



My Zoo Visit

A SOCIAL STORY

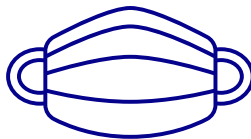
Getting Ready

Before I visit, I can look and print an online map here: [Riverbanks' Map](#)

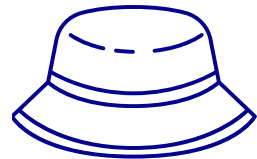
These are some ideas of what I may need to bring.



Comfortable shoes



Mask



Hat or sunglasses



Headphones or earplugs



Water bottle

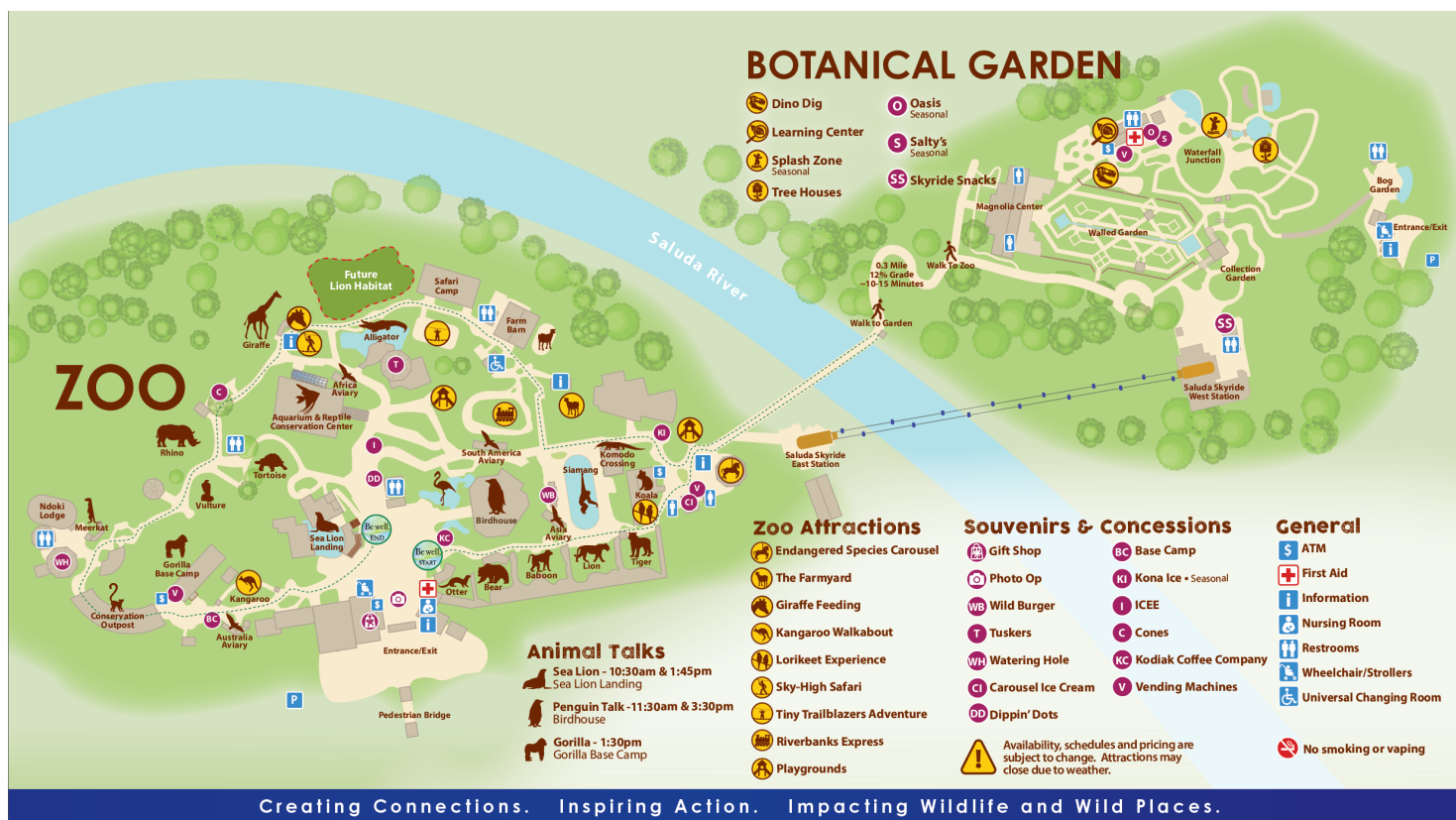


Fidget or comfort item



Entering the Zoo

- I will park in the parking lot and walk to the Zoo entrance using the sidewalk or bridge.
- I will go to the front gate and may have to wait in line for my turn.
- The nice people will scan my ticket and I will walk into the park.



Getting Around

- I will receive a map at the entrance, and signs around the park will guide me.
- If I need help, I can look for nice employees wearing **blue** or **red** shirts that say Riverbanks Zoo and Garden with a name badge.
- I can borrow a Riverbanks Sensory Bag at Guest Relations located at the entrance.
- There are restrooms and water fountains at the Zoo. Most of the restrooms have air hand dryers that can be noisy.
- Family restrooms are located at the Farm, in the Gorilla Classroom, near Gorilla Camp.
- If I get hungry, I can find places on the map where I can purchase food.
- If I want to visit the Garden or see the Dinosaurs, I can take the Saluda Skyride which is included with my admission. Click the link below for more information: riverbanks.org/plan-your-visit/saluda-skyride

Things To Do

I can find the locations of the things I want to do on the map.





Visiting the Animals

- I can find the locations of the animal habitats I want to visit on the map.
- I will stay with my group while I look at animals.
- I might experience funny or strong smells from some animals, and they might make loud noises.

How I Feel

I can always share my feelings with family and friends.



I'm happy
and confident.



I'm feeling
OK.



I'm a bit
worried.



I might need some
time out soon.



I'm very angry
or worried.

Leaving the Zoo

- I will exit at the same place I entered.
- If I borrowed a Sensory Bag, I will return it to Guest Relations.
- I may visit the Gift Shop on the way out.
- If I want to learn more about the different plants and animals I saw at Riverbanks, I can visit riverbanks.org.

Thank you for visiting!