

Visiting the Zoo: Spring Break

National Zoo Social Narrative



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Today, I am going to visit the **Zoo**.

There may be **a lot** of people visiting the zoo, too. There are many people and things I will see at the zoo that are there to keep me **safe**.



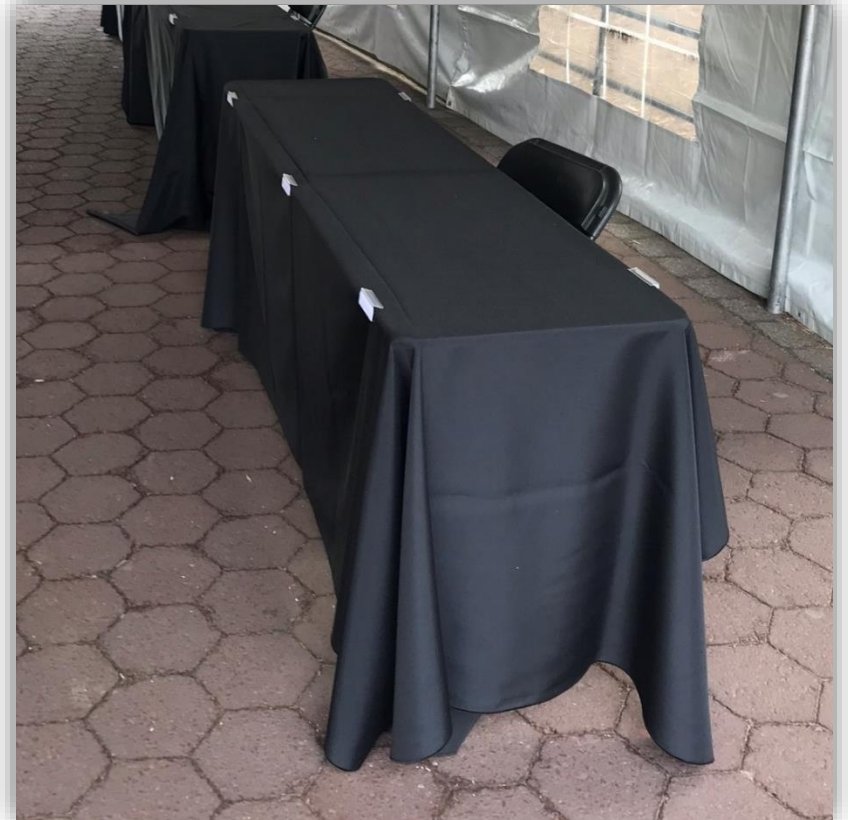
Zoo Police are at the zoo to keep me safe. I may see them walking or riding vehicles around the zoo. If I am lost or need help, I can find **zoo police** wearing this uniform.



If I need help or have a question, I can ask a keeper with a **grey shirt**, a volunteer with a **red shirt** or someone with a **name tag**.



I may bring a **bag** for my fun day at the zoo. My family and friends might bring bags, backpacks or strollers.



To keep me safe, **zoo staff** will look inside everyone's bag, backpack or stroller.

I may have to wait in a line at the bag check. I will get everything in my bag back after the **zoo staff** look at it.



If I didn't bring a bag, I can go through a different line at the entrance.



One kind of barrier I might see is a railing.



Another type of barrier I might see is a fence.



I might also see a glass window helping me to stay in the right place.

Zoos use barriers to keep people in the **right place**.

There are many different kind of barriers I might see at the Zoo keeping me in the right place



While I am at the zoo I might see signs telling me how to stay in the right place and be safe.



At the Zoo I may see signs telling me important information about good Zoo behavior.



Some signs might also tell me that it is OK to touch something.



When I am walking through the zoo, it is important to stay close to my adult. There will be **a lot** of people at the zoo. My adult can help me stay safe and have fun.



Buildings might be very crowded. I can take a break by walking along the boardwalk at **Small Mammal House** if it is too crowded inside.



If I keep going along the path,
I may see an area to **sit** and take a **rest**. I may see a pond, too.



There is a space behind **Reptile Discovery Center** where I can find more animals and it might be less crowded.



The zoo is on a large hill. I might feel tired walking up and down the hill. I can take a break on benches. The benches outside the **Elephant Community Center** are a good place to take a break or eat lunch.