  
What can you hear? Smell? Feel?

**Hasse**  
You look good this way up. Try sneaking up on nature from new angles. Look upside down. Roll down a hill. Make friends with a bug.  
Can you make a mark right here using nature?

**Larke**  
Just pretend I'm not here and I'll watch while you turn trash into treasure! Then you can take it home to remind you of us trolls.  
Troll + Activity

**A Troll Treasure Trail**  
For curious young human folk

**Did you find us all?**  
And spot some treasures? Great! You humans are weird, but wonderful too. Remember to leave your big stone boxes whenever you can - there's a whole wild world out there to explore.

**An Important Survey**  
Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Are you: (please tick)  
Troll [ ] Human [ ] 50/50 [ ]  
Favourite snack: \_\_\_\_\_  
We will not share your data with anyone

Scan to continue your nature adventure at home:  
@thomasdambo  
www.thomasdambo.com

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imagine

- This is what the back of your map will look like.
- There is information about each troll and some activities for you to do on the way round.

# Trolls

- You are welcome to touch the trolls if you would like to.
- Some of the trolls are set up for you to take pictures with, for example like the picture on the right. You can climb into the troll's hands.
- Remember these trolls will be bigger than you.



# Activity Station – Den Building

## 10.30am – 5.30pm

- This will be positioned by the chimp habitat.
- You will be able to build a den using our prebuilt structures.
- You may have to share your den building with other families.
- To ensure everyone stays safe, we ask that don't build dens outside of the structures.
- This activity will be supported by a member of Whipsnade staff.



# Activity Station – Observation Drawing

## 10.30am – 5.30pm

- This will be positioned by the white rhino habitat.
- You will learn how we tell our rhinos apart using the shape of their horn.
- You will be able to try making your own field study entry by drawing the rhino horns and matching them.
- This activity is supported by Whipsnade staff.



# Activity Station – Bark and Leaf Rubbing

## 10.30am – 5.30pm

- This will be positioned between the giraffe and white rhino habitats.
- You will learn about how different bark and leaves create a variety of patterns.
- We will provide paper and crayons for you to have a go.
- You can use any of the trees or plants around the zoo.
- This activity is supported by Whipsnade staff.



# Activity Station – Craft

## 10.30am – 5.30pm

- This will be positioned by the tiger habitat, opposite Basecamp restaurant.
- We will be making butterfly feeders from recycled materials such as lolly sticks and bottle caps.
- You can take these home to encourage butterflies into your garden.
- There will be a portion of the craft you will need to do at home.
- This activity will be supported by Whipsnade staff.



# Self-Led Activity – Nature Weaving

- This is located by the flamingo habitat.
- This activity is not supported by staff or volunteers.
- There will be 2 frames that you can use.
- You will need to collect grass, flowers, sticks, leaves, etc.. And weave them on the frames to make a picture.
- You may need to share the frame with other families.
- The frames will be reset each day so your picture may not still be there if you come back another day.



# Self-Led Activity – Wind Chimes

- This is located by the lion habitat.
- The activity is not supported by staff or volunteers.
- There will be 2 giant wind chimes for you to play.
- They may be loud.
- There will be smaller wind chimes in the trees around to help inspire you.
- You may have to share the giant wind chimes with other families.



# Paid for Activity – Make Your Own Troll

- This activity runs on set dates:  
**Sat 28 - Sun 29 June, Sat 5 – Sun 6 July**
- It will cost £6 per person which can be paid on the day.
- The activity will take place under the big orange tent in the Basecamp Arena.
- It will run from 10.30am - 12pm; then 1pm – 5.30pm.
- You can make your very own troll out of clay to take home with you.
- This may be messy.
- We will have aprons and handwashing facilities available nearby.



# Additional Accessibility Information

- On the last Sunday of each month the zoo will open at 9am for anyone who would like to make use of a relaxed session. The trail and activity stations will be opening earlier.
- These dates are: Sunday 29 June, Sunday 27 July, and Sunday 31 August.
- There is no tracking or paving to the trolls so you may struggle to get close to them.
- If you need any additional support, please make reach out ahead of your visit or make yourself known to one of the activity station staff when you arrive.

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**NEXT 7 SLIDES  
FOR JUNE 21  
ONLY**



# Welcome Party

- To welcome the trolls to the zoo we will be holding a Summer Solstice Welcome Party.
- There will be dancers, live music, yoga sessions and tours available.
- All activities will be free but will run at set times.
- The activities will run 10am – 5.30pm for general visitors.
- Gold members, fellows, and patrons are invited to come to our preview opening starting at 9am.



# Maypole Dancing Workshop

- 10.30-11am on the monument lawn (by the roundabout).
- You can learn how to Maypole dance and have a go yourself.
- There are no Maypole Dancing demonstrations.



# Morris Dancing

- Morris dancing demonstrations will take place in the Penguin Carpark and by Lions.
- There are no workshops for you to try the dancing yourself.
- Penguin carpark:  
Demonstrations at 10.30am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm, and 3pm
- Lions:  
Demonstrations at 11am, 1.30pm and 3.30pm



# Irish Dancing

- Irish dancing demonstrations will take place in the Penguin Carpark.
- There are no workshops for you to try the dancing yourself.
- Penguin carpark:  
Demonstrations at 4.30pm



# Live Music

- There will be live musicians around site.
- You will not be able to play any of the instruments.
- Visitor Centre  
Lizzie Harding 9am and 10am  
Skillet Kickers 11am, 12pm, 2pm, 3.30pm  
and 4.30pm
- By Hullabazoo  
Lizzie Harding 11.30am  
Skillet Kickers 1pm



# Yoga Sessions

- Sessions will be available
- 9.30am, 10.30am, 11.30am, 1pm, and 2pm
- These will take place in the big orange tent in Basecamp Arena.
- We will provide yoga mats, but you are welcome to bring your own.
- You do not need to prebook, just sign up on the day!



# Guided Drawing Workshops

- Sessions will be available
- 9.30am, 12.30pm and 3pm
- These will start at the visitor center.
- We will provide all the art materials you need.
- You do not need to prebook, just sign up on the day!
- Please be aware there is a tour element to this activity.



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**NEXT 2 SLIDES  
FOR SCHOOL  
VISITS ONLY**



# Activity Station – KS1 Activity

- This will be positioned by the tiger habitat, opposite Basecamp Restaurant.
- This activity will be supported by a member of Whipsnade staff.
- You will be asked to do a drawing of a person and add to the drawing with things you can find around the zoo, like sticks and leaves.
- There is an element of gathering to this activity.
- Handwashing facilities are nearby.
- You must be part of a school group to participate in this activity.



# Activity Station – KS2 Activity

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- This will be positioned by the tiger habitat, opposite Basecamp Restaurant.
- This activity will be supported by a member of Whipsnade staff.
- You may need to use scissors for this activity.
- You will be making a water filter out of recycled materials such as a plastic bottle.
- There is an element of gathering to this activity.
- Handwashing facilities are nearby.
- You must be part of a school group to participate in this activity.



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# We look forward to welcoming you

to our Trolls: A Field Study

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