

# San Diego Zoo 1 Day Itinerary for Adults (Includes Map)



San Diego Zoo 1 Day Itinerary for Adults and Older Children  
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This 2020 map shows the [most efficient walking route through San Diego Zoo for active adults and kids older than 3 years old](#). You'll see most of the animal exhibits with a minimum of backtracking.

This route doesn't include Skyfari because I couldn't find a path that included it without a lot of doubling back across areas that you've walked before. Bob and I use Skyfari as a shortcut across the Zoo, often at lunchtime. There's a larger variety of restaurants on Front Street than elsewhere in the zoo.

## Map Key:

1. Guided Bus Tour entrance
2. Guided Bus Tour exit
3. Galapagos Turtles (via Reptile House), Komodo Dragons and Hummingbird exhibit
4. Flamingos & Ducks Pond
5. Gorillas
6. Bonobos

E = Elevator DOWN

7. Hippos
8. Snow Leopards & Red Pandas
9. Polar Bears
10. Lions (and Elephant Odyssey)
11. Sabertooth Grill (eat and watch elephants from your table)
12. Baboons
13. Penguins
14. Orangutans (at the end of Orangutan Trail keep left and go down Fern Canyon Trail. It's a steep downhill with steps. Your thighs will get a workout. But the route is one of the most beautiful in the zoo)
15. Bear Canyon (turn right and go uphill on Center Street past the bears)
16. Keep left at Sydney's Grill and enter the Urban Jungle. See the Koalas, backtrack and watch the Giraffe Keeper Talk.
17. Tasmanian Devils and Australian birds

Continue along the path towards #2 on Front Street. Stay on Front Street until you see the Exit sign. Turn left and leave the Zoo. Don't forget to ride the Balboa Park Carousel and catch the brass ring before you head off to your next destination!

**Congratulations, you've seen more than 90% of San Diego Zoo-goers because you've taken the most efficient route.**

## Happy SanDiegoing!

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