

Welcome to the Horniman Museum and Gardens

We're looking forward to seeing you soon!

We hope you enjoy your visit to the **Brick Dinos** and **Elmer and Friends** exhibitions at the Horniman.

Here's a little bit of information about what to expect:



Highlights a change in light levels



Highlights noisy areas





This is what the Horniman looks like.

You can see the Clocktower as you approach the Museum.



We are currently doing some work on the paths around the Museum, so the ramp up to our main entrance will be **closed**.



There might be some noise here, and you might see people working on the ramp.

Instead you can walk up the avenue and take your next right.



Turn right and walk towards our Conservatory (it is covered in scaffolding).

Then turn right again, past the entrance to our Café.



This is the entrance to the Museum. You go through two automatic glass doors.

The museum will open promptly at 9am. There are places to wait outside the museum if you are early.



There is a toilet block in the garden which is open before the museum if you need it.



This is what you will see in the main entrance.



Just inside on the left you'll see the ticket desk. Our friendly staff, like Tony, are waiting to help you enjoy your visit.

On your right is a door to a chill out space.

You can relax in our pop-up tent, play with some toys or maybe eat or drink something you have brought with you.

There are also toilets nearby.



Horniman staff are happy to help if you need anything.



To get to **Brick Dinos** and **Elmer and Friends** you could take the stairs, or the lift – whichever you prefer.



Lift



Stairs

If you arrive downstairs via the lift, **Brick Dinos** will be immediately to your right as you come out of the lift and **Elmer and Friends** will be directly opposite.

If you come down the stairs then **Elmer and Friends** will be immediately to your left and **Brick Dinos** will be directly opposite.



The area in between the two exhibitions is called Gallery Square.

There are some toilets off Gallery Square.



This is a big open space – there may be a little bit of noise as people are arriving for **Brick Dinos** and **Elmer and Friends**.

You may also see some people cleaning the Museum.

Elmer and Friends



This is what you will see as you walk into **Elmer and Friends**.



The lights are turned down quite low.

We need to do this to look after the pictures in the exhibition.



If you turn to your right you will start to discover the story of Elmer.

There are some long rainbow coloured ribbons hanging from the ceiling. You can reach up and touch them if you like.

The walls are painted lots of different colours.



If you turn to your left, you will start with the story of Two Can, Toucan.

The lights are a little bit lower on this side.

You will see some boxes on the walls as you walk around. You can touch these, listen to some sounds and guess different smells.

There are drawings of a nose, a hand and an ear to tell you which sense to explore.



Push the cover up, can you guess what the smell is?



Touch inside the round circle – what does it feel like?

Push the button and listen – what can you hear?

As you walk around you will see some mirrors. These mirrors are different from the ones you might have at home.

They make you look different, they can make you look very tall or very short or change your shape depending on how close you stand to the mirror.





You can try on different costumes here and look at yourself in the mirror.

The mirror here is like the mirrors you have at home. It doesn't change how you usually look.

Brick Dinos

This is what you will see as you enter **Brick Dinos**.

If you turn left you will start at the beginning of the exhibition.

If you walk straight ahead you will be in the more active area, where you can play, read and build things.



It is a little darker inside **Brick Dinos** than outside in Gallery Square. It is also a little cooler with the air conditioning, which you might hear as well as feel.

If you turn left when you come in, you can watch a short film about the exhibition.

This is the only TV screen in the exhibition.





There are four large models in the exhibition.



They might make a loud sound, like a roar, when you walk past.

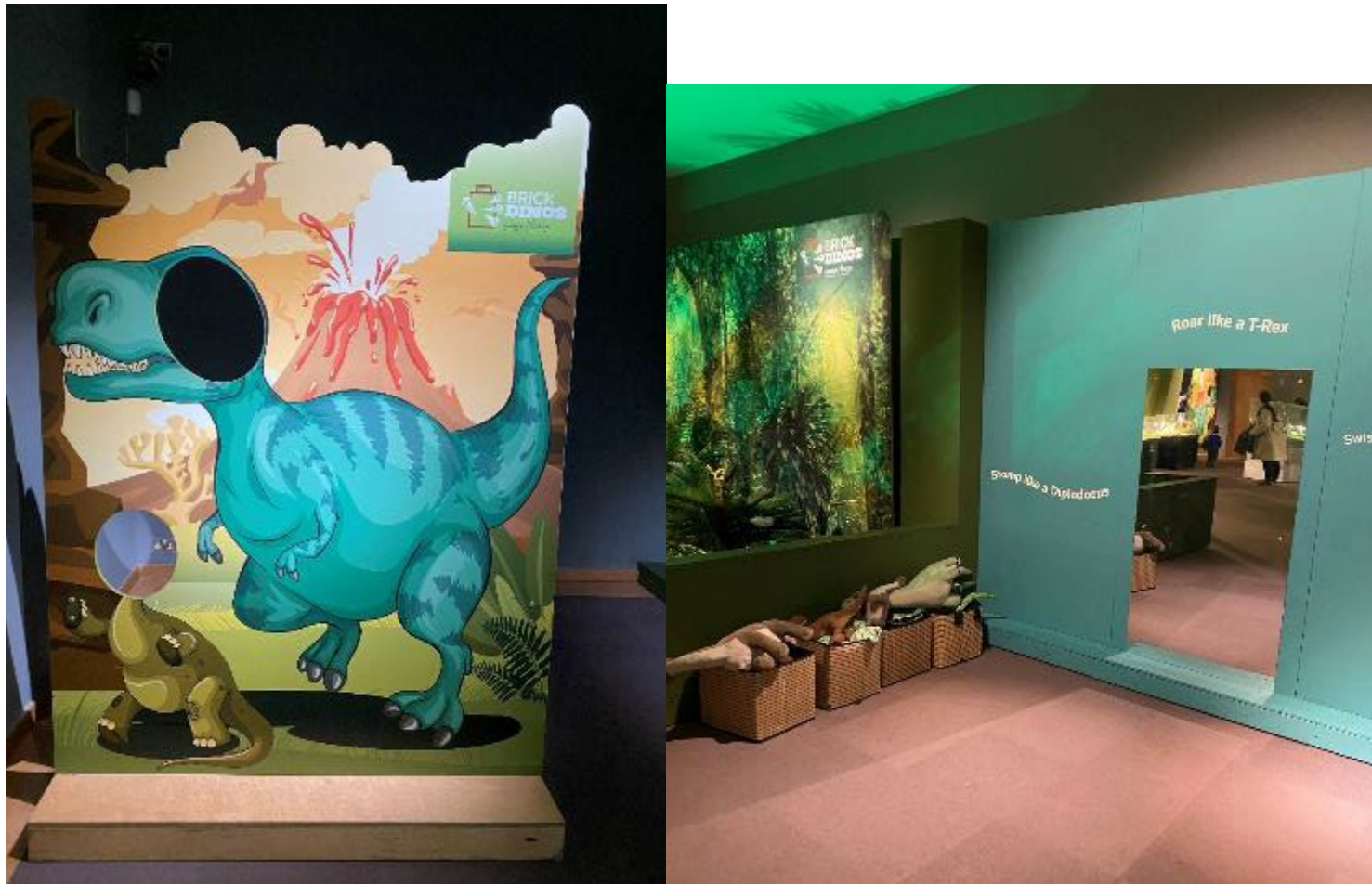


The model of the plesiosaur has a moving image behind it.

It is meant to look like it is swimming in water.



There are lots of models in glass cases. They have small lights inside to help you see all the details. This can mean the light bounces off the sides and creates a glare.



There are some fun areas to take pictures.

There is a dressing up area with a mirror, so you can see what you look like when you are dressed up.



There are lots of places to play or build things. The Dig Pit has real sand so it might get a little messy.

There are different size blocks to build things with - some are very big and some are smaller.

We have some real skeletons and fossils from the Horniman Museum's collections on show too.

There are also some fossils made from Lego and replica models of skulls and fossils.

The labels will tell you which ones are real and which ones are the models.



When you are finished having a look around **Brick Dinos** or **Elmer and Friends** you can explore another part of the Museum, the Music Gallery.



Remember when you come out into Gallery Square it may seem a little bright. The Music Gallery is just on the right when you come out of **Brick Dinos**, or over to the left if you come out of **Elmer and Friends**.

There is also a quiet room at the end of the Music Gallery through a glass door.

You can spend some time here after the Museum opens at 10am.



Remember you can go back to the chill out room whenever you want.

You can have a drink or eat something in there. The chill out room closes at 12pm.

When you're ready to leave, you can leave from the side door.

We hope you enjoy your visit.

