

# WINTER TRAIL FACT SHEET

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Some items used to help build a snowman can be: rocks or coal, scarf, twigs, and of course, a carrot nose!

A snowflake is a single ice crystal that has frozen to a big enough size that it falls through the Earth's atmosphere as snow!

The winter solstice happens on the 21st day in December, and has the least amount of sunlight time, so we sometimes call it the shortest day of the year.

Although they can be seen pretty much all year round, the red breasted Robin has become a symbol of winter and Christmas in the UK. They like to eat worms, seeds, fruits, insects.





Holly is well known for its tough, spiny leaves and bushes have berries around Christmas. The bright scarlet berries attract many birds, but they are toxic and you must never eat them yourself!

In 2010, scientists recorded temperature reading of  $-92.3^{\circ}\text{C}$  in Antarctica, and this dry, cold desert was declared the coldest place on Earth!

In Father Christmas' (or Santa!) toy workshop - he has a very hard working team of Elves that help him keep everything organised.



Hanging a Wreath on the front door at Christmas is a common tradition in this country. Ancient Greeks left a wreath on their door as a token of devotion. Harvest wreaths were also common symbols of preparation for cold winter months.

Kwanzaa is an annual celebration of African-American culture that is held from December 26 to January 1. It was first celebrated in 1966 and is based on African harvest festival traditions from various parts of Africa, including West and South-east Africa.

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