



Let's visit...

The Aviary





Today I am going to feed birds in the aviary!



When I visit the aviary, I will walk to the Lands of Change loop.

The aviary is across from the Kangaroo Walkabout.

When I get to the aviary, a Zoo staff member or a volunteer will greet me. My family may buy nectar cups or seed sticks at the counter.

If I brought food or drinks, I will leave these outside.



I may have to wait my turn in line. That is okay!

While I wait, I can read the directions on the wall.



Waiting can be difficult, but I will use my calming strategies to help me.



At the aviary, I can choose to feed the lorikeets or the cockatiels.

I can ask the staff member or the volunteer questions about the birds before I make a choice.



Lorikeet



Cockatiel



The cockatiels are grey and yellow and like to eat seeds off of a popsicle stick. They are a bit noisy, and they might land on me while they eat.

The lorikeets are colorful and have red beaks. They are very noisy and will probably land on me. I can feed them nectar from a small cup.



The Zoo staff or the volunteer will tell me the rules of the aviary and tell me when I can enter.

I will listen and follow the rules that are told.





Both sides of the aviary allow the birds to fly freely. Birds can land on me and eat the food I give them. If the birds make me uncomfortable, I can leave at any time.

Once in a while, the birds may poop on people. If this happens, it is okay! I will tell a staff member if this happens.



The birds have claws on their feet that can sometimes poke or scratch your skin. If I get uncomfortable, I can leave at any time.

If a bird lands on me,
I will try to stay still
and not to make
loud noises. I will
also not chase the
birds, I will let them
come to me.

I will be gentle with
the birds!





While I am in the aviary, I can see other birds such as kookaburras, spoonbills, ducks and more!

I will watch where I step
because some birds like to
be on the ground.





If I feel overwhelmed or scared, I can tell a Zoo staff member and use my calming strategies.

I can wear headphones if it is too noisy.



I will be in the aviary for about 10 minutes.

I can leave the aviary at any time.



When it is time to leave, a Zoo staff member will open the exit door for me. I will walk through the chains, which keep the birds inside. Only one door can be open in the airlock room.

I will make sure no birds go out the exit door!





After I leave, I will throw away the popsicle stick or the plastic cup in the bucket.



Then, I will wash my hands at the hand washing station.

When I leave the aviary, I will say thank you to the Zoo staff or volunteer.





I will have had a great time at the aviary!

Tips for Your Trip to the Aviary

- *The aviary is open every day from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.*
- *The aviary is less crowded in the mornings. However, the birds are hungrier in the morning and are more likely to land on people to feed.*
- *Nectar cups and seed sticks are available for purchase at the aviary counter.*
- *The aviary has limited capacity, so guests may be expected to wait in line.*
- *KultureCity bags are available in the admissions office and the train station.*
- *Once inside, guests can leave the aviary at any time.*
- *If you need a quiet place, you can take a break in one of our quiet zones located at Sea Turtle Beach or the Exceptional Nature Space. You will need a staff escort to access the quiet zone in the Exceptional Nature Space.*
- *If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email ashea@brevardzoo.org*

Aviary Do's

1. If I have to wait, I will stay with my group and wait patiently.
2. I will be gentle with the birds if they land on me.
3. I will watch where I step to make sure I avoid birds on the pathway.
4. Plants are pretty to look at and I will leave them just as they are; I will not touch them.
5. I will listen to and follow all of the instructions that the Zoo staff member tells me.
6. I will let a Zoo staff member know if I need help if I feel overwhelmed, and I can leave at any time.
7. I will not make loud noises in the aviary.
8. I will make sure I keep the doors closed so birds don't escape.

Lorikeet and Cockatiel Feedings

Located in Lands of Change, guests can choose to enter the aviary and feed two types of birds. This area can be crowded at times, and it is likely a bird will land on a guest. The birds are very noisy. Guests must follow safety instructions.



Touch



HIGH

Smell



MEDIUM

Sound



HIGH

Movement



MEDIUM

Sight



MEDIUM

Complexity



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