



# Social Story (Part I) – Preparing for your Zoo Visit



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Going to the zoo can  
be a long day.



The Philadelphia Zoo is a big zoo. There may be too many animals to see in one trip.



I can look at the zoo website or map to choose which animals I want to see the most.



It is good to see what the weather is like. Sometimes it is very sunny and hot at the zoo. I can wear sun block to make sure I don't get burned. Sunglasses and hats also protect me from the sun.



If it is cold, I might need a jacket. There are lots of indoor areas at the Zoo where I can go inside to see the animals and get warm.





There are many different animals to see at the zoo. Sometimes, I will have to walk a lot. That is ok, I can wear sneakers to be comfortable.



A backpack or a bag is a good way to bring a lot of things with me. I can bring a camera to take pictures of my favorite animals.





Bringing a water bottle is a good idea. I can drink it if I get thirsty. I can recycle it too when I am done.



Sometimes there will be lines to see my favorite animals, or to do an activity. I can bring some toys or books in my bag to have fun while I wait.



I can bring a map of the zoo with me to remember what animals I want to see and where they are. This way, my parents could help me find them.



The zoo is a fun place with lots of animals to see. It is exciting to go to the zoo!