

CPSN Family Fun Day at the Zoo

Social Script





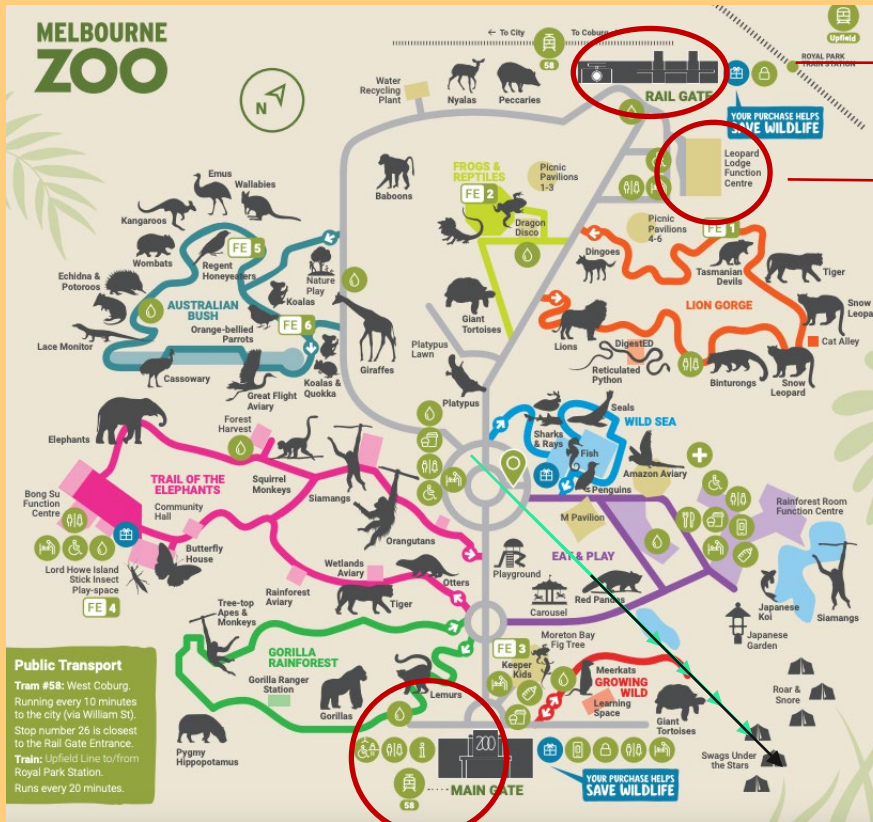
- Today, we are going to the Melbourne zoo!
- For a family fun day with the Cerebral Palsy Support Network.
 - I will be going with another person or my friends or family.
- A lot of people will say 'CPSN' instead of the 'Cerebral Palsy Support Network' when talking about the day and this social script will now say CPSN as well.



- Because I booked a ticket with CPSN, I do not need to buy or bring a ticket to the zoo.
 - CPSN will be providing lunch.
 - There will be lots of different people of all different ages.
 - There will be other people at the zoo who are not there for the 'CPSN Family Fun Day'.



- I will arrive at the rail gate entrance at 11:30. When I enter the zoo, there will be CPSN staff members available along the route to the Leopard Lodge.
- They will either walk with me, or tell someone with me, the directions to the Leopard Lodge, which is the room we will spend the first part of the day in.
- I may see, hear or smell animals while walking to the Leopard Lodge.
- I will have time to explore the zoo later.

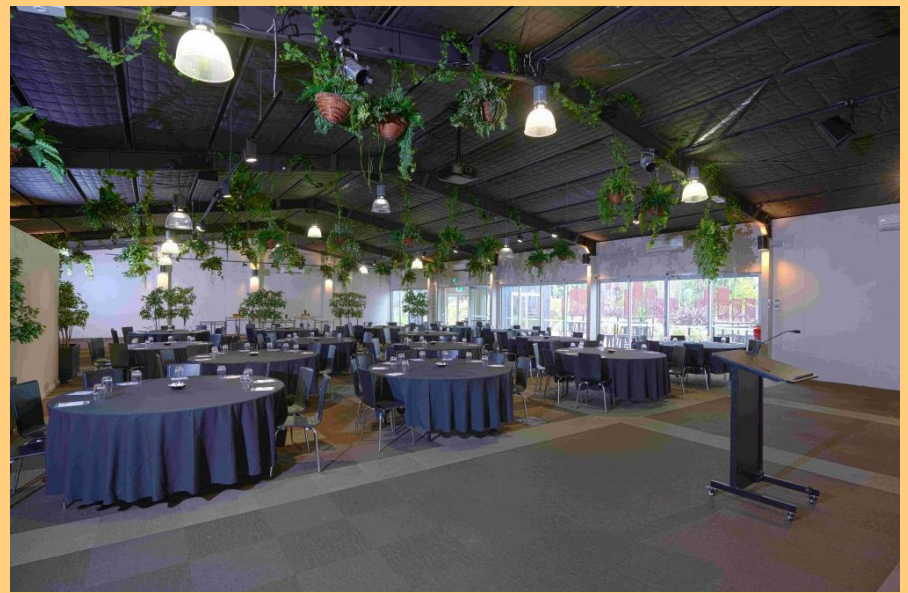


Arrive at the Rail Gate entry (next to Royal Park Train station)

Short walk to the Leopard Lodge for the CPSN Family Fun Day.

Accessible toilets are available in the room but the door is only 80cm wide. Guest can also use the public accessible toilet just outside the Leopard Lodge (door is 90cm wide)

Changing Place (Adult Change room) and toilets with extra wide door and hoist located here



- When we enter the room, I will go to the registration table and tell them my name. It is important I or someone I am with do this.
- There will be many tables and chairs and places for people using wheelchairs. I can pick a place to sit.
 - If I need help, there will be CPSN staff I can ask to help me find a seat.
- The room may be noisy while everyone registers, says hello and finds their seat.



There will be members of the CPSN team wearing blue t-shirts who would love to say hello and help you with any questions you might have



There will be an event photographer taking photos throughout the event and they may use the camera flash sometimes.

Some of the images will be used for marketing and promotional material.

If you do not want your photo being used for marketing, please let a CPSN team member know or email (cpsn@cpsn.org.au) or call us (94781001) to let us know beforehand.



-When the event is starting at 12pm there will be a five minute count down on a screen at the front of the room.

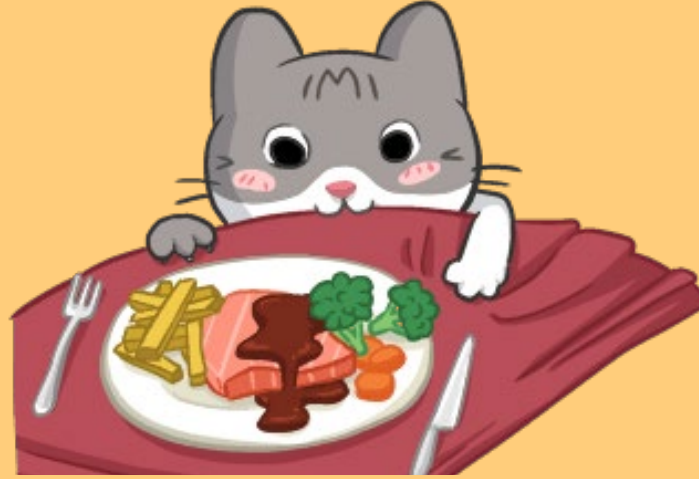
Then a short video about CPSN will play and some people will speak at the front of the room and tell everyone where the bathrooms and quiet room are.

There will then be more talking by people at the front of the room.

Sometimes, people may clap their hands in applause.

I will sit quietly and pay attention.

It's okay to colour in a picture or use a fidget toy or game quietly if I need to.



- After the speeches are over, we will have a buffet for lunch.
- This means my knife and fork will already be on the table where I am sitting but I will get a plate later.
- I may have to be patient and wait while others get their lunch first.



- When I am told I can go and get lunch, I will walk over to the large tables with big plates and bowls of different foods. Those with dietary requirements will be set up separately and named

- I may have to wait in a line before I am able to choose my lunch.

If when I registered I told CPSN I have "dietary requirements" (allergies), my food will be on a different table. I can ask CPSN staff to show me where this table is.



- I will take a plate from the big table to put my lunch on.
- I will use big spoons or tongs to carefully put food on my plate.
 - I will put the big spoons back in their bowls carefully.
- I can take a glass and pour myself a soft drink or water.
 - I will return to my seat.
- If I need help getting my food or drink for lunch or going back to my seat, I can ask CPSN staff for help.



- After everyone has got their food, lunch time will be very relaxed.
 - People will be talking and walking around.
- I can stay in my seat, go to the quiet room or I can sit outside on the grass to eat.
 - I can visit the bathroom.
- I can walk around the room or outside area and say hello to people.



- During lunch, there will be a five minute count down on a screen at the front of the room.
 - Then a short video about CPSN will play
 - There will then be a short closing speech.
 - Sometimes, people may clap their hands in applause.
 - I will sit quietly and pay attention.
- It's okay to continue eating my food while the presentations are happening



- I now have some free time, I can explore the zoo with my new friends.
- I could also join a group of CPSN staff and other guests to see the lions together.
- I can choose to stay in the leopard lodge or the outside area.

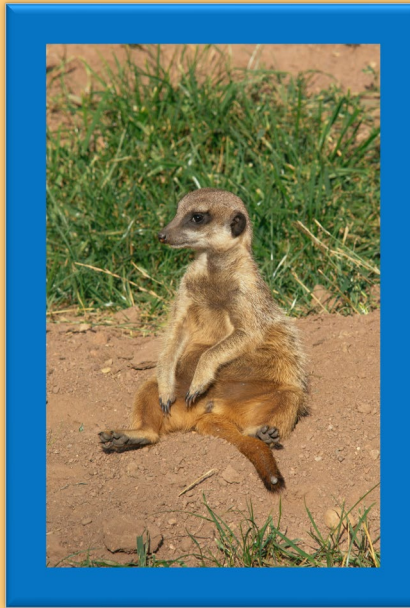


- The leopard lodge room will close at 3pm.
- I will make sure I have all my things and am ready to leave the leopard lodge room.
- My friends may begin to leave as 'CPSN family fun day' will be over but I can stay at the zoo.
- I can leave at any time with the person or people I arrived with.



- There will be many people at the zoo.
- It may be loud and smelly sometimes.

-If I need help while exploring the zoo, I can ask Zoos Victoria staff or volunteers for help.



- I will have fun while at the CPSN family fun day!
- If you would like more of a zoo-specific social story please visit:
<https://cdn-site.zoo.org.au/media/be2jhxwf/melbournezoosocialscript2023.pdf>
- Please view our access key for more general accessibility information.