



Just So Festival Visual Story

In this pack is a guide of what to expect at Just So Festival 2026 an event created by Wild Rumpus, and held at Rode Hall, Cheshire.

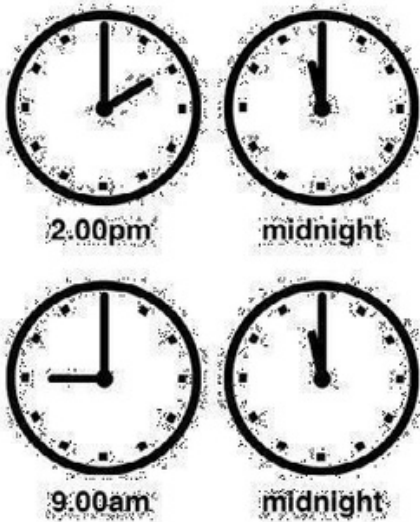
Dates, Time And Place



Just So Festival will take place at Rode Hall in Cheshire.



It is on the 21st, 22nd, and 23th August.



It opens at 2pm on Friday and 9am Saturday and Sunday, ending at around midnight each day.



People can come for all three days, or just one day.

Experience



Just So is a family friendly festival. There is lots for children and young people to enjoy, but adults can enjoy it too.



There is music, performances, workshops, art, and places to play.



Just So is a camping festival. You can stay in a tent or campervan for the weekend.



You can also come for the day
and go home at night.



Just So is held outside. Some
places are covered, but most
are open to the weather.

Noise and Music



There are some places that might be busy and noisy. These could be when bands are playing instruments and singing, or when a DJ is playing music.



There are some areas and activities that will be quieter and less busy, like the **dream weaving workshop**.



We have a quiet space if you need it. It is in the area **Moon Cove**.

Getting Here



You can come by car.



You can come by train



The nearest train station is Kidsgrove.

It is about a 10 minute taxi ride to Rode Hall.

You can get a taxi or an Uber from the station.

Arrival



When you arrival, you can show your ticket to the box office. They will give you a wristband to wear. This shows you have a ticket.



If you are camping, you can set up your tent. If you are not camping, you can come straight in the **arena**. The arena is where all the entertainment is.

What to Bring

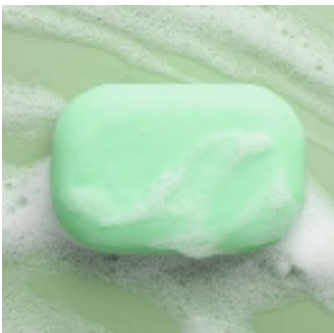
If you are camping, you should bring



A tent or campervan.



A sleeping bag and pillow.



Toiletries like soap, and a towel



A campstove, if you want to cook food.

Campers and non campers should bring



A torch. It can get dark at night.



Suncream and a hat. It can get hot and sunny.



warm clothes and a waterproof. It can get cold and wet.



Money if you want to buy food or drink. Just So is **cashless**. All stalls take card payment.

Other Things to Bring

These things are **optional**. This means you do not have to bring them if you don't want to.



One pre loved item of clothing for the thread exchange. You can read more about the thread exchange later in this guide.



Clean odd socks for the **Odd Socks Skirmish**. This is an event taking place at the Rumpus area.



Golden pebbles. If you have been to Just So before, you might have been given a golden pebble. You can bring this with you.



A poem. It is National Poets day on the 21st. There is a poetry sharing event at the area **Speakers Corner**.



A wish for the world. You can tell this to a puppet in the area **Path of Wishes**.



A worry to leave behind at the gate when you enter Just So. You can tell this to your grown up or friend you are with.

Access



We support disabled people to come to Just So.



You can bring a personal assistant if you need one.



We have a quiet space.



We have accessible toilets.



We have an accessible
campsite.



We have accessible showers.



We have a mobiloo.



We have accessible parking.

Food and Drink



You can buy hot food, snacks and drinks from food stalls at Just So.



You can also bring your own food in.



If you are camping, you can bring a camping stove, and cook your own food.

Getting Lost



You can ask a volunteer for help. They will wear aprons. You can go to the Information Tent to ask for help.

We also have a lost and found tent where people will look after you until your friend or grown up is found.



It is a good idea to choose a place to meet with your friends and family when you first arrive. This is in case you get lost.

The Rumpi World



Just So Festival has a story called **the Rumpi World**. There are **immersive** characters who perform at Just So as part of this world. We call them **the Rumpi**. You can interact with the performers, and they may interact with you, but only if you want to.

This year, you can meet the Rumpi for the first time.
Come and say hello to them.

The Guides

The Guides look after the Rumpi world.
They know all the rules.
They can help you and answer your questions.



The Guides run the Polling Station. They also run the Grand Just So Election. They make sure the election is fair.



Where to find them:

Go to the Polling Station. It is in the middle of the Rumpus.

How to recognise them:

They wear purple jumpsuits. They have flowers in their hair.

The Mystics

The Mystics tell fortunes and lead rituals.
They talk about the past and the future.
They love ceremonies and stories.
Be careful. Their stories may not be true.



Where to find them:

Look for ceremonies.
Visit the Hollow. Visit the
Fish Party.

How to recognise them:

The Mystics are very tall.
They wear pastel and
shimmering clothes.

The Elders

The Elders are like kind grandparents. They know all about Just So Festival. They tell lots of stories about past Just So Festivals. You can tell them yours.

They love nature, trees and living things.

They know all about **golden pebbles**.

They will welcome you and keep you safe.



Where to find them:

Go to the Hollow. This place is called Safe Haven.

How to recognise them:

The Elders wear earthy clothes. They wear knitted shawls and bonnets, woven with grass and twigs.

The Misrules

The Misrules love adventure.
They are playful and cause fun trouble.
They bring noise and energy with them.



Where to find them:

Look all over the festival. Visit the Odd Sock Skirmish.

How to recognise them:

They wear bright ruffs and colourful shorts. They turn cartwheels. They may walk on their hands.

Golden Pebbles



This is a **golden pebble**. Golden pebbles are special. They are important in the Rumpi world.

Long ago, people won golden pebbles for playing games and telling jokes.

You might already have a golden pebble.

Golden pebbles are rare now. Keep your golden pebbles safe. They protect you.

Visit the Elders at the Hollow. They will tell you more about golden pebbles. They will tell you how to get one.

The Carnival of the Animals and the Grand Election

Fancy dress is encouraged at Just So. You can dress up as one of the animal families. They are the fish, frog, fox, owl, lion, stag or bees. You do not have to wear fancy dress.



fish fancy dress



Frog fancy dress



Fox fancy dress



Owl fancy dress



Lion fancy dress



stag fancy dress



Bee fancy dress



This year there will be a grand election. All under 18s will be given a **ballot paper**. You can vote for which animal family you think should win the election. You can go to the **polling station** to do this.



The fish family won last Just So in 2024. You cannot vote for the fish. There will be party on Saturday evening to celebrate the end of the fish families reign.



On Sunday afternoon, there will be The Carnival of the Animals. You can march in fancy dress with people from your animal family. There will be an announcement on which animal family has won the election.

Just So Neighbourhoods

There are different spaces across site at Just So, which we call **Neighbourhoods**. Within these neighbourhoods are different **areas**.

The Hoo Haa



The Hoo Haa is the central hub of the festival. This is where you'll find lots of music, performance, our information tent, and food vendors.

The Shindig



The Shindig is our main music venue at Just So.

There will be bands, performances and DJs. It can sometimes get **busy** and **noisy** here.

The Rumpus



The Rumpus has a range of performances, some of them are **interactive**, meaning you can join in. This is where the Carnival of the Animals and where you can vote in the Grand Election.

The Social



The social is where you can buy lots of different of food and drink. There will be places to sit.

Peekaboo



Peekaboo is our space for babies and toddlers under 3. There are activities aimed at babies and toddlers, and practical things like baby changing matts and feeding areas.

Spellbound Forest



The Spellbound Forest is where lots of storytelling and Just So **Lore** (fictional backstory) happens.

Campfire Social



The campfire social is where we have our campfire. There will be storytelling, and some music here.

Path of Wishes



Here you will be asked by the Louhi puppet for your wish for the world. In exchange you will be given a **golden pebble**.

The Hollow



This where you can meet the Elders. This is safe and cosy area. You can also spot some noses on the trees.

Craftivism



This is a hands on area, for learning, making and creating. There be workshops, talks and crafting. This is where is our Thread Exchange is.

Speakers Corner



Here there are readings, sharings (such as show and tell), films and workshops.



Here you can also find the thread exchange. On Friday 3pm-7pm you can drop off of a pre loved item of clothing. You can add a tag with a story about it. You will be given a token. Saturday and Sunday you can exchange the token for a different item.

The Studio



Here there is crafting and making activities, such as banner making.

The Workshop



in this area is Here Comes the Sun - a weekend long craft project that everyone can join in with.

The Orchard



here there are yoga and singing workshops as well as Sign of the Times - another weekend long craft project.

Shifting Sands



This is a **quieter** and calm area, apart from Saturday night when Fish Party will happen - this may be **crowded** and **noisy**. You can find our **Quiet Space** in the area.

Star Shore



This where the Fish Party will be happening on Saturday, to celebrate the end of the fish families reign.

Moon Cove



This is where the dreamwaving is (weaving with scrap fabric) and our Quiet Space is.

Green Just So

We care for the **natural environment** at Just So. This means do things to care for animals, trees and the plant. We call it being **green**. You can help us do this.



Please bring your own water bottle and cup.



Please put you recycling in the right bin.



Do not use glitter -it can stay on the ground for a long time.



We hope you enjoy your
time at Just So!

