

A Story for Understanding.

A short story with some tips to help you plan and prepare for your Auckland Zoo visit.



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ZOO
Wildlife conservation
science at work

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Every step together

Staying Safe at the Zoo.

*I will walk with
my adult at all times.*

The Zoo is a big place. Adults need to know that I am safe so walking and staying with my adult is a good idea.



Staying Safe at the Zoo.

I will follow the rules of the Zoo.

The Zoo has rules to keep the animals healthy and the humans safe. It is important to follow the Zoo rules.



Staying Safe at the Zoo.

***I will talk quietly* so I do not scare the animals.**

The animals can get easily frightened, so it is important for us to talk quietly in the Zoo so we don't frighten them.



Staying Safe at the Zoo.

I am always safe.

The animals cannot hurt me.

The Zoo is a safe place for animals and people. The animals are happy in their homes and cannot escape.



Staying Safe at the Zoo.

I will not feed or touch the animals because it can make them sick.

The Zoo animals can get sick if they eat different food than the Zookeepers feed them. It is important we don't share our food with them.



Staying Safe at the Zoo.

If I get lost, I will look for
someone with these words
on their clothes or a radio.
They can help me.



Planning my Zoo trip.

I might get a map.

I might choose an animal
to see first or walk around
without choosing.



Planning my Zoo trip.

I might see these animals.



Planning my Zoo trip.

Some *animals might hide*
so I might not see them.



Planning my Zoo trip.

I might see Zookeepers
holding animals or walking
with animals.

Its ok, *they will not hurt me.*



Planning my Zoo trip.

There might be a lot of people
at the Zoo, standing in a line
or looking at an animal.

I will wait my turn.

Sometimes there might be lots of people at
the Zoo waiting in line to look at an animal.
Waiting my turn is a great thing to do!



Planning my Zoo trip.

I may eat and drink **at the Zoo.**

There are places to eat and drink at the Zoo.
Sometimes we can buy things to eat and drink and
sometimes we can bring our own food and drink.



Planning my Zoo trip.

There are *water fountains* and *toilets*.

I can ask my adult if I need to have a drink or use the toilet.



Planning my Zoo trip.

Some places at the Zoo
might be noisy.

I can bring earphones with
me to the Zoo if I want to.



Planning my Zoo trip.

Some places at the Zoo
might have a *strong smell*.

I can ask my adult if I want
to move away.



Planning my Zoo trip.

If it is raining hard, my Zoo trip might have to happen at another time.

This is okay, the Zoo is open at lots of other times too.



Create your own story for understanding about your Auckland Zoo visit.

Get an adult to help you plan your story. Use the steps on this planning page.

First, think of all the things you remember about your zoo visit and note them here:

Second, put your notes in the order they happened on the day. Think of 5 main things that you want to share in your story.

Third, turn your notes into simple sentences that tell us about your day at the Zoo. Five simple sentences will make your story:

Hint: use our story for understanding to help you.

Now, each sentence of your story needs a picture. You could draw a picture for each sentence or if you took photos on your visit choose a photo for each sentence. Use this space to plan your pictures:

Finally, put your words and pictures together. Use one page for each of your five ideas. You have made your own Auckland Zoo story! Ka pai!

We would love to hear from you so please share your stories with us.

You can email them to discoveryandlearning@aucklandzoo.co.nz or online using **#createwithaucklandzoo**