



Let's Visit Brevard Zoo!



When I visit the Brevard Zoo, I will enter through the main gate.



At the Brevard Zoo, there are many animals to see.

Zoo staff wears blue or tan shirts. The Brevard Zoo volunteers wear pink shirts. If I need help I can ask them.



After I get my ticket, I will wait in line until it is my turn to come through the gate. Zoo staff or volunteer will give me a coin that I can put into the Coins for Conservation.



After we get into the zoo, my group and I can pick the animals we want to see. There are maps around the zoo to help me find the animals.



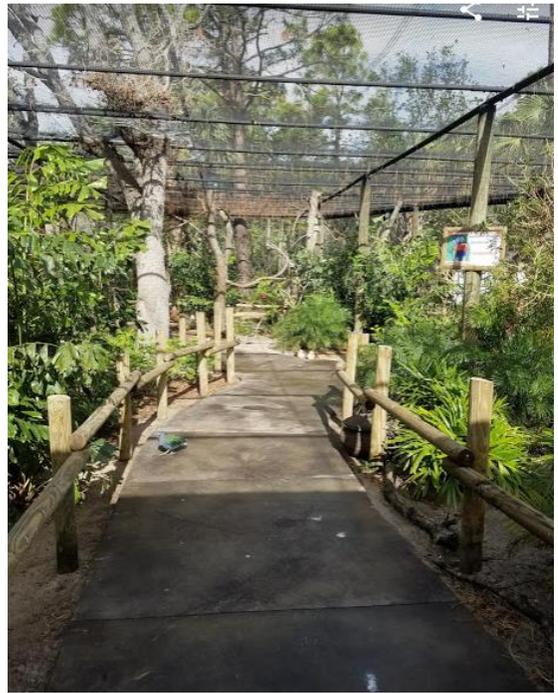
While I am at the zoo, I will walk along the paths with my group. I will listen and follow directions and wait my turn to see the animals.



The zoo has different loops. The first loop on the left is Africa Expedition. This loop has animals from Africa. Some areas may have a lot of people. I will wait my turn.

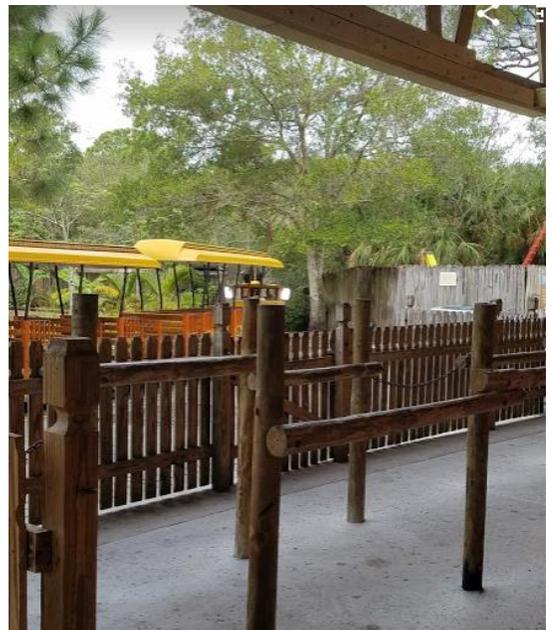


The next loop is Lands of Change. This area has animals from Australia. There is an area I can feed the birds. Volunteers will show me how to hold the food if I want to.

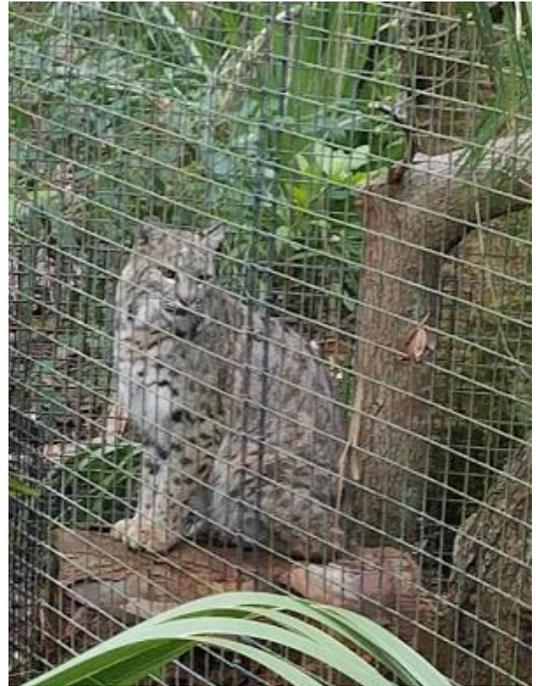


The Flamingo Café is where I can eat food. I will not feed the birds here. There are bathrooms I can use.

This is where I will go to if I am going on the train.



Wild Florida is the next loop. Some of the animal enclosures will not smell good.



La Selva loop is next. I can see animals from the rainforest.



I can get close to some enclosures. I will remember to keep my fingers next to me.

The Caribbean Loop has a scavenger hunt that I can look for treasures from the clues on the chests.



I can walk through Paws On. I can walk through the gate to get to the pools. I will remember to use walking feet. There are bathrooms I can use.



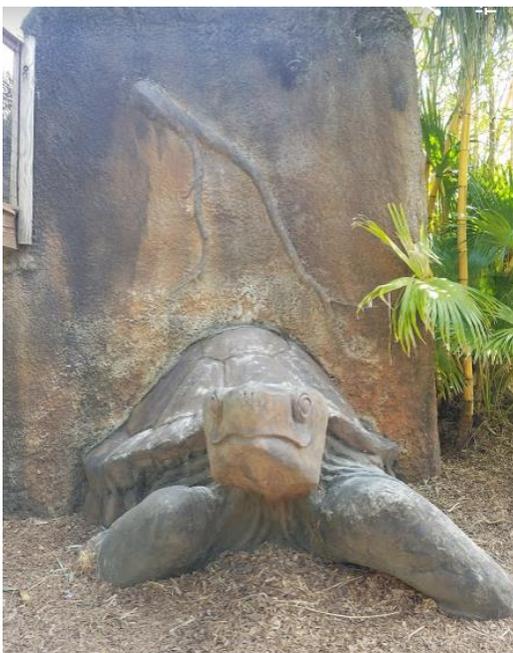
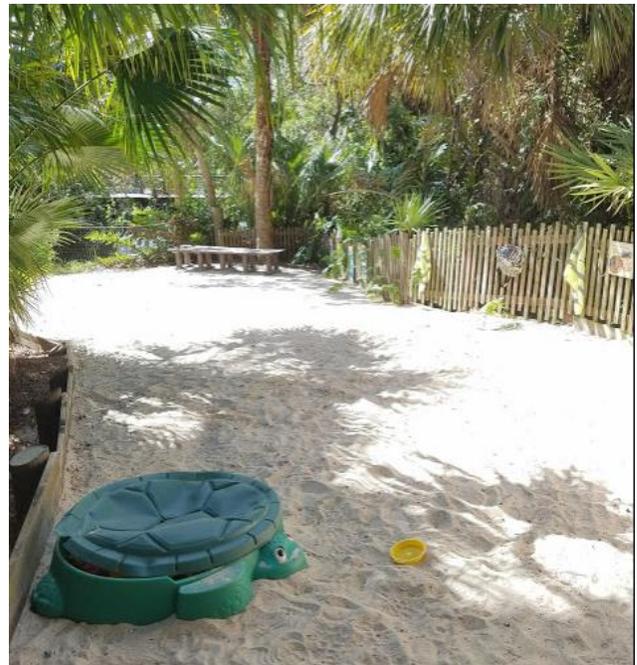
I can visit the petting zone. I will wash my hands when I finish petting the animals.





Around the back, there is an aquarium. There are many fish and sting rays. At scheduled times, I can feed the stingrays. There is also a touch tank.

I can play in the sand at sea turtle beach.



I can run around the playground and climb through Gopher Tortoise Inn. Time to play!

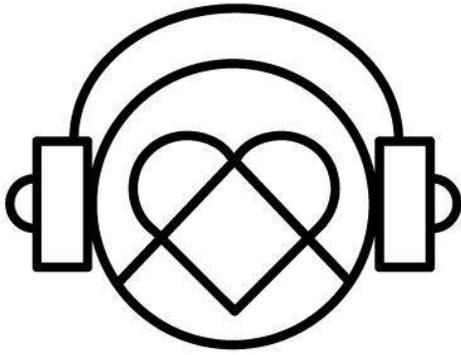
The Wildlife Detective Training Academy is air conditioned and has a sand box. I can dress up and play vet with stuffed animals. Animal educators are also on exhibit.



Some areas in the zoo will be loud, but that is okay. If I am feeling overwhelmed, I can ask a staff member to guide me to a quiet place.

Sometimes the animals might not be visible, but that's okay. I know I can come back to see them another time.





I can also use headphones or ask for a sensory bag. These things will help me feel calm.

When it is time to leave the zoo, I will get my things and say goodbye to the zookeepers and the animals. I had a great day at the Brevard Zoo!



Tips for Your Trip to the Zoo

1. The zoo opens at 9:30 a.m. and closes at 5 p.m. Last admission is at 4:15 p.m.
2. The zoo is less crowded before 11 a.m. or after 3 p.m. Some days are more crowded; you may call prior to your visit. 321-254-9453.
3. Paws On and Lands of Change: Australia and Beyond open at 10 a.m.
4. It is best to visit the Wildlife Detective Training Academy early, before other crowds visit. It opens at 10 a.m. This is an air-conditioned building.
5. Areas of the Zoo may be closed for programs, events or may reach capacity.
6. There are two sides to the aviary. You can purchase nectar cups and feed the Lorikeets, they will **probably** land on you. The other side has a seed stick to feed the cockatiels. They **may** land on you.
7. If you need a wheelchair, stroller, electric conveyance vehicle or sensory bag, you can inquire about them at the ticket booth or get them in the administration building.
8. If you need a quiet place, you can refer to our map locations or ask a staff member or volunteer.
9. All service animals MUST be checked in at guest services.
(<https://brevardzoo.org/tips-for-a-great-visit/?to=access>)
10. There is no smoking inside the Zoo. There are designated areas outside the Zoo.
11. We do not allow drinks with straws inside the Zoo. We encourage you to bring your reusable water bottle. You can fill them at water fountains by the restrooms.
12. During severe weather, some animals will go off exhibit and certain activities may close (Paws On pool and Train); these activities typically re-open 30 minutes after the last clap of thunder is heard.
13. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email lmathisen@brevardzoo.org.



Zoo Do's

1. I can feed the giraffes; I do not touch them.
2. I can look at the kangaroos; my hands stay to myself.
3. I can feed the birds; I do not chase them.
4. I can eat food at the café; I do not feed any of the animals.
5. If I see an animal, I ask someone with a zoo shirt if I can touch. If they say yes, I wait for directions on how to touch.
6. Animals make many sounds; I only make people sounds and use words.
7. If I have to wait, I will stay with my group.
8. Plants are pretty to look at and I will leave them just like they are; I keep my fingers to myself.

