

A Social Story

Before you visit
Adelaide Zoo



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Zoo rules

The zoo is very big, so it is important that I stay with the people who brought me to the zoo. If I do get lost, I will let a staff member who is wearing zoo uniform know.

I will try to walk on the paths only.

Loud noises sometimes scare the animals, so I will try my best to look quietly.

Zoo rules

I will not touch the animals, or climb fences to see the animals, so I can stay safe.

Sometimes I may need to be patient and wait my turn to see an animal, but that is okay.

I will put my rubbish in the bin.

I will not feed the animals, this could make them sick.





When at the zoo

I can use my hands or headphones to cover my ears if it gets too loud.

Some areas might get smelly, but I can plug my nose if I need.

I can bring my own fidget toys to help me relax.

When at the zoo

There are loads of quiet areas where I can go if I need some space. I will tell an adult how I am feeling and we can find a quiet place together.

If I need help I can ask an adult or anyone wearing an Adelaide Zoo uniform.

Sometimes a voice might start speaking over the loud speaker. I can cover my ears if this is too loud.





Parking

When we park our car at the zoo, we have to walk to the zoo entrance.

Zoo entrance

When I arrive at Adelaide Zoo I will see the entrance. This is where I line up to purchase a ticket, or show my ticket to the person at the front, to let me in.

There might be a line up to get into the zoo, so I may have to be patient.

It can sometimes get loud while waiting to enter the zoo. I can put on my headphones or block my ears if I need.



Volunteers and staff

Zookeepers wear light brown uniforms with the Adelaide Zoo logo. **Volunteers** wear light brown and maroon uniforms with the Adelaide Zoo logo.

I can ask these people for help if I need it. I can also ask them any questions about the zoo that I may have. Some examples of questions I may ask are

*What do these animals eat? or
Where is the closest bathroom?*



Toilets

If I need to go to the bathroom, I will tell an adult and we will find the closest one.

There are toilets inside and next to Wisteria Restaurant, next to the Nature Theatre, near the Rotunda and in the Envirodome.

The hand dryers and the toilets flushing can be loud. I can cover my ears with my hands or use my headphones.



Toilets near the Rotunda



Toilets next to Wisteria Restaurant



Toilets near the Envirodome

Lunch time!

When it's time for lunch, we might go to the **Wisteria Restaurant** or **Fig Tree Café** to eat, We might also bring our own food from home – a great place to eat our own food is the **Central Lawns** or **Rotunda**.

The areas can get loud. I can use my hands or my headphones to block my ears if I need. I might also use my fidget toys to help me relax.



Shopping

There are two gift shops at Adelaide Zoo. One is located next to the zoo entrance, and the other is on the corner of the Otter and Red Kangaroo/Yellow-footed Rock-wallaby exhibits.

The gift shops can get loud if there is lots of people also shopping. I can use my hands or headphones to cover my ears if I need.





Envirodome

The Envirodome is a building where I can go inside to see some of the smallest creatures at the zoo!

When in the Envirodome, lots of animals like to play hide and seek! I will see if I can find any of them. If I cannot see the animal that is okay.

It can get warm inside the Envirodome. If I feel uncomfortable I can let an adult know how I am feeling and we can find another place to go.

Reptile House

The Reptile House is where I can go to see lots of different scaly creatures.

Some animals may look scary but they are inside their enclosures and cannot hurt me.

Sometimes the Reptile House is closed and that's okay.



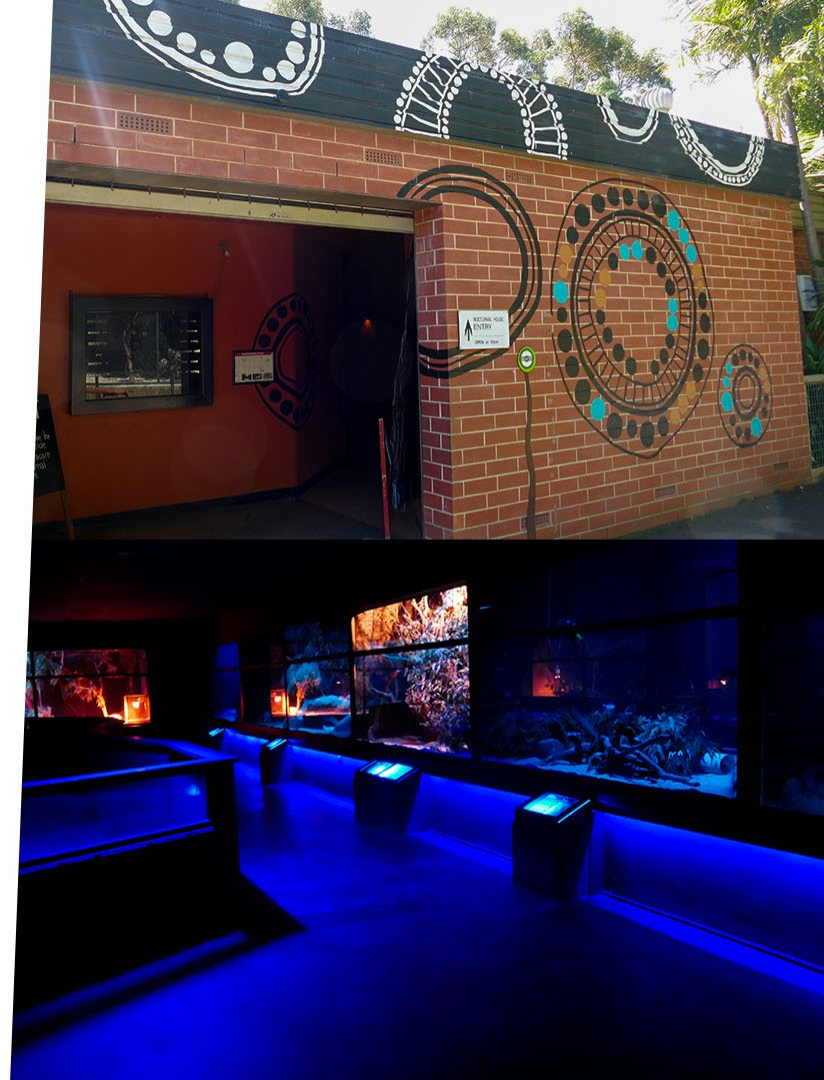
Nocturnal House

The Nocturnal House is where I can go to see lots of different creatures that like to sleep during the day and run around at night.

Shh! Some animals don't like loud noises!

It is dark in the Reptile House.

Sometimes the Nocturnal House is closed and that's okay.





Walkthrough aviaries

I can walk through a bird aviary at the South East Asian Aviary or the Rainforest and Wetlands Aviary.

Sometimes birds will fly or walk right by me, but I will try not to chase them as it can scare the animals.

Variety Children's Zoo

I can go to the Variety
Children's Zoo if I want to
see some cute animals.

I might see the goats
climbing their rocks, or
the chickens!





Nature's Playground

I can play on the playground with other kids, and there are lots of different things to explore!

I may have to be patient if there are lots of children, but that is okay because I will still get my turn.



It can get loud at the playground as lots of kids are having fun. I can use my hands or headphones to block my ears.

Construction

I might see some construction when I'm at the zoo.

The zoo is building some new spaces for humans and for animals so sometimes there might be diggers, builders or other people and machines making noises.

That's ok, I might get to see what they have built next time I visit.



Animals!

There are many different animals to see at Adelaide Zoo.



Sometimes I may not be able to find the animals in their enclosures, but that is okay.



Goodbye



Going to Adelaide Zoo can be lots of fun.

There are so many animals to see and different things to learn about.

When it is time to leave, I will try to remember to take all of my things with me.

Hopefully I can visit the zoo again soon!

