





I am going to the Milwaukee County Zoo today for the Wild Lights event.

Knowing what to expect when I go to the Zoo will help me stay calm and enjoy my visit!

The line to get into the Zoo can be long when the event first opens at 5:30 p.m. I might have to wait in the car.



Once I get in, I will walk along a 1-mile path to see the animal-themed light displays and decorations. There are electric scooters and wheelchairs to rent for a fee if I need one.







Animals

I will not see the Zoo animals outdoors during the Wild Lights event. They will be inside for their health and safety.

I might see a free-roaming peacock or wild birds, like geese or turkeys.

Sometimes the peacocks sleep in the trees at night. I will not feed or chase them.







Team member wearing uniform

Each department wears a different color of shirt with a Zoo logo and a Zoo badge. I can ask anyone with a badge and Zoo logo for help.



Event Map

I can use the QR code near the entrance to access the map. The one-way path has food and bathrooms along the way. I can go through the path multiple times during the event.







Where to get a sensory bag

Near the entrance of the event, I can check out a sensory bag from Guest Services in the U.S. Bank Gathering Place.



What's in a sensory bag

The sensory bag includes noise-canceling headphones and fidget tools for me to use if I need them. They are cleaned with alcohol wipes in between uses. The bag will need to be returned to Guest Services on my way out of the Zoo.







Walking

The cement path on the route takes me through the light displays in one direction. I will walk safely everywhere I go.



Warming Stations

Along the path, there will be areas with outdoor heaters to stop and warm up, or I can go into the restaurants if I get cold.







Lights

There will be thousands of lights in the Zoo. They will twinkle and some may blink or flash. There are also light tunnel displays located throughout the event to walk through.



Music

There will music playing over speakers throughout the Zoo.

There may also be live music in the main entrance. I can wear noise-canceling headphones if I need to.







Smells at the Zoo

There might be strong smells throughout the Zoo. I will be walking through, so they won't last.



Train or Carousel Rides

The train or carousel might be open if the weather is warm enough. I may have to wait in a line.

The train horn can be loud. The carousel plays music.







Getting food and drinks

I can bring food and water for when I get hungry and thirsty.

We can also buy food, snacks, and drinks in multiple locations throughout the Zoo.



Restrooms

There are multiple open restrooms located throughout the Zoo. There are also two family restrooms: one on the west end of the grounds, near Otter Passage (between Zones 5 and 6), and a Universal Changing Station located just outside the Zoo's main Gift Shop.







Leaving the Zoo

When the trip to the Zoo is over, I will leave with my group. It might be crowded when I am leaving, so I will plan to wait and stay with my group.