

The Living Coast

Brookfield Zoo

This story will tell me what I will see when I visit the Living Coast exhibit.

I can choose where I want to go.

If I am with an adult or friend, I will stay by them and not run ahead.



Entry from Plaza

The Living Coast exhibit at Brookfield Zoo is a building where many kinds of animals live. Animals I might see include fish, penguins, and bats.

When we go in the building it will be darker than it is outside and it will smell like fish. There may be other people around.





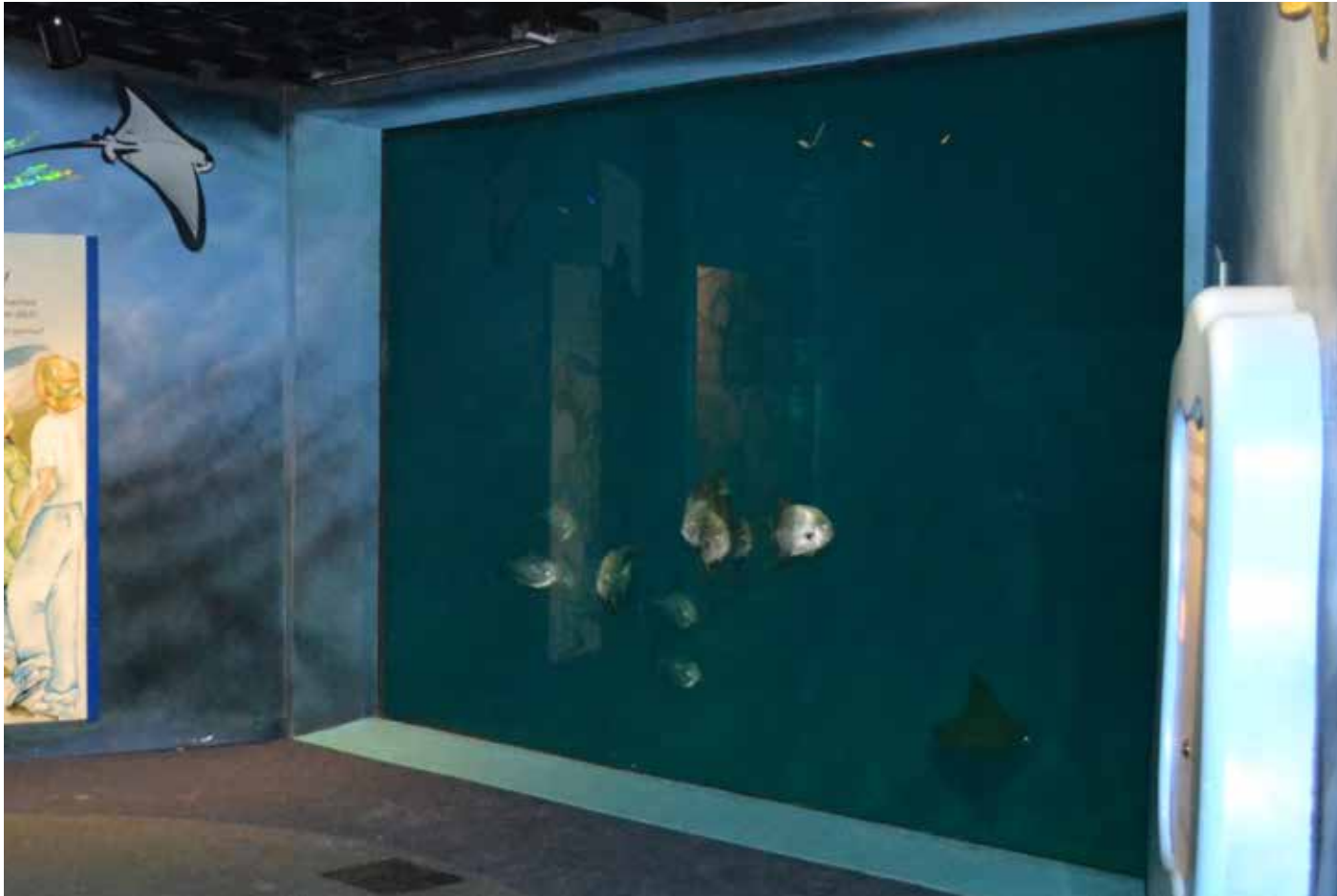
I might not feel comfortable when we first walk inside. That is okay.

I can stand to the side to watch what is happening and wait until I am ready to keep going into the building. When I am ready, I will tell the person I am with. We will go to the next part of the exhibit.



Great Lakes Area

Once I am inside, I will see several tanks that have different kinds of fish and other animals that live in the water.



The next thing I will see is a tank that is the size of the whole wall. There are fish in this tank. There might also be stingrays in this tank. I may feel excited and I may feel scared, and that is okay. If I feel scared, I can stand away from the glass and watch what is happening.



There is also a space where kids might be playing and pretending to be a turtle. On the one of the walls in this space, there is a very large sculpture of a fish head that is okay for people to touch. I can explore this area if I want to. If there are other people in this space, I will wait for them to finish before I go in.

When I am ready to go to the next part of the exhibit, I will tell the person I am with.



Kelp Tank

After we see the tanks of fish, we will see a very large tank of water that goes from the floor up to the ceiling. Many kinds of fish and other ocean animals live in here.

I may feel excited and I may feel scared, and that is okay. If I feel scared, I can stand away from the glass and watch what is happening.





I will not tap on or hit the glass. I will not scream or yell. If there are other people next to me, I will wait for them to finish looking before I stand in their spot. I will not step in front of them.

When I am ready to go to the next part of the exhibit, I will tell the person I am with.



Rocky Shores

When I walk through the doors to the next part of the exhibit, there is a part of the wall that looks like rocks. There is a machine that dumps water over the rocks and over my head. It is called a wave crash machine. I cannot see it. It will look like the water is going to splash on top of me, but it will not because there is a large window above my head to keep me from getting wet.

The noise from the water splashing will be loud, and that is okay. I may want to stay and wait for another wave. If I do, I will ask the person I am with if we can stay.



When I am done at the wave crash machine, we will walk to the pool where the penguins live. The penguins may swim very close to me if they are in the water. I will not reach over and touch the water or the animals. I will not tap on or hit the glass. I will not scream or yell. If there are other people next to me, I will wait for them to finish looking before I stand in their spot. I will not step in front of them.



There might be birds flying above me. This is okay. The keepers that take care of them know that they are flying around inside of the building. The birds will not bother me.



There will be some animals in enclosures that look like caves because they are rocky and dark. It is okay for me to go in to see those animals. I am safe and the animals are safe. If I do not want to go in to see those animals, I do not have to.

When we are done in the Rocky Shores area, we will be at the end of the exhibit. We will be finished seeing the Living Coast exhibit and can go to a different exhibit.

