A Walk Through Queens Zoo
Today we are going to a zoo. The zoo is called the Queens Zoo.
There are many ways to get to the zoo! I could take a train, a bus, or even walk there too!
If I take the bus, I will get off at a stop like this.
If I take the train to the zoo, I will get off at a station like this.
From the train station or the bus stop I will need to walk to get to the zoo. I can walk through Flushing Meadows Corona Park. There is a lot of wildlife to see!
When I walk to the zoo, I may also pass an amusement park on the way. I may hear the sounds of the rides and children having fun.
I will know I have arrived at the zoo when I see two entrances like this. I will walk through one of them.
At the entrance, I may have to wait in line before entering. The admissions staff are very friendly. I can say “hello!”
I can pick up a Sensory Bag or other items, like a wheelchair, at this admissions booth.
During the global coronavirus pandemic, if I am 3 years old or older, I must wear a mask during my Zoo visit.

My mask should cover my nose and mouth.

A mask helps keep myself and others safe.
Just inside the entrance is a poster of the zoo map and use this to help guide me through the zoo. I can also use the map on the zoo website.
When I enter the zoo I may see a security guard. Security guards are around the zoo to keep me safe. I can say "hello"!
Once I am in the zoo, I will walk around and see some animals. All of the exhibits at the Queens Zoo are outdoors.
All the zoo exhibits have fences or glass windows between me and the animals. This is to keep people and animals safe. I should not climb the fences or touch the glass.
Some areas around the zoo have places where I can feed the animals.
If I want to feed the animals, I can use quarters to get some food.
Walking through the zoo I may see some animal friends roaming about. I may see some wild squirrels or some feathery birds too.
As I am walking around I may sometimes stand on wood chips. This means that the ground can feel soft under my feet, especially if it has recently rained.
As I am walking through the zoo I can visit the Aviary.

The Aviary is a dome where birds roam and fly. The birds may make noises and fly around me, but they will not hurt me.
If I need a break while I’m at the Zoo, I will tell my family or friends, “It’s time for a break.” I can take a break on the farm or the Nature Play area next to the Aviary.
When I am ready, we can go see more animals.
If I get hungry or want a souvenir, I can go to the Sea Lion Cafe next to the sea lion and bison exhibits.
If I need to use the bathroom I can go to two places at the zoo. Here are what the entrances look like.
If I see a volunteer in a green shirt I can say “Hi!” and ask a question about the animals if I have any.
As I am walking around the zoo I may meet some zoo keepers. Zoo keepers wear uniforms like these. When I see a zoo keeper I can say “Hi!” and thank them for taking care of the animals.
There are also maintenance workers around the zoo to fix anything that’s broken and keep the animals and people safe.
At the petting zoo, I can feed the animals. I can put the food in my hands and the animals will lick it off. They will not hurt me.
I may find some interesting smells at the petting zoo, and see many other guests who love to feed the friendly animals.
I had fun at the Queens Zoo today. I look forward to visiting again soon.