Welcome to the Red River Zoo!

We look forward to seeing you!

Read this story to get ready for your trip. We have lots of animals to see!
You are going to the zoo, how exciting!

The Red River Zoo is home to many animals that we can see, hear, and experience. We ask that you only touch animals that are accompanied by a staff member or docent who says it is okay.

The admissions building is where you will see your first animals!

Admissions Building
This is where you will buy admission to the zoo and start your adventure!

This is a place that can have a lot of activity. If you brought headphones with you this would be a great place to put them on. If you need some or other sensory fidget item let our staff know as they are here to help!
Don’t forget to say “Hi” to Zeke and Comet our White-Faced Saki Monkeys. These animals are from South America, they like warmth and humidity so they stay indoors.
Admissions is also the first place you will see Red River Zoo Staff. They wear a uniform like the one in the picture and are available throughout the zoo if you need help or have a question.

These doors lead to the zoo, where you will see many animals!
The zoo has a lot to see, like the Porcupines, who are first on your visit. Look carefully and you might see them hiding in hollowed out logs in their exhibit.

An exhibit is an animal’s home and is there to keep them safe. This is a great way for us to look at the animals while also being respectful of their home.
This path leads to our new Pride of the Prairie Exhibit. Here you can see American Bison like the one below.
In front of the Pride of the Prairie viewing are the Black Tailed Prairie Dogs who are round and small. They are members of the rodent family.

Inside the Pride of the Prairie building, you can also see our Black-Footed Ferrets. They like to sleep during the day so they can be hard to see. Are you able to find them?
Next are the Otters, and they like to swim and play. They have a pool that is filled when it’s warm. They like the cold weather too. You can view them from outside or inside.

This area is usually quiet and dark. It can get loud when there are a lot of people visiting.
As you are leaving the lower part of Otter, you will see our Swift Foxes. They like to run around their exhibit and explore.

Next animal to see is the Grey Wolves
Wolves have a lot of room to run, play, and howl, you can see them from inside the cabin.

The cabin has a quiet bathroom and is private.

You can see the wolves from up high. From this area you will have the ability to look over the entire exhibit.
Next animal to see are Eagles that are beautiful and quiet. They are in our care because they have injuries to their left wing.

After the Eagles is the Watchable Wildlife area is filled with Ducks and Geese in the Spring and Summer. In the Fall and Winter, they fly South where it’s warmer.
Next, the Ravens are very smart, and large. They like to do “summersaults” when they are way up high.

Across from the Ravens, is the White-tailed Deer, Mia. White-tailed Deer are strong and fast.
The Dancing Crane Café is a great place to stop and get a snack. Because they have the best snacks this might be a busy place and a good spot to put on headphones if you need.
The Animal Health Center is where our animals can go to see their doctor. It also has public bathrooms. Watch out the hand dryers can be loud.
Across from the Vet Center you will meet Fred the Tortoise. He only comes out when it’s warm, so you might only see him in the Summer.

The Nature Play Area is a good place to relax and have fun and is after you see Fred. There may be a crowd of adults and children enjoying the space.
The “Mommy-Pod” is for nursing mothers, but it is also a quiet place to relax. Knock before going in! The “Mommy-Pod” is closed when there is cold weather.
The Sensory Garden is a good quiet place to relax and is just past the Nature Play area. It is full of good smells and flowers in the spring and summer.
The Zoo Farm

The zoo farm is a nice place to visit after the Sensory Garden. Here you will see all sorts of farm animals. Say “hello” to our Sheep and Cows. You can even feed them if you bring a quarter!
The Interpretive Center building has tall ceilings and fun stuff to see and joins the Zoo Farm to the rest of the Zoo. If there are lots of people, this can be a very loud place.

Sit in the tractor and you can be a farmer too!
The Discovery Barn

The Discovery Barn is right next to the Interpretive Center and has a lot of critters. Snakes, Turtles, and more can be seen here! There is also a private bathroom!
Next are the Red Pandas who are native to China and the Himalayas. They eat bamboo, berries, and acorns. Be sure to look up the tree, they like to climb!

Across from the Red Pandas, the Asian Garden is a great place to relax. There are multiple benches, and it is usually a very quiet area!
Next you will see Jillian and Mirka the Eurasian Lynx. Eurasian Lynx have long hind legs. They can jump far when they hunt!

Bactrian Camels are next door to the Lynx and are big and have two humps. The humps store fat not water! These Camels can be outside when it’s negative 40 degrees. BRRRRR!
Next you will see Sichuan Takin who are herbivores. They only eat grasses, herbs, leaves, and shoots! Both males, females have horns!

After the Takin are the Pallas Cats who are native to Central Asia. They are not fast runners and begin to hunt in the late afternoon.
The last animal to see are the White-naped cranes who are excellent diggers. They make a lot of loud noises. This is a great spot to put on headphones before entering the Carousel Pavilion.

The Carousel Pavilion
The Carousel is at the center of the Zoo and can be a lot of fun! It is also VERY loud and has a lot of bright lights. On the weekend there can be a lot of other loud people in the Carousel building. This building has bathrooms that have loud hand dryers.

Thank You for Visiting!

You will exit through the admissions building. We hope you had a great day at the Red River Zoo!