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Elephant

The Elephant Subcamp have sponsored Zola at Colchester Zoo!

Elephant Trivia



The African elephant is the world's largest land mammal, measuring up to four metres high and usually weighing over six tonnes. The elephant's strong but sensitive trunk is used to feed, drink, smell, breathe and bathe. Its tusks, which are really incisor teeth, can grow up to three metres long. Elephants can live for around 70 years. They generally form small family groups of mothers and their young. Males leave the herd at puberty. The herd is led by a dominant female known as the matriarch. Calves are born after a 22-month gestation period.

A few centuries ago, African elephants roamed savannahs and forests south of the Sahara Desert. Since then, the elephant's habitat has fragmented and shrunk. This is mainly due to dramatic human population growth and the resulting conversion of elephant habitat to agricultural land. Human-elephant conflicts are increasing where elephants trample crops and damage infrastructure in search of food.

Recent data shows that many elephants are killed for meat, especially in Central Africa. This, coupled with the continued demand for ivory and declining anti-poaching budgets, means elephants still face serious threats in many parts of Africa. Illegal killing is still widespread and even increasing in some countries.



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Beavers and Rainbows

- Try "Welephants Fire Safety Quiz" (*Programmes Online*)
- Read The Story of Babar the Elephant, by Jean de Brunhoff
- Play "Grab the Elephant's Tail" (*Programmes Online*)

Cubs and Brownies

- Make papier maché elephants
- Play "Mice & Elephants Tag" (*Programmes Online*)
- Make an elephant puzzle

Scouts and Guides

- Find out more about elephants, their habitat and foods
- Play Kim's Game – remember an "Elephant never forgets..."
- Visit a zoo and adopt an elephant

Explorers and Senior Section

- Research and devise an "Elephant Quiz" for another section
- Find out more about elephants and how they communicate
- Play "Ride the Elephant" (*Programmes Online*)

Network and Senior Section

- Go on a hike in search of elephants
- Investigate what can be done to protect wild elephants
- Have a try at sculpting your own elephant in clay

All sections

- Make elephant masks – the bigger the better!
- Tell some elephant jokes (there's loads out there!)
- Run a blind smell activity (i.e. guess the smell)

Web info

- <http://www.wwf.org.uk/adoption>
- <http://www.scouts.org.uk/pol> (*Programmes Online*)
- <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elephant>