



DINOSAUR TRAIL



What links do the animals at Wildwood have with dinosaurs?

Reptiles

Have a look for our reptiles. We have snakes called adders, common lizards and green lizards. Can you see them?

Reptiles are cold-blooded. Unscramble the word to find out what they do in winter.

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Some people think dinosaurs were cold-blooded. They would have spent the winter in the same way as our reptiles.

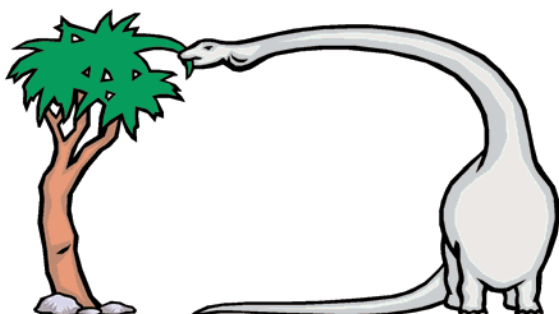
Herbivores

Some dinosaurs were herbivores (plant eaters). They would have needed large, flat, grinding teeth to chew up plants.

Wannanosaurus was only 1 metre long. It was one of the smallest herbivores.

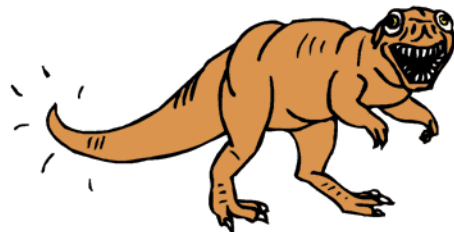
Sauroposeidon was one of the biggest herbivores. It had the longest neck with neck bones 1.2m long - that means one of its neck bones was longer than the whole wannanosaurus!

How many herbivores can you see at Wildwood?



Carnivores

Some dinosaurs were carnivores (meat eaters). They would have needed sharp slicing teeth to chew up meat.



Some meat eaters were big - Giganotosaurus Carolini was 14 metres long and weighed 8 tons.

Some were small - Compsognathus was only about the size of a chicken.

Which is the smallest carnivore at Wildwood?

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Claws

Nearly all dinosaurs had claws. Deinocheirus (meaning "terrible hand") had the biggest claws. It had 3 fingers with hooked claws 20-30 cm long!

Which animal at Wildwood has the biggest claws that you can see? _____

Burrowing

Oryctodromeus was a plant-eating dinosaur about the size of a wolf that has been discovered in tunnels. Possibly there were lots of dinosaurs that lived in burrows.

Which animal at Wildwood lives underground? (Hint: look for black and white stripes)

Noises

You may hear our wolves howling today. Wolves can't always see each other in the woods so they howl to communicate with each other.



We know that some dinosaurs made noises. Hadrosaurs were duck billed dinosaurs with trumpet-like bone

structures on their heads that are thought to have made loud sounds.



Skin

Not all dinosaurs had scaly skin. Some had bumpy skin and some had armoured plates for protection.



Tails

Diplodocus had the longest tail.

Who has the longest tail at Wildwood? _____



Poo

You can often tell what an animal has eaten by its poo. Coprolites are fossilised dinosaur poo and they can tell us what dinosaurs ate.

Deer are herbivores and they have dry poo in little pellets that look like chocolate raisins. Imagine the size of the poo if it came from a dinosaur 20 metres long!

Birds

Some dinosaurs evolved into birds so birds are some of the closest relatives of dinosaurs around today.

How many birds can you spot at Wildwood? Tick the ones you see.



A water bird e.g. a duck.



A perching bird e.g. a raven, robin or blackbird.



A wading bird e.g. a heron.



A nocturnal bird e.g. an owl.

