

# My Zoo Visit: A Social Story



PITTSBURGH ZOO  
& AQUARIUM

I'm going to the  
Pittsburgh Zoo  
& Aquarium!

There are a lot  
of exciting things  
to see and do!

Before our visit,  
we can look at  
the map online  
or print one  
out at: [Zoo Map](#).



## MAP KEY

- Restrooms
- Lactation Room
- Family/Inclusive Restroom  
presented by UPMC Health Plan
- First Aid
- Restaurant
- Gift Shop
- Stroller, Wheelchair  
& Scooter Rentals
- Zoo Tram (seasonal)  
& Rest Stop

### The Village

Village Pavilion  
Village Outfitters  
Village Market  
Safari Outpost  
Dippin' Dots  
Safari Wheels  
Carousel

### A Forest Passage

- 1 Canadian Lynx
- 2 Amur Tiger\*
- 3 Red Panda\*
- Komodo Dragon\*

### B African Savanna

- 4 Caribbean Flamingo
- 5 Black Rhinoceros\*
- 6 African Lion\*
- 7 Aldabra Tortoise\*
- 8 Amur Leopard\*
- Safari Amphitheater
- Savanna Stop
- 9 Nyala
- Ostrich
- 10 African Elephant\*
- 11 Masai Giraffe\*
- Grant's Zebra
- 12 Cheetah\*
- Jambo Grill
- Wild Burgher
- Safari Ice Cream
- The Beer Den

### C Tropical Forest

- White-faced Saki  
Tufted Capuchin  
Black Howler  
White-cheeked Gibbon\*  
Angolan Colobus\*  
Western Lowland Gorilla\*  
Blue Monkey

### D The Islands

- 13 Philippine Crocodile\*
- False Gharial
- 14 Siamang\*
- 15 Galápagos Tortoise\*
- 16 Visayan Warty Pig\*
- 17 Clouded Leopard\*

### E Jungle Odyssey

- 18 Giant Anteater\*
- 19 Cotton-top Tamarin
- 20 Ocelot\*
- 21 Ring-tailed Lemur\*
- 22 Pygmy Hippopotamus
- I Spy a Butterfly

### F Aquarium

North American  
Native Fishes  
VR Theater  
Temperate Ocean Animals  
Sea Turtles\*  
Penguins  
Jellyfish  
Eels  
Sharks  
Stingrays  
Current Gift Shop  
Arctic Express

### G Water's Edge

- 23 Polar Bear\*
- 24 Sea Otter\*
- 25 California Sea Lion
- Water's Edge Pavilion
- Dippin' Dots
- Northwest Trading Co.

### H Kids Kingdom

- 26 Humboldt Penguin
- Animal Connections  
Playground
- 27 Australian Aviary
- 28 Grey Kangaroo  
Wallaby
- 29 North American  
River Otter
- 30 American Beaver
- 31 Barn Owl
- 32 Bald Eagle
- 33 Goat  
Sheep
- Animal Motions  
Playground
- Hops Cafe
- 34 Yellow-footed Tortoise
- 35 American Alligator
- Kids Kingdom Pavilion
- 36 Kunekune Pig
- Miniature Donkey
- 37 Alpaca

### I Worlds of Discovery

Lake Malawi Cichlids  
Venomous Reptiles\*  
Naked Mole-rat  
Bats  
Meerkat  
Discovery Amphitheater  
Birthday Party Room  
First Aid Station

# Entering the Zoo



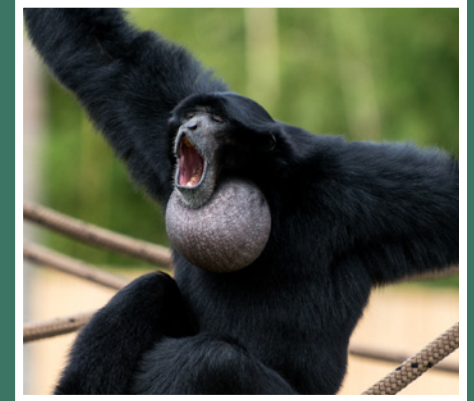
We will park in the parking lot and **walk to the entrance**. There is construction right now at the Zoo. I might see big machines that might make loud sounds. That is okay. It is important to be safe near construction. I will stay with my grown-ups.

**Getting into the Zoo** is a little different right now. The ticket booths are in a different place. We will walk up the trail or ride the elevator or escalator to get into the Zoo. There might be lines. That is okay.

If I need one, we can check out a **sensory bag** at the ticket booth – it has lots of tools to help me while I am visiting.



# Visiting Animals



I will stay with my family while I look at animals. **Staying on the pathways** only will keep me safe. If I get away from my group, I can ask a Zoo employee for help. These staff members wear shirts with the Zoo logo and a name badge, and they also carry radios.

When I see the animals, I might be excited! Loud noises or fast movements can startle animals. I will try to **stay calm** and quiet when I am around the animals. Sometimes there might be a lot of people waiting to see an animal, I can wait my turn to see the animals.

Some areas of the Zoo might **smell funny** or strong. Some animals might **make noises**. That is okay. It is okay to see, smell, and hear new things!

# At the Zoo



Some of the animals might not be outside when I'm looking for them. That's okay! I may go see a different animal instead. Maybe I can see them the next time I visit the Zoo.

Some places at the Zoo might be noisy. If it is too loud for me, I can ask to go

to a **designated quiet place** to take a break.

There are restrooms and water fountains at the Zoo. Most of the restrooms have **air hand dryers** and can be noisy. Family restrooms are located at Jambo Grill, near Islands, or at Water's Edge.

At the Zoo I might want to eat. We can bring **food** from home or buy food at a Zoo restaurant.

# Leaving the Zoo



There are **gift shops** at the Zoo. I might not be able to buy something at the gift shop every time I visit. That is okay.

When it is time to go home, we will take the **trail, escalator, or elevator** back down to the gates and head to our car. Everyone is proud of me when I follow the rules and have a good time at the Zoo!

**I might visit the  
Pittsburgh Zoo  
& Aquarium again soon!**

