There are so many fun things to do at the Zoo!
Planning a trip to the zoo is fun! Make sure you wear comfortable shoes so you can walk long distances!
General Tips for My Visit

• The average zoo visit is around two hours.

• The zoo may become noisy. It may help to bring ear plugs or headphones.

• There may be lines. To stay entertained during periods of waiting, I’ll bring my favorite device or activity, like a tablet or book.

• Sights, sounds, smells and movements through the zoo might become overwhelming, so a sensory toy could be useful.
Sensory Bag

I can stop by the Admissions booth to pick up a special sensory bag filled with items like headphones and fidget spinners to use during my visit to the zoo.
Savings Tip: Buying tickets online saves 15% off the purchase, and receipts can be applied towards a membership!

I might have to wait in a line to get my ticket. It’s okay to wait in line.

We can also buy tickets online to skip the lines!
Finding my way around

At the zoo there’s so much to do and see. I’ll bring a map so I can find my way around!

There are signs along the paths to point us in the right direction. I’ll follow the paths around the zoo to see the animals.

While I walk around the zoo, I’ll stay with my group so we can see the animals together!
Anytime throughout my visit I can ask a staff member for assistance.

The staff love what they do, and are happy to answer questions about the animals.

Staff wear dark green and tan shirts with the ZNE logo.

I’ll always tell a staff member if I need help!
The animals will be behind fences and glass. Some may even fly around the room! This is their home.

I can talk softly to the animals, but I won’t knock on the glass or climb over fences.

Sometimes animals are hiding, sleeping, or playing out of sight. That’s okay. We can always visit another day to see them.
Sometimes the zoo may get very loud, like at the playground where we are all so excited to play. Even some animals, like the lions, get noisy during the day.

If I don’t like the noise, that’s okay. There are many fun things to do at the zoo.

If I take a tumble or can’t find my grown up, I’ll talk to the staff and they can help me out!
Headphone Zones

- Aussie Aviary
- Bird’s World
- Franklin Farm
- Giddy-Up Grill
- Kalahari Kingdom (pathway and dining area)
- Playground

Zoo New England is KultureCity Sensory Inclusive Certified
If I want to take a break and get away from all the chatter there are a few places I can go...

- Hippo Theater across from the fruit bat exhibit
- Organic Garden next to the giraffe exhibit
- Path behind the Tropical Forest

Quiet Spots

- Benches in the grassy area by Giraffe Entrance
- Butterfly Hollow
- Picnic tables by Bird’s World building
- Steller’s sea eagle exhibit behind Bird’s World Building
- Nature Play area across from outdoor tapir exhibit
During the summer, we can buy tickets for rides like the carousel and train. They’re a nice break from walking.

Some days I’ll even be able to talk to a zookeeper or do some crafts! I can check the schedule for the day that I visit to find out all the fun activities and events!
I can visit the zoo’s website to learn more about the animals after I go home!

zoonewengland.org/kids-corner
When it's time to leave I’ll exit through the same area I came in at, where the gate says EXIT.

I’ll be sure to tell my friends and family all that I learned at the zoo today.

Thank you for visiting and supporting our zoo!