

Zoo Trip Checklist

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- ☐ Planning the Zoo Trip
 - ☐ Visit the zoo's website ahead of time to learn what is offered and at what times.
 - ☐ Plan your trip for times when the zoo is less crowded.
 - ☐ If possible, purchase tickets online.
 - ☐ Find out the feeding schedule so you can see the animals in action.
 - ☐ Check to see if there are any animal shows or zookeeper talks.
 - ☐ Visit the zoo's website to print out a map of the zoo.
 - ☐ Figure out what you definitely want to see and do.
 - ☐ On the map, have your child mark what she'd like to see.
 - ☐ Number each area in the order that you plan to visit.
 - ☐ Teach your children that they are visiting the animal's home and need to respect the environment.
 - ☐ Decide whether you will bring snacks and lunch, or will buy them at the zoo.
 - ☐ Pack the night before so the morning isn't crazy.
 - ☐ Watch the weather.
- ☐ At the Zoo
 - ☐ For older kids, plan a scavenger hunt before you get to the zoo.
 - ☐ Have your little zoo keeper hold onto a map and help keep track of where you are.
 - ☐ Encourage younger children to make animal sounds.
 - ☐ Don't rush.
- ☐ After the Zoo Trip
 - ☐ Consider 'adopting' a particular animal if your child was really impressed with it.
 - ☐ Consider a zoo camp.
 - ☐ Go to the library in search of animal books or do an Internet search to find out more.