

# TARONGA WESTERN PLAINS ZOO

We are going to Taronga Western Plains Zoo. We will get to see many different kinds of animals in a beautiful country setting. There is a lot to see at the zoo. It's going to be fun to spend time with my family, learn new things about the animals and see how they live.

When we arrive at the zoo we will have to get our entry tickets from the ticket desk. It is a small space that is often busy so we should pay attention, be patient and be polite to people. When we have our tickets we will be able to enter the zoo.

The zoo is really big so we can't walk the whole way. We can travel around the zoo in our car, in an electric cart or by bike. We can stop at each attraction and take our time to see the animals. Sometimes the animals may be a long way away because their enclosures are very big, and at other times the animals might be resting so we may not be able to see them. That's okay because we can move on and see other animals instead.

Because lots of people drive around the zoo to see the different attractions we must be very careful of where we are going. We should pay attention and follow all the usual road rules.

Some exhibits are very popular and there will be lots of people trying to see the animals. When this happens we can wait for things to quiet down, or move to a less crowded spot.

Sometimes there will be presentations when we visit an attraction. We need to try to be quiet so we can all listen to the zookeeper's presentation. If it's hard to stay quiet, we can ask to walk a little further away where we can still listen.

Some animals I might see include:

- Lions
- Tigers
- Giraffes
- Elephants
- Rhinoceros
- Hippopotamus
- Meerkats
- Lemurs

It's going to be fun exploring the zoo!

## Guided Questions

- What animal are you looking forward to seeing?
- What are you looking forward to doing at the zoo?
- What are you worried about?

## Things to Consider

- The zoo is full of open space - lots of opportunities to find a quiet spot to calm down.
- The Visitor Centre can become crowded in busy times.

