

**A Social Story**

# Discovering Perth Zoo





# Arriving at the Zoo

When you get to the Zoo you will come to the Front Entrance. It may take you a little while to get into the Zoo but that is okay because it won't take long.

When it is your turn, someone at the Front Entrance will get your ticket and let you into the Zoo.







# Nature's Playground

The Zoo has a playground with many different things to explore. You might like to play on it but you don't have to.

It can be loud because many kids are having fun, and you might need to be patient, but that is okay—you will still get your turn.







# Lunch Time

There is a café at the Zoo. You might get some food here while you are at the Zoo or you might bring some food with you.

Enjoying a meal can be a nice break during your day at the Zoo!

Remember, all food places at the Zoo only take card payments.





# People at the Zoo

People who work at the Zoo can help you during your visit. People who work at the Zoo wear green shirts that look like this.







# Visitor Services

Some people who work at the Zoo have the job of helping people who are lost, sick or injured. We call them Visitor Services and they wear a cream shirt that looks like this.







# Volunteers

Volunteers who come to the Zoo can help you during your visit. We call these people Docents and they wear a white shirt that look like this.







# What to See and Do

You will walk around the Zoo and look at the animals.

Please do not touch the animals or climb the fences; this is for your safety. Do not feed the animals because it can make them sick.

Sometimes, you may need to wait your turn to see an animal, and that is okay.







# Animals

Perth Zoo has many different kinds of animals. Some of them are very big, like rhinoceros, elephants and giraffes.

The Zoo is home to animals from different parts of the world, including Australia, Africa and Asia.







# Animals

Some of the animals are very small, like numbats, meerkats, frogs, and birds.

Sometimes you may not be able to find the animals in their enclosures, but that is okay. They could be hiding, sleeping, or exploring their space. The animals have places where they feel safe and comfortable, just like we do.







# Quiet Places to Enjoy

Sometimes the Zoo can be busy and loud with lots of people and noise.

You can take your time and go to these quiet spaces whenever you need to.

The Zoo staff can also help find quiet places if you ask for help.







# Toilets

If you need to go to the toilet while at the Zoo, you can look at the map, and it will show you where the toilets are.

The map will have clear signs to help you find them easily.

You can also ask the Zoo staff for help if you can't find the toilets or need directions.







# Zoo Keepers

Zoo Keepers sometimes give talks about the animals they care for. During these talks, they share interesting facts about the animals.

You can listen to the talk and ask them questions if you want to know more. These talks are a great way to learn about the animals and see them up close!







# What Can You Hear?

You might hear animal noises when you are at the Zoo.

That is okay because that is how the animals communicate and talk to each other.

If the sounds get too loud, you can cover your ears with your hands or wear headphones to help. Remember, the noises are part of the animals' world!







# Construction

When you are at the Zoo, you might see construction and building. There will be fences around the work and machines.

It might be noisy near the construction, but that is okay! Next time you visit, you might get to see what they are building.







# Gift Shop

At Perth Zoo, there is a gift shop. You can go in and look at what they sell. They have plushies, stationery, t-shirts, and other fun items.

You can also look at some of the things the Zoo shop sells by visiting the website.

[shop.perthzoo.com.au](http://shop.perthzoo.com.au)







# Goodbye

When you finish your visit, you will leave the Zoo.

Remember to take all your things with you, like your bag and any snacks. Before you go, check to make sure you didn't leave anything behind.

We hope you can visit Perth Zoo again soon to see the animals and have even more fun!







# Thank You

If you have any feedback or question you can email or call.



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