

A close-up photograph of a hedgehog in a grassy field. The hedgehog is the central focus, with its brown and grey spines clearly visible. It has a white snout and is looking towards the camera. The background is a soft-focus green field.

MY ACTION PLAN FOR A DAY *at* TARONGA ZOO



For the Wild

1. BEFORE I GO...

MY FAMILY AND I WILL LOOK UP THE TARONGA ZOO WEBSITE.

- We will look at the map and decide what we want to see.
- And work out what we will do when we get there.

THINGS I NEED TO THINK ABOUT.

- Some of the exhibits are **noisy** and some have **very little light**. Some of the exhibits are **smelly** and some of the paths are **steep**.
- The zoo can be **very crowded** and people might bump me by accident. Crowds of people can get very **noisy** and excited – there might be **screams and squeals**.
- The loudspeakers will make announcements without warning and they can be **very loud**.
- If things get too much I can tell my parents and then we need to find one of the **3 Tranquil Areas**. Then I can help myself be calm and happy.

*It might be a good idea to bring a small **Keep Calm Toolkit** with some of my favourite things... just in case!*



YOU WILL BE ABLE TO COLLECT A MAP AT THE INFORMATION DESK ON ENTRY TO THE ZOO

FOLLOW THE PATH TO THE ZOO ENTRY

START HERE

GETTING AROUND

The best way to see the Zoo is to follow the green rings on this map. Explore the different trails and experience a show, talk or encounter.



SHOWS, TALKS and ENCOUNTERS

ZOO MUST DO

Catch our shows today!
Live shows and movies at Centenary Theatre (Map 12)

- Elephant Tower Open**
10.20 – 10.50am 12F
- ANZ Asian Elephant Talk**
1.30pm 13E
- Super Smalls! GIANT bug show**
10.30am 12J
SAT/SUN/HOLIDAYS
- Giraffe Keeper Talk**
1.30pm 5F
- Pat a Pet**
10.30 – 11.00am 3D
- Farm Animal Walk**
1.30pm 3C
SAT/SUN/HOLIDAYS
- Seal Show**
11.00am 9F
- Seal Show**
2.00pm 9F
- Komodo Dragon Keeper Talk**
11.00am 12K
MON/WED/SAT
- Farm Feed**
2.00pm 3C
- Penguin Encounter**
2.00pm 9E
- Koala Encounter**
11am – 2.45pm 4J
- Tarongasurs Dino Talk!**
2.30pm 9I
- Reptile Keeper Talk**
11.30am 12J
- Super Smalls! GIANT bug show**
2.30pm 12J
SAT/SUN/HOLIDAYS
- Meerkat Keeper Talk**
11.30am 7H
- Gorilla Keeper Talk**
2.30pm 10G
- Giraffe Encounter**
11.45am 5F
- Pat a Pet**
2.30 – 3.00pm 3D
- Chimpanzee Keeper Talk**
12.00pm 14K
- Penguin Keeper Talk**
2.40pm 9E
- QBE Free-flight Bird Show**
3.00pm 16G
- Elephant Tower Open**
12.45 – 1.15pm 12F
- Spider Keeper Talk**
3.00pm 5B
MON-FRI
- Seal Show**
1.00pm 9F
SAT/SUN/HOLIDAYS
- Koala Keeper Talk**
3.30pm 10K

Listen out for announcements about the daily Elephant bath time.

Booking is essential for all animal encounters. Purchase tickets from the Top Zoo Shop. Arrive early to shows as spaces are limited. Holidays are NSW Public Holidays.
Tip: On the main path On a trail Runs as indicated.

KEY

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| Accessible Toilets | Bus Stop
4M, 15B | Centenary Theatre
12J | Defibrillator –
Ask staff for help | Lifts | Parking | Sky Safari | Tickets 6L, 9D | Water Bubbler |
| Animal Encounters
7L, 9D, 11E | Café/Eatery
7L, 8H, 12G | Escalators | First Aid –
Ask staff for help | Lockers | Picnic Area | Stairs | Toilets 7L, 11E,
8D, 5D, 12G | Wi-Fi Hotspots
7L, 5E |
| ATM 7L, 11E | Concert Lawns | Ferry | Information 6L | Parents Room | Return & Earn | Stroller Hire | Tranquil areas | Zoo Shops |

TARONGA ZOO IS BUILDING A BETTER ZOO, SO THERE ARE SOME ANIMALS THAT I CANNOT SEE THIS VISIT.

At the moment...

- **Lions**

The lions are having a brand new exhibit being built. It will be great to see them in their new home in 2019.

*That's OK!
I will see them
when all the
new exhibits
are finished.
There are
so many
other animals
to see!*



2. OK SO, HOW WILL WE GET THERE?



IF WE DECIDE TO GO BY BUS

When we arrive we get off the bus at the stop at the top of the Zoo.



IF WE DECIDE TO GO BY CAR

When we arrive we can park in the carpark at the top of the Zoo.



IF WE DECIDE TO GO BY FERRY

When we arrive at Taronga Wharf we can choose...

...to catch the Sky Safari.

...to catch a bus to the top of the Zoo.



ON THE SKY SAFARI, I MUST REMEMBER THE SKY SAFARI RULES.

Let's have a look at them...

- **I might have to queue up** for a long time especially at the beginning and end of the day.
- **I will have to stay close to my family.** If it is too busy, I could play with something from my **Keep Calm Toolkit** while I wait.
- **I have to get in the Sky Safari cabin while it is moving very slowly,** the Attendant will help me and tell me when to get in. The door shuts automatically. The cabin might stop sometimes – that's OK I will be very safe!
- **I have to sit still in the Sky Safari.**
- **I can travel one way only (up or down) on the Sky Safari.** When my trip is finished, *I must get out* of the Sky Safari cabin at the top (or at the bottom). It is *dangerous* to stay in the Sky Safari cabin. The doors will open automatically. I will get out of the cabin when I am asked to. The Attendant will help me out.



3. WHEN WE ARRIVE AT THE ZOO!

WHAT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO? LET'S LOOK AT THE ZOO RULES.

- I will not bring dogs, balls, balloons, bikes, skates, skateboards, or scooters to the Zoo because they are *dangerous*.
- I will not feed the animals because I may make them *sick*.
- I will put my litter in the bins. Some animals try to eat it and it makes them *sick*.
- I will only *look* through the viewing panels. I know that tapping on the viewing panels can *scare* the animals.

An elephant never forgets...
the rules!



THERE MIGHT BE A BIT OF WAITING.



OFTEN THE ZOO IS VERY BUSY...

...and I will have to *wait*, sit still or stay close.



THAT'S OKAY!

I don't want to upset the animals or *scare* them.



I'LL REMEMBER TO...

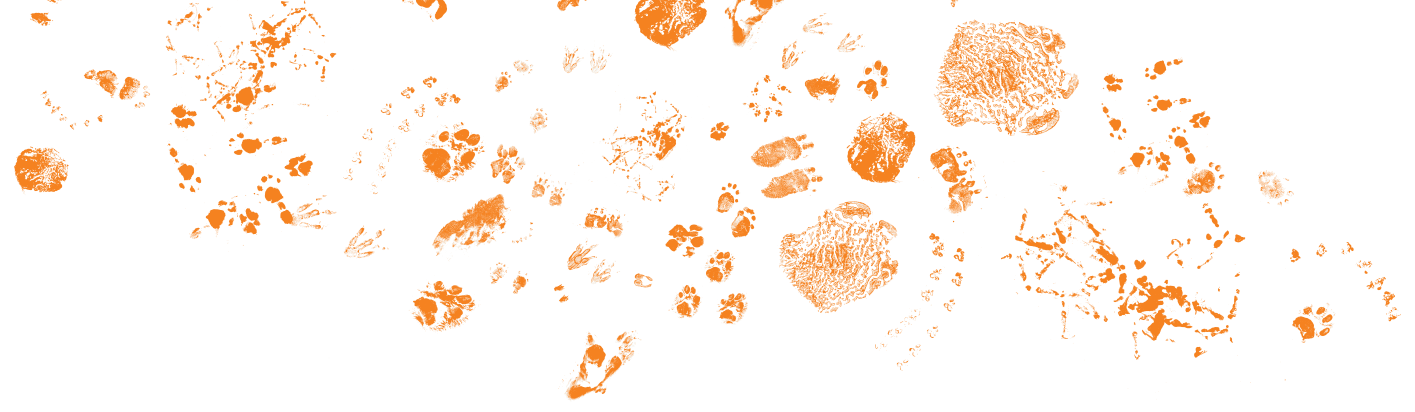
wait for my turn.



STAY CLOSE!

When I'm waiting for a show or listening to a keeper talk.

I could play with something from my Keep Calm Toolkit while I wait.





FIRST WE WILL GO IN THROUGH THE ARCH.

Then turn right to find the Ticket Office – its better to buy tickets online so we don't have to queue up with lots of people and wait.

It's not usually as empty as this!

Next I will go to the Information Office where I can get my **Orange VIP Zoo Badge** – I can choose from a Bilby, Corroboree Frog or Regent Honeyeater bird, VIP badge.

The toilets are next door to the Information Office.



Ticket Office



Information Desk

AND THEN WHERE TO?

Then we can go through the Zoo Shop, or around the side and down the path, or down the steps to the Zoo Entry.



Zoo Shop



Around the side and down the path



Down the steps



Around the side and down the path



NOW I KNOW WHAT TO DO, MY FAMILY AND I CAN CHOOSE WHERE TO GO.

When we plan our day, looking at the map, all we need to do is follow the green circles. They show the way all the way around the zoo. It's called the **Main Path**.



*If I want to have an animal encounter I need to check the times before we plan our day. **We need to book when we get there.** Sometimes they get booked out early.*



NOW WHICH WAY?

ON THE MAIN PATH FIRST I COULD VISIT:

- **Koala Walkabout**
and listen to the noises – snarls, screams and bellows and watch the koalas
- **Reptile World**
It is low light inside and it might be crowded, so I will stay close to my family. I won't tap on the glass and try to make the reptiles move – it might scare them!





OR MAYBE VISIT THE THEATRE

I could see...

- **Reptile Shows**
- **Amazing animations**
- **Taronga Wild Squad Adventures!**

Then back to the Main Path, remember the green circles on the ground?

LET'S KEEP WALKING

Follow the **Green Circle Trail** to the Forest Adventure where we can play in the playground.



ANOTHER TRAIL IS UP AHEAD!

We can follow the **Yellow Trail** and see the Australian native animals and birds in the Australian Walkabout.

Now we could continue to follow the **Yellow Trail** and visit the Blue Mountains Bushwalk. There is a double gate so the birds and animals will not escape. You push the first gate open, go in, then wait calmly until it shuts completely. Then you will be able to push the next gate open to get into the Bushwalk.



Or we could go straight and then turn left and left again to walk through the Australian Rainforest Aviary (double gate) with birds walking close or flying overhead...

...or follow the trail to the Marsupials like Kangaroos, Wallabies, Quokkas, Platypus (keep an eye out, they are hard to see), Echidnas and more!



THEN I CAN WALK ALONG THE MAIN PATH TO THE NEXT TRAIL.

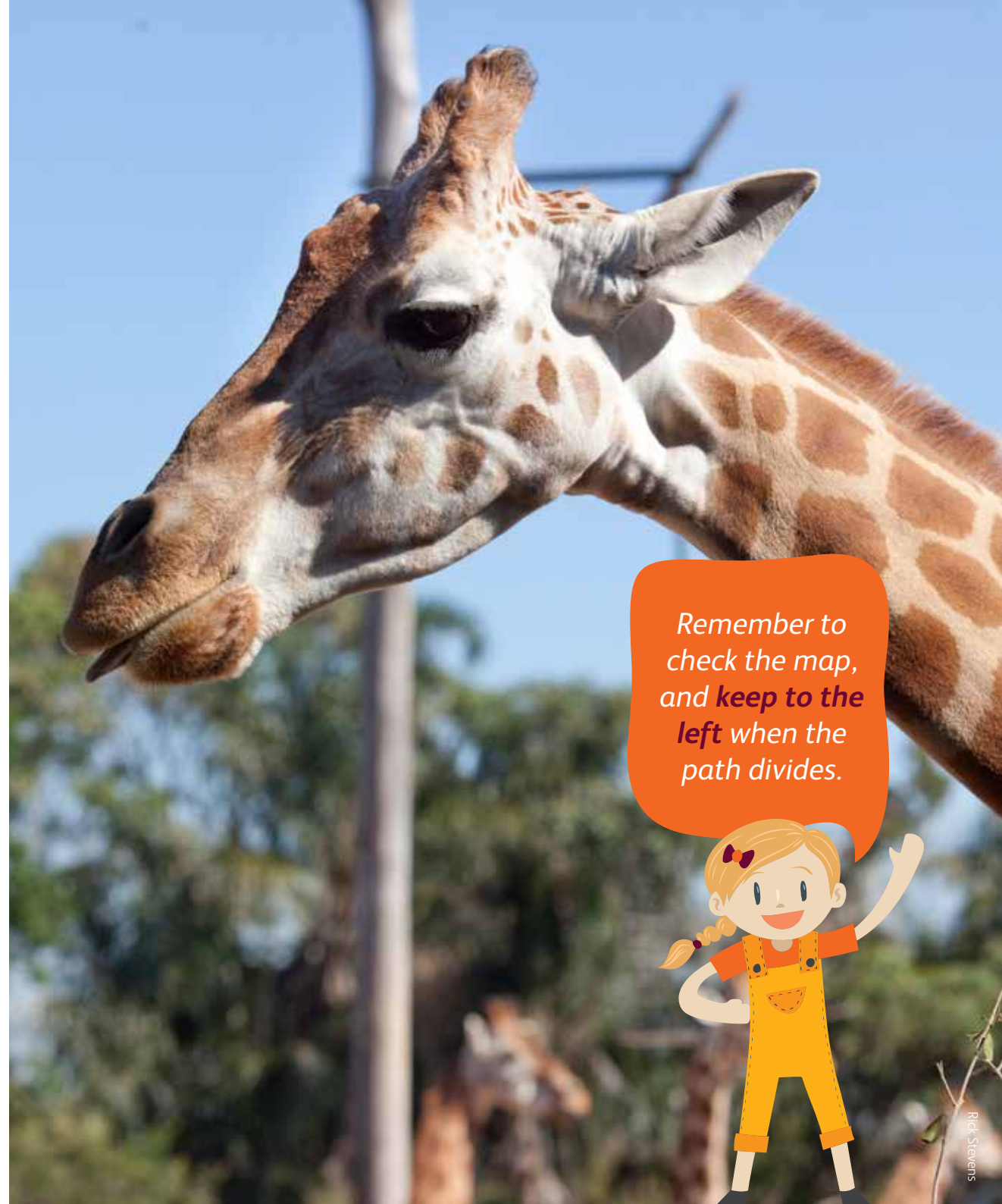
The next trail is the Kids Trail, the **Red Trail** on the map.

I can visit Backyard to Bush, pet the animals, play in the Farm Playground, or I can find the Tranquil Area for some quiet time.

Next, back on the **Main Path**, I will see our giraffe in their new home!



Paul Fahy



*Remember to check the map, and **keep to the left** when the path divides.*



Rick Stevens

THEN I CAN WALK ALONG THE MAIN PATH... TO THE SEAL SHOW!

I know it can get very crowded and we have to get there early (30 minutes) to get a good seat. If I wear my zoo badge I can get a good seat.

Shows are at 11:00am and 1:00pm.

After the show I can keep walking to the Asian Elephants and maybe watch them have a bath in the Elephant Barn.

I need to listen for the times – the loudspeaker announcements can be very loud and unexpected.

Remember when you're in the Elephant Barn it can get crowded too.



Remember to sit still, seals can react if they are scared!



THE ELEPHANT BARN IS AT THE BEGINNING TO THE RAINFOREST TRAIL.

The Rainforest Trail is the **Pink Trail** on the map.

If we choose to walk along this trail I will walk through the Palm Aviary, with those double airlock gates, past the Leaf Monkeys and the Bongo, I'll see the Pygmy Hippo and the Binturong.

When we get back on the **Main Path** I can see the Otters – they are really fast in the water, and next, the Fishing Cat, that is so agile climbing in the trees.



IF WE DON'T TAKE THE PINK TRAIL...

...we can continue along the **Main Path** and turn right to the QBE Free-Flight Bird Show, which is the **Blue Trail** on the map. This will take us past the Sun Bears.

This show is very popular and I must be there early to show my badge and get a good seat. **It may get very crowded and some of the birds are very noisy!** (So is the crowd sometimes too!)

All of the birds are amazing and they fly very low near to the crowd.



I am not scared because the birds never ever touch people.



Bobby Jo-Clow



WE'LL BE ALMOST AT THE BOTTOM OF THE ZOO AND I COULD WALK ALONG THE **MAIN PATH** TO THE SEAL WALK.

At the top of the Seal Walk I could take an escalator, or a lift, or stairs or I can keep walking on the **Main Path** round to the other entrance to the Seal Walk.

I will see the Little Blue Penguins. They are super fast swimmers so sometimes they are tricky to see.

We will also see the Fjordland Crested Penguin, named Mr Munro, and Cisco, a Californian Sea Lion.



Mr Munro



Cisco

MMM, NOW THE TRIP IS NEARLY OVER HOW WILL WE GET HOME?

We can go home by ferry, or catch a bus from the bottom of the zoo, or get on the Sky Safari and ride up to the top of the zoo to get our car.



Taronga Zoo Wharf



Catch a bus



Sky Safari

I'm going to have an awesome time at Taronga Zoo!





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