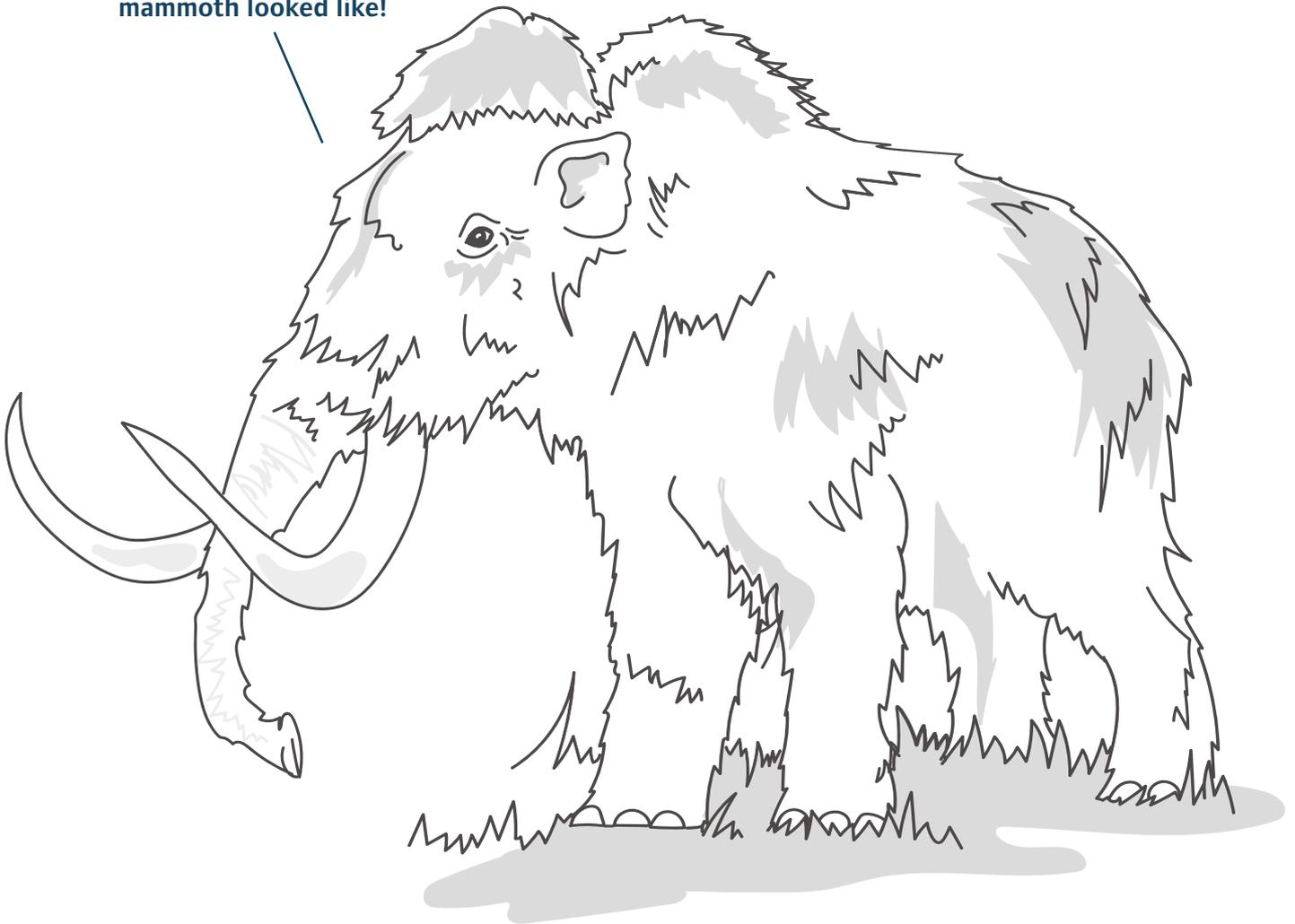


# Ice Age Ireland Cool Fossils!

## What happened to the Irish Woolly Mammoth?

This is what they think  
an extinct woolly  
mammoth looked like!



Thousands of years ago a type of elephant called a woolly mammoth lived in Ireland! They died out in Ireland when the climate naturally changed and the land returned to ice wiping out the woolly mammoth's favourite food. Woolly mammoth survived in other parts of the world until around 4,000 years ago.

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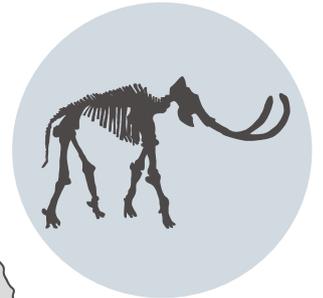
## Did Woolly Mammoths walk in Wicklow?



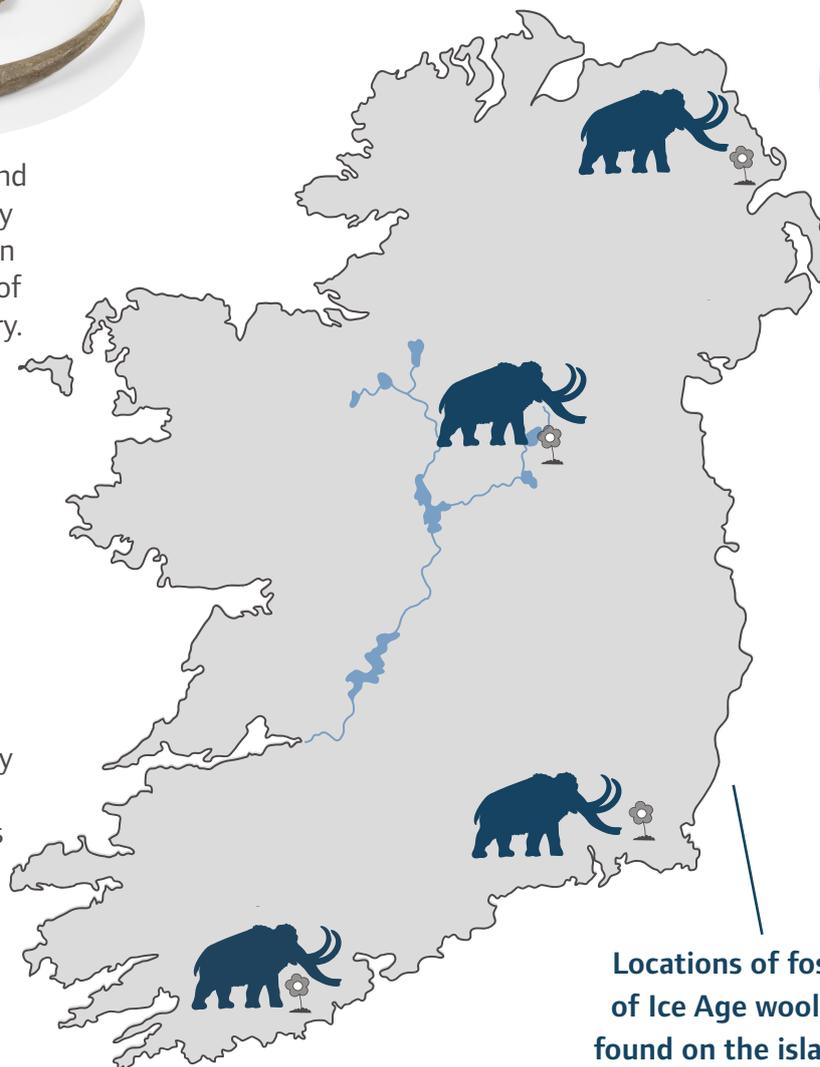
You can see this tusk and teeth of an Irish woolly mammoth on display in the National Museum of Ireland - Natural History.



Woolly mammoths are herbivores meaning they only eat plants. Some of their favourite foods were grasses, flowers and mosses.



Inside caves, people found the bones of adult and young woolly mammoths. They even found one bone with teeth marks on it that matched that of a spotted hyena!



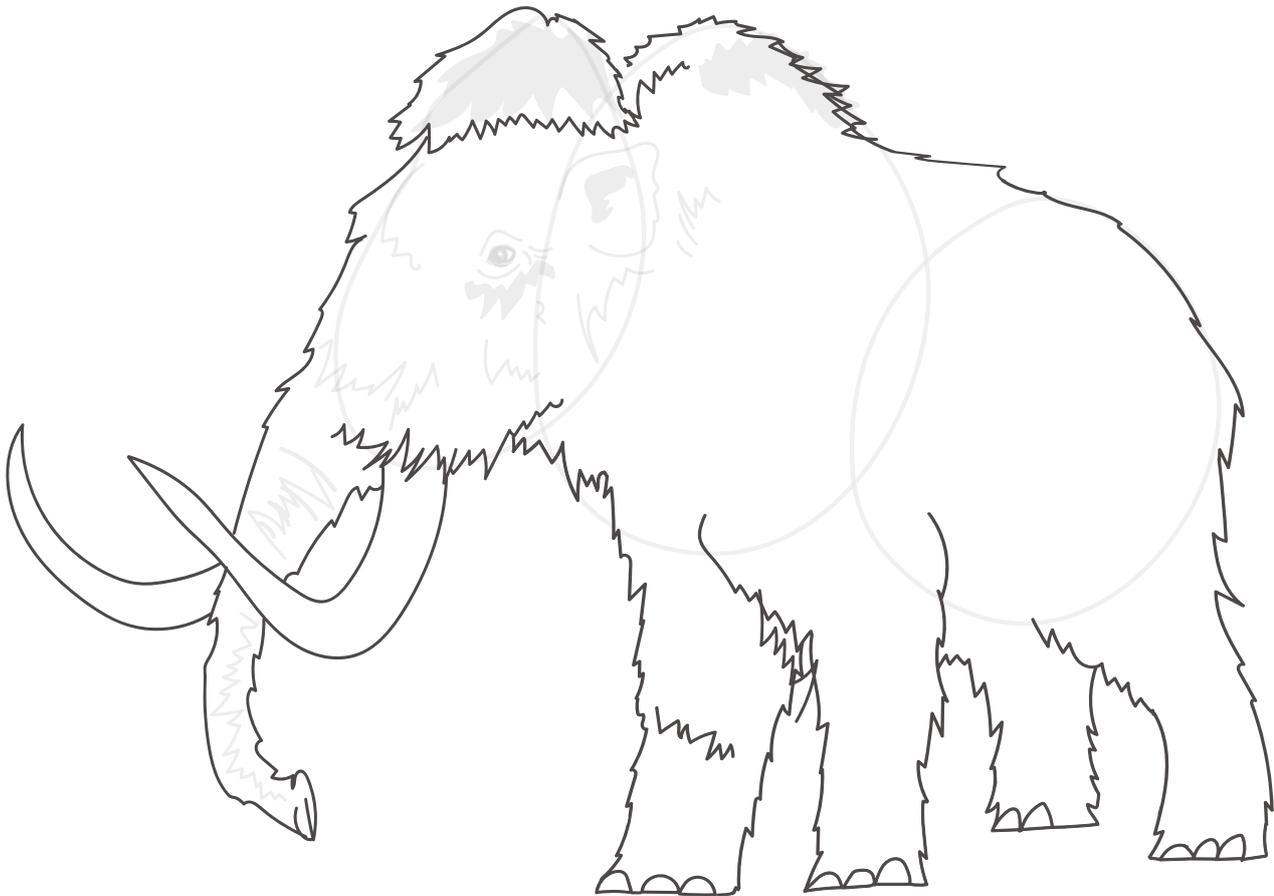
Locations of fossil evidence of Ice Age woolly mammoth found on the island of Ireland.

Can you see on the map where they discovered Irish woolly mammoth fossils in Co. Cork, Co. Waterford, Co. Cavan and Co. Antrim? These fossils are proof that that these giants roamed here long ago. Some of these fossils are around 35,000 years old!

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**Trace your own Mini Mammoth!**

## Drawing Activity



Would you like to draw your own mini woolly mammoth? There are many different ways to draw. Tracing is one way to learn. Find a pencil and a blank piece of paper. Place the paper over the drawing of the mammoth above and carefully trace the lines and shapes that you see. Draw its eye and small ear. Can you remember what they like to eat? Draw some food for your woolly mammoth to munch. Don't forget to colour it in!