



Going to the **Central Park Zoo** can be a great day out and a **fun time** for you and your whole family. There are some things you can do to **prepare** for this exciting trip and make the day a **success!**

We hope that this guide will help you feel more **comfortable** and **familiar** with what you may **see**, **hear**, **smell**, and **experience** at the zoo.

Visit our website to learn more:

CentralParkZoo.org



To Get to the Central Park Zoo, your family may choose to:



Drive to the Zoo

If you do, be prepared to sit in some **traffic**. There is almost always traffic in the city!

There are no parking lots at the zoo, so you'll need to find a **parking garage** in the area. Don't worry there are lots of them. But then be ready to cross some big, **busy streets**. **Be Careful** and keep your eyes up! **Holding hands** is a good idea here.



To Get to the Central Park Zoo, your family may choose to:

Take a City Bus



OR

Take the Subway



If you get out at the **5th Avenue / 59th Street** subway station, you might see this painting which lets you know you're close!





The Zoo is a short **walk** into the **park** from the subway station. Along the way you might see some interesting things like...



Horse & Carriages

Street Vendors



And signs for the zoo along the pathways.

WELCOME TO THE CENTRAL PARK ZOO!



This is the **entrance** to the zoo. Before going in you will need to wait in line at the admissions booth to get a ticket for the day.

EXPLORING THE ZOO

Use this map to plan out places that you would like to visit!



Keep reading to learn more about some of the exciting things to see and do at the zoo!

SEA LION FEEDING

You can see the Sea Lion feeding in the Central Garden! This is a very popular event, so be prepared to be in a large crowd. There is lots of space all around the Sea Lion enclosure, so you should be able to see these fun animals in action!



Times

11:30

2:00

4:00



Special Zoo Teacher Tip:

To avoid crowds at the indoor exhibit spaces (Tropics and Penguin)—try and visit them during the sea lion feed!

PENGUIN AND SEA BIRD HOUSE

You can visit **The Penguin and Sea Bird House!**



This is what it looks like inside



Just a heads up: it will be a little **dark inside** here. And there is a very strong **fishy smell** – it comes from the penguin kitchen located inside this building!

Tropic Zone

TROPIC ZONE

The Tropic Zone is a genuine rainforest experience. Inside it is **hot** and very **humid** with even the occasional **rain mist**.

This is what the entrance to the Tropic Zone looks like.

Here is a view of the inside.



TROPIC ZONE



There are many different **birds** that live here and **fly** around **freely**.
Don't be startled if you sometimes see our birds on the **path** that you walk along.
Remember—the birds in here are **just for looking at!**



TISCH CHILDREN'S ZOO



The Tisch Children's Zoo is actually a **separate part** of the Central Park Zoo, so you'll need to **leave the main zoo** and **walk along a short path**, and underneath the bridge pictured here to reach the Children's Zoo.

Look out for signs like this one!



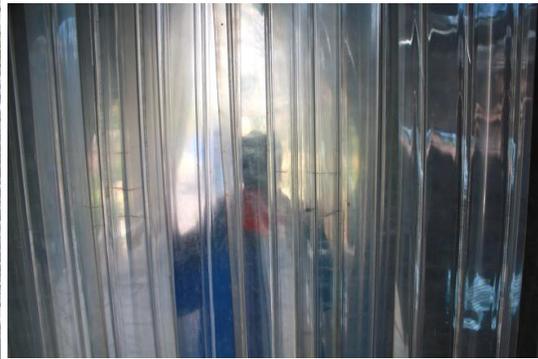
You may need to **wait in line** to get into the Children's Zoo. That's ok – it just means that you're going somewhere that's a lot of fun and very popular! Just try to **be patient**.



TISCH CHILDREN'S ZOO



The **entrance** to the **Children's Zoo** (and a **few other pathways** inside it) has a **clear plastic curtain** hanging down that you'll need to **walk through**. It's ok – it's not heavy. You can just push it out of your way with your hands or body. If you don't like the way it feels, you can **ask someone for help!**



Most of the animals in the Children's Zoo are **inside their enclosures**. But there are some **birds** that you may encounter **along the path**. They sometimes **make noises** and **flutter their wings**, but they won't hurt you! It's ok if you're a little **nervous** – you can just **walk around** them.



TISCH CHILDREN'S ZOO

PETTING ZOO



The Petting Zoo! This is a really neat part of the Children's Zoo. You can **buy animal food** from the vending machines and then try to **feed** some very cute and friendly **animals**, like...



TISCH CHILDREN'S ZOO

PETTING ZOO



Cows!



Goats!



Sheep!



Alpaca!



Before you leave the Petting Zoo, be sure to **wash your hands** with hand sanitizer – especially if you touched any animals or their food!

LEAVING THE ZOO



If you have time, on your way out of the zoo, be sure to check out the famous Delacorte Musical Clock! The bronze statues of monkeys, a penguin, a hippo, a bear, an elephant, a goat and a kangaroo spin as music plays every 30 minutes!

THANKS FOR VISITING!

