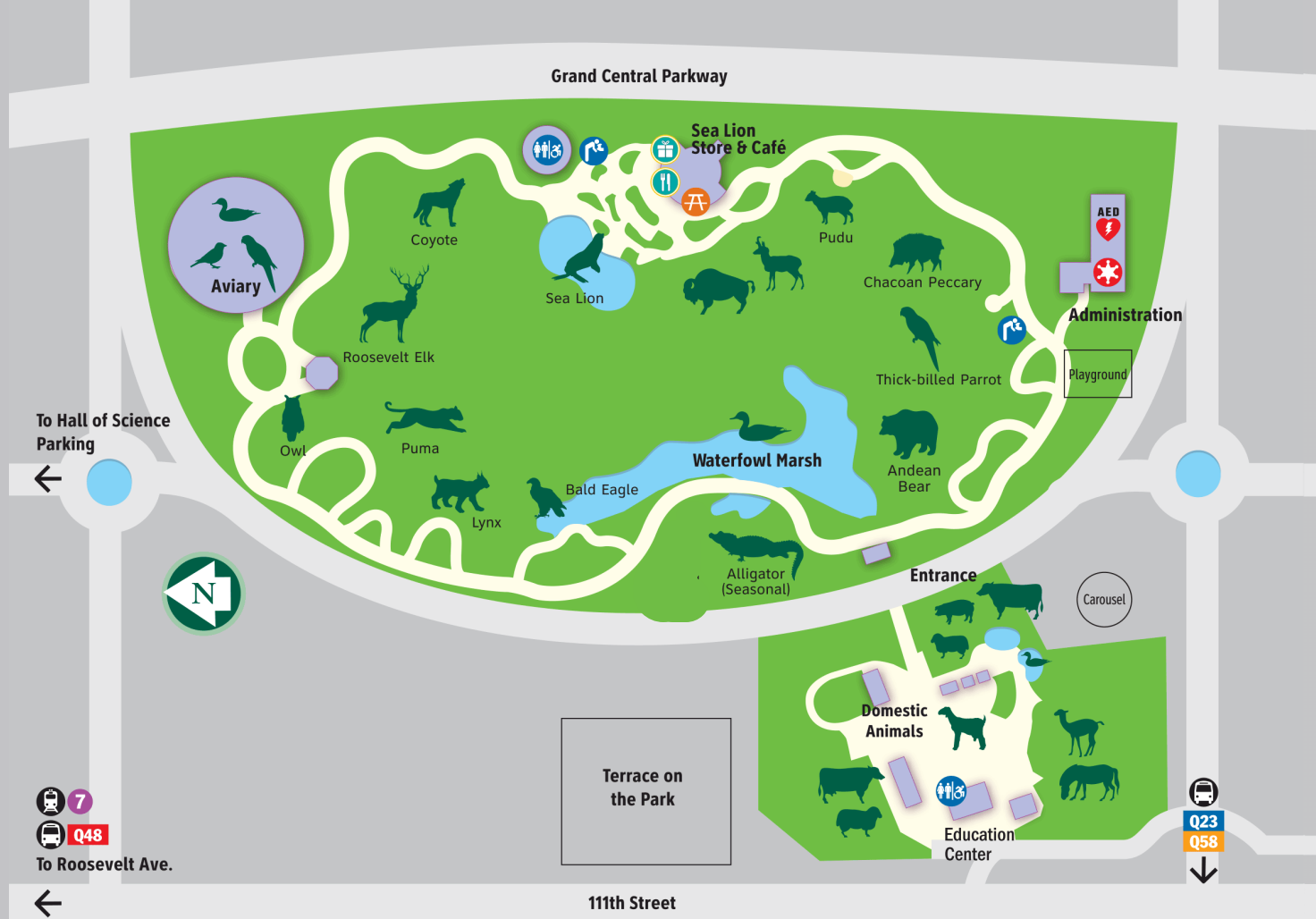




Queens Zoo Exploration





Today I am going to a zoo.
The zoo is called the
Queens Zoo.



Once I am in the zoo, I will go around and see some animals.

All of the exhibits at the Queens Zoo are outdoors so I will make sure to dress for the weather.



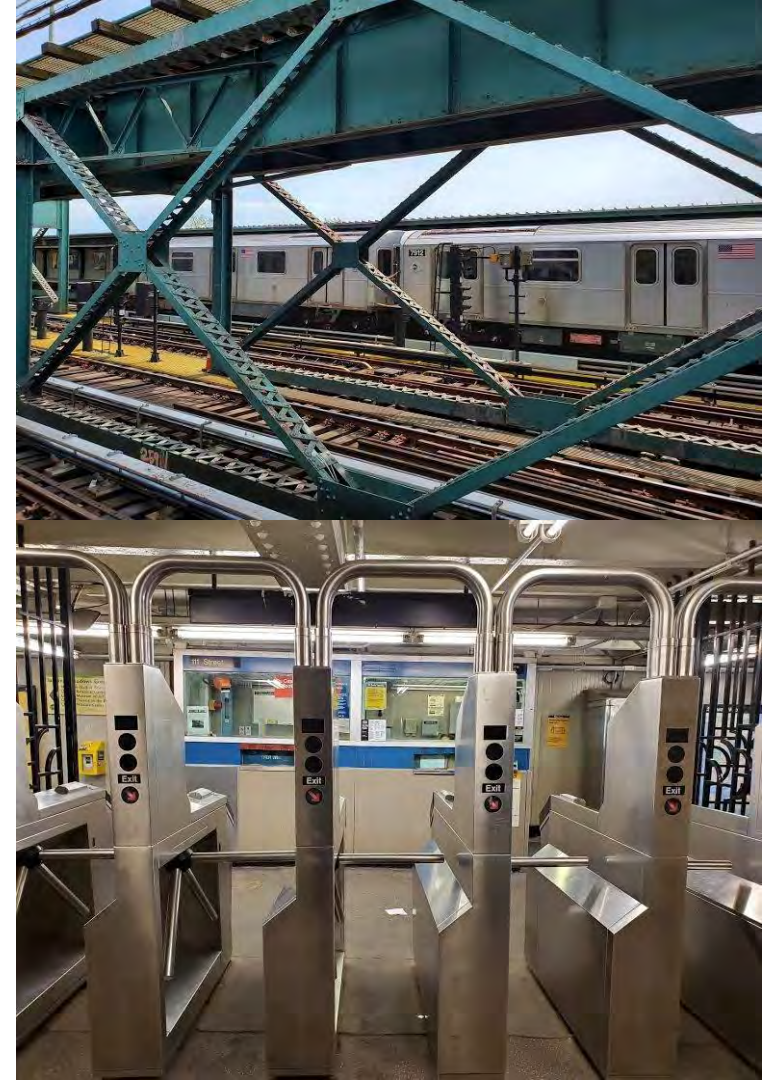
There are many ways to
get to the zoo! I could take
a train, a bus, or even walk
there too!



If I take the bus, I will get
off at a stop like this.



If I take the train to the zoo, I will
get off at a station like this.



From the train station or the bus stop I will need to go through Flushing Meadows Corona Park in order to get to the zoo. There is a lot of wildlife to see!



When I am close to the zoo, I may also pass an amusement park on the way. I may hear the sounds of the rides and children having fun.



I know I have arrived at the zoo when I see two entrances.
One entrance is for the Wild Side of the zoo.
The other is for the Farm Side of the zoo.



At each entrance, I may have to wait in line before entering. The admissions staff are very friendly. I can say “hello!” or ask any questions I may have.



To buy my tickets in person, I can go to the Wild Side of the zoo. I may have to wait in line. I can speak with the kind staff at the zoo admissions counter.



When I arrive at the admissions booth I will show my ticket so the staff can scan the barcode. Then, I can start exploring.



I can pick up a Sensory Bag with headphones and manipulatives, or borrow a wheelchair at the admissions booth.



Lets go through the Wild
Side of the zoo together.
I will have the opportunity
to see wild animals in
human care.



I can start exploring
the Wild Side of the
zoo by moving to the
left and entering
under the “entrance”
sign.



I can look at the signs
for descriptions. I can
look at the map key to
find what I need.



If I see a volunteer in a green shirt I can say “Hi!” and ask questions about the animals if I have any.



As I go through the Zoo,
I may notice different
textures in the path.
Sometimes, I will have to
go on wood chips.



There are many
benches throughout
the zoo so that I can
take a break whenever
I need one.



I may notice that some areas of the zoo may be more crowded and louder than others. These areas include the sea lion, lynx, and mountain lion exhibits.



I may hear some loud noises as I explore the zoo. Sometimes, I'll hear parrots chirping or sea lions barking.



If I have any trash, I can
throw it out in the zoo
wastebaskets.



I will know I am next to an
animal exhibit when I see a sign
in the silhouette of an animal.



I can feed the ducks by getting food from the dispenser. I can toss it up in the air instead of straight down. I will not feed anything else to the ducks.



I can go inside the Aviary to view the birds. The aviary is a big dome shaped building. I may notice the path slant towards the entrance.



To explore the aviary, I may have to go on steep sections of the pathway. It is okay if I am unable to explore very far.

Aviary

Please use caution on steep sections of pathway.



I will go through the double
doors to enter the aviary.
Then, I will enter through the
plastic curtain.



Once inside, I will go towards
my right. This path will take
me in a circle. I will be
moving on an incline.



As I am exploring, I may hear the birds make some noise. I can look around for birds and I may notice them perched on a tree.



As I continue on the path, I may hold onto the railing for support. I may also notice different facts on display on the wall.



I may notice different textures on the pathway.

At times, I may be on either a wooden or paved path.



I can watch the sea lion feeding sessions at the times listed on the signs.



I can find the restroom next
to the Sea Lion exhibit.



I may see a sink that is new
to me. I can turn the water
on by pressing on the bar
with my foot.



If I get hungry or want a souvenir, I can go to the Sea Lion Cafe next to the sea lion and bison exhibits. I can sit at the tables and eat my lunch.



I can find the playground towards the exit.



If I get thirsty, I can get
water from the blue
drinking fountains.



When I go to see the “Thick Billed Parrots” exhibit, it may be dark inside. I know this can make it easier for me to spot the birds.



I had fun meeting the
animals on the Wild Side.
Now that I've come to the
exit, I can go explore the
Farm Side of the zoo.



Let's explore the Farm
Side of the zoo
together.



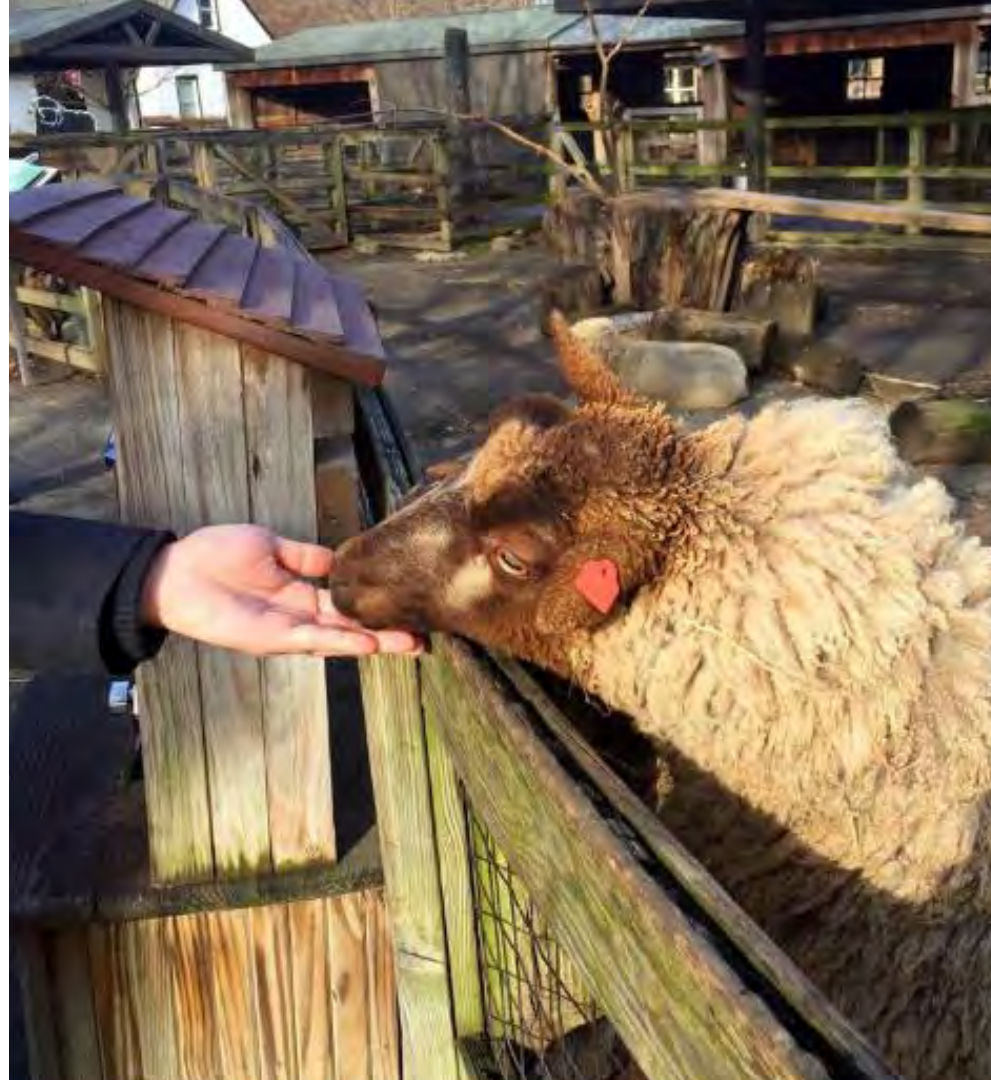
I can enter on the left side
and show my admissions
ticket to the security guard
at the front booth.



I can refer to this section
of the map to locate where
I am on the Farm Side.



I can feed the animals on the farm side of the zoo. I can hold the food in the palm of my hand so the animal can easily take it. They will not hurt me.



I can get farm food to feed
the animals from one of the
machines.



Once I am done feeding
and petting the animals
I can wash my hands at
the handwashing
station or in the
bathroom.



I can use the restrooms
whenever I need to. They are
located at the barn.



There are many benches
throughout the zoo so that
I can take a break
whenever I need one.



I may notice many different smells on the Farm Side. If this gets overwhelming, I may choose to go towards the picnic tables to decrease sensory input.



I had fun at the Queens Zoo
today. I look forward to
visiting again soon.

