

Sensory Guide

BALLARAT WILDLIFE PARK



I am going to the Ballarat Wildlife Park.

Ballarat Wildlife Park is a zoo that has lots of animals.





When I arrive at the park there might be a line at the entrance.

I will wait my turn.

If I want a map, I can ask for one at the front desk.





When I enter the park there will be animals in their habitats but there will also be some kangaroos wondering around the park.

The animals outside their habitats might approach me but they are very friendly and I am safe.





I'll be sure to close the gates behind me, as the cheeky kangaroos like to explore.

The kangaroos also have rest areas that I'm not allowed in. There will be signs showing me where they are.





If I need to use the toilet, there are some behind the gift shop and outside Crunch's area, adjoining the Billabong.

They have hand dryers that may be loud.

The toilets near Crunch's area also have accessible toilets and change station.





There are many staff members and volunteers at the park.

If I have any questions or need any help, I can ask somebody wearing a Ballarat Wildlife Park uniform.





If I am separated from my parent or guardian, a good place to meet them is the big crocodile statue. near the gift shop.

There are also maps displayed around the park to help me.





All the animals here have their own food.

I can feed the kangaroos and emus food I can buy at the entrance but I need to make sure not to feed them anything else.





The animals at the park live in habitats.
Their habitats are their homes and their safe place.

I will need to make sure to be quiet around the animals, and not shout or yell.





I might not see all the animals that I want to see, but that's okay.

There will be signs at each of their habitats. I can read these to learn more about the animals.





There are speakers around the park that will announce the next presentation.

They may be loud but to help my experience, they are located near the tree kangaroo viewing hut and can be avoided if I like.





There will be Keeper Talks at different times during the day.

I can find them by looking at the map.

At a Keeper Talk, a zookeeper will talk to a group of people about the animal they look after. There may be a lot of people here and the keeper may use a loud speaker to be heard.





The crocodile feed presentation can get a little loud when there is a large crowd. I can ask my adult or guardian to leave if I don't feel comfortable.

Some of the animals may also make noises. The tiger and dingoes can be loud. But I know that's just how they talk.





The reptile house also can look a little dark, it can also echo and features sounds of nature playing on the speakers.

I will stay quiet around the reptiles so that I don't scare them.





There are also opportunities to meet some of the animals up close in their habitats. There will be a zookeeper with us and I will listen to them. I will be safe.

I'll be with my parent or guardian, and the zookeeper will tell us what we can and cannot do around the animal. They will also answer any questions I might have.





If I need a break, there are places where I can sit down around the park.

There are also cafes where I can have something to eat and drink.





There is a sandpit with toys at the park.

I can play with them but I must be sure to leave them at the sandpit where they belong when I leave.





I can tell my adult or guardian when I am ready to leave Ballarat Wildlife Park.

I can exit through the gift shop and have a look before I leave.







The best time to visit for a quieter experience is any weekday after 3pm.

I can also contact the park and ask if they have any school groups or any other big groups visiting the park in advance to my visit.





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