Los Angeles Zoo

A Guide to Your Virtual Field Trip
Thank you for joining us for a virtual field trip to your Los Angeles Zoo! The L.A. Zoo is an amazing place to experience nature. This field trip can be used by anyone, including teachers, guardians, and students. Use this guide to help you find the things you need to make this the perfect experience for you.

Have fun exploring!

Here are some ways you can prepare for your field trip.

**Discussion Prompts**

We are going to practice being scientists on your virtual field trip!

**What do scientists do?**

Draw a picture of a scientist or write a few sentences about what you think a scientist does.

**How do scientists learn about the world around them?**

They make observations, ask questions, and form hypotheses.

**Practice:**

- Make observations: "I notice"
- Ask Questions: "I wonder"
- Form Hypotheses: "I think"

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**CRAFTS**

- Binoculars
- Zoo Keeper Vest
- Newspaper Hat
- Nature Journal

SEE APPENDIX
Virtual Field Trip
Recreate the spirit of a field trip.

Getting Started
When you're ready to start your field trip, open our Virtual Field Trip presentation.
Click in the upper right hand corner.

Have fun watching some of your favorite animals!

Choose Your Own Adventure!

Choose Your Own L.A. Zoo Adventure!

Practice
I Notice...
I Wonder...

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Make it Fun!
Encourage students to use their imaginations!

- Bring your binoculars, vests, or hats.
- Do a roll call.
- Take the bus to the Zoo. What do you see on the way?
- Sing a song on the bus.
Post-Visit Resources

Discussion Prompts

Tell a story about your favorite observation.
Telling stories is a great way to practice sharing what we think and hypothesize. What did you notice, wonder, and think about?

Watch: Forming Hypotheses Video

Find a SIT SPOT.
A sit spot is a place where you can safely observe nature. Spend 5-10 minutes & record what you notice, wonder, and think in your nature journal.

Form Hypotheses
"I think"

TAKE YOUR SKILLS OUTSIDE
Practice being a scientist at home. Remember scientists make observations, ask questions, & form hypotheses.

See Appendix for how to make your own!

SHARE
Share your findings with your fellow scientists!
Appendix

Here you will find additional resources to enhance your field trip. From activities and crafts to songs, and books, we encourage you to view these resources as inspiration. Be creative and let your imagination take flight!

**COLORING BOOKS**
- L.A. Zoo Spring Babies
- Elephants of Asia

**BOOKS**
- The View At the Zoo
- What's New At the Zoo?
- Giraffes Can't Dance
- Welcome Home, Bear
- The Loudest Roar

**SONGS**
- The Animal Boogie
- Kids in Motion: Animal Action
- Going to the Zoo
- Let's Go To The Zoo

**CRAFTS**
Use whatever supplies you can find around your home!
DIY BINOCULARS

COLLECT
- 2 toilet paper rolls
- Glue/tape
- Crayons, markers, paint, stickers, etc.
- String or ribbon (optional)

CREATE
- Glue/tape toilet paper rolls together.
- Decorate with supplies you have at home.
- Attach string/ribbon.

SHARE
Share your binoculars with your class or show us on social media! What fun things did you see?

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DIY ZOO KEEPER VEST

COLLECT
- 1 large paper bag
- Scissors
- Anything you'd like to use to decorate your vest

CREATE
Follow this pattern to create your vest and decorate!

1. 
2. 
3. 
4. 

SHARE
Share your zookeeper vest with your class or show us on social!

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DIY NEWSPAPER HAT

COLLECT
- Newspaper (large sheets)
- Masking Tape
- Markers or paint
- A friend to help you

CREATE
Place newspaper on top of head, mold, and tape around forehead. Fold & tape the edges to shape the brim.

SHARE
Share your hats with your class or show us on social media!

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DIY NATURE JOURNAL

COLLECT
Paper & anything you'd like to use to decorate your journal!

CREATE
Fold your papers in half to make a book & decorate.

SHARE
Share your nature journals with your class or show us on social media!
What did you observe?

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