

# My visit to the Bronx Zoo



We are going to the Bronx Zoo. A zoo is a place where we can see different kinds of animals. Zoos can be really fun!



We might ride in a car to get to the zoo. Once we get to the parking lot I will get out of the car and hold my grown-up's hand so that I am safe.



Once we get to the zoo entrance, we will wait in line to buy our tickets. When it's our turn, my grown up will pay for our tickets.



The Bronx Zoo is a big place. I can get a map to help me and my grownup decide which animals we want to visit. I will stay with my grownup so that I do not get lost.



The map will also list all the special things I might see and do at the zoo, like watch the sea lions get their food or ride the Bug Carousel. I can also find places to get food and use the bathroom on the map.



I might go to an exhibit where the zoo animals live that is noisy or crowded. It's okay. I can tell my grown up if I am nervous or scared. They might hold my hand, help me put on my headphones, or take me to a different part of the zoo where it is quieter.



I can pick up a sensory bag at the Zoo Center



I might go to an exhibit that is dark or have new smells. It's okay. I can tell my grown up if I am nervous or scared. They might hold my hand or take me to a different part of the zoo.



I might see some peafowl or other birds moving freely around the zoo. That's okay. I can enjoy looking at these birds, but I will not try to touch them so that the birds feel safe.



I might go to an exhibit where I can touch the animals and give them food. This can be a lot of fun. After touching the animals I will wash my hands. I might not like the way it feels when the animals lick me. That's okay. I can choose not to touch or feed the animals.



The zoo is a big place and I will not be able to see all the animals in one visit. Some animals might be hard to see. They might be hiding or sleeping. Maybe I will see them next time we visit.



I will see a lot new people at the zoo. If I get lost or need help- I will look for a staff member in a uniform with this logo.



If I need a break or a quiet place to rest, there are benches all around the zoo where I can sit, including near the C Parking Lot and near the Birds of Prey, Northern Ponds, Nature Trek, and Butterfly Garden Exhibits.



When it is time to leave, I will walk with my grown up back to the car or back to the subway. I can say goodbye to the zoo for now. I might come back another time to see more animals.