



Universal
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ICE AGE

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Getting ready

Universal Kingdom: Ice Age is a special event at Adelaide Zoo.

I will see large animal displays, lights, puppets and activities throughout the Zoo.

Before I visit, I can look at pictures and learn about what I might see.

Entry

When I arrive at Adelaide Zoo, I will go to the entrance.

I will show my ticket before I enter.

There may be other people arriving at the same time. I might need to wait in line before I get to the front.

If I need help, I can look for a staff member or volunteer wearing a green vest.





When in the zoo

The event takes place at night.

Some areas will be dark. Some areas will have bright lights.

I may hear music, sounds and people talking. If it feels too loud, I can wear headphones, cover my ears or take a break.

I can also bring sensory toys to help me relax.

Taking a break

There are **quiet areas** around the Zoo where I can take a break if I need one.

If I feel tired, worried, overwhelmed or uncomfortable, I can tell my parent, carer or support person.

We can find a quieter place together and take some time to relax.

If I need help, I can ask a staff member or volunteer wearing an **Adelaide Zoo uniform** or a **green vest**.





Dinosaurs

I will see dinosaurs around the zoo.

Some dinosaurs are very big and may move and make sounds.

The dinosaurs are not real animals.
They cannot hurt me.

There may be other people looking at the dinosaurs. I might need to wait my turn to see a dinosaur.

Moving puppets

I may see animal and dinosaur puppets.

The puppets are controlled by people and cannot hurt me.

Some puppets may come close to visitors.

I can watch from nearby or further away. **If I feel uncomfortable, I can tell my parent, carer or support person.**





Reptile House and Envirodome

I can visit the Reptile House and Envirodome. Inside, I may see snakes, lizards, spiders, fish and other animals.

The animals live safely inside their habitats.

Sometimes animals may be resting or hiding. If I cannot see an animal, that is okay.

These areas may feel busy at times. If I need a break, I can leave and come back later.

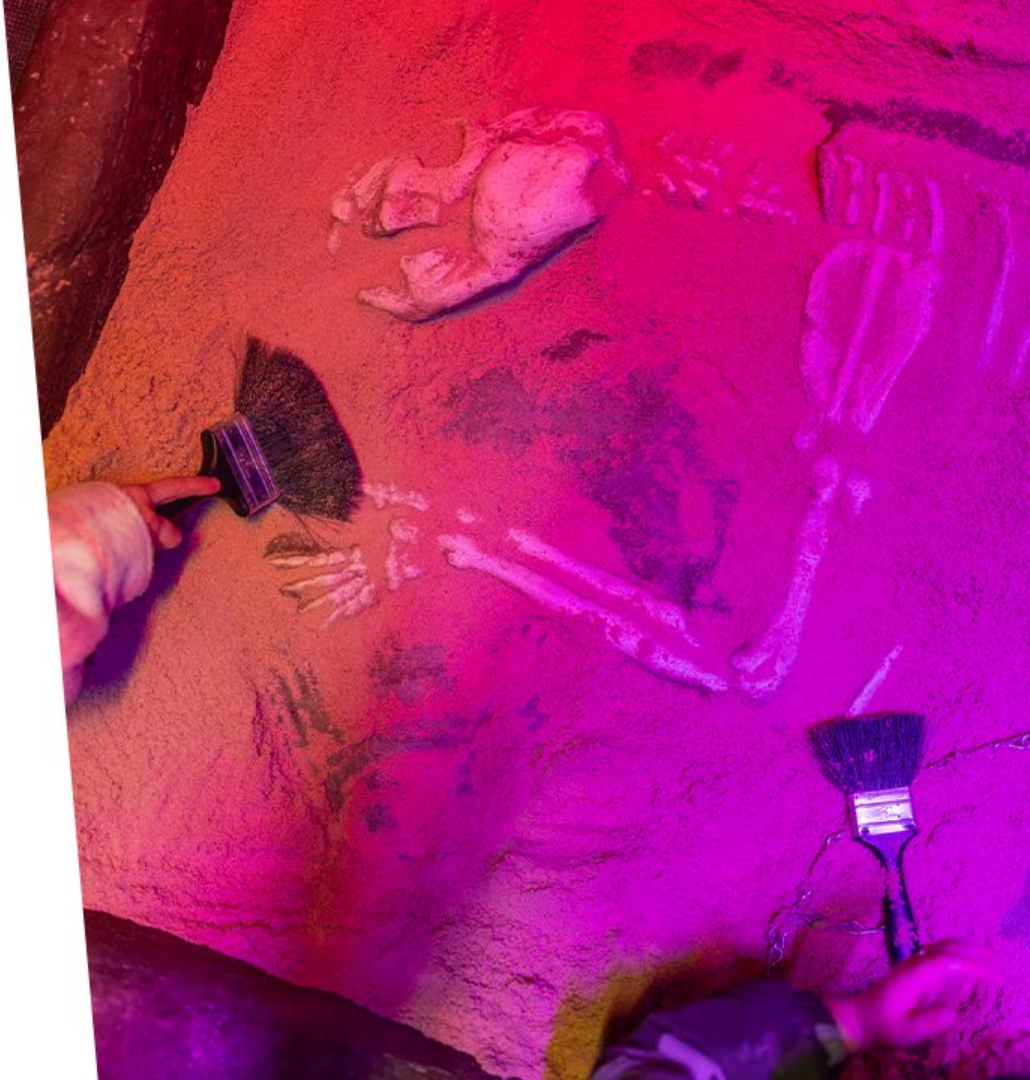
Fossil pits

I can go to the Variety Children's Zoo if I want to practice digging up pretend dinosaur bones.

Other children may be using this activity too. I might need to wait for my turn.

I can choose to join the activity or watch others if I prefer.

I might see goats climbing rocks in this area!





Nature's Playground

I can play on the playground.

There are swings, a slippery dip and other things to climb on and explore.

There may be other children playing. I might need to wait for my turn.

The playground may be noisy. If I need a break, I can tell my parent, carer or support person.

Food and drink

When it's time for dinner, we might go to **Wisteria Café** or **Fig Tree Café** to eat. We might also bring our own food from home.

These areas may be busy and noisy.

I can wear headphones or use a fidget toy if that helps me feel comfortable.





Will I see animals?

For some animals, it will be their bedtime, so I might not be able to see them.

Some animals like the pelicans and giraffe may choose to stay up late, but **some might be asleep.**

Toilets

If I need to go to the bathroom, I will tell an adult, and we will find the closest toilet.

There are toilets inside and next to **Wisteria Café** and near the **Dino Dome**.

The hand dryers and the toilets flushing can be loud. I can cover my ears with my hands or use my headphones.



Toilets near the Rotunda (Dino Dome)



Toilets next to Wisteria Café



Going home

When it is time to go home, I will make my way to the exit with my parent, carer or support person.

To leave the Zoo, I will walk through the Gift Shop. I might see toys, books and other interesting things along the way.

Before I leave, I can check that I have all my belongings.

My Universal Kingdom: Ice Age adventure is now finished.