Our visit to...

DINOSAUR WORLD
We are going to Dinosaur World!

Dinosaur World has lots of life sized models of dinosaurs. They are made of fiberglass, steel and concrete. The dinosaurs look real, but they are models. They are not alive.
There are no restaurants or food stands at Dinosaur World. There are some drink and snack machines. We can bring our own food and drinks. There are lots of picnic benches and tables to choose from. Some are outside and some are inside.
When we are all done with our food, or drinks or snacks, we will throw our trash away. If I look closely, I can spot the place on Trashosaurus where our trash will go!
We will see lots of signs to help us find our way. Some signs will show us how to go to areas of Dinosaur World. Some will show us other things, like the bathrooms for boys and men, or girls and ladies.
The gift shop is the first place we will see when we go through the entrance. There are lots of interesting things to see in the gift shop.
Some things might be made of glass. Maybe they would break easily, so we can keep our hands away from these things.
Other things will be fun to look at, and maybe to touch. Soft dolls or plastic toys won’t break, so maybe I can gently touch some of these things.
Maybe we can buy something in the gift shop on this visit, or maybe we can’t buy something this time. It is OK. Maybe next time.
First, we will pay for admission while we are in the gift shop. Maybe we will wait in line to buy tickets, or maybe we will not wait in line. If we have to wait, it will be OK. We can wait near the soft rope. We will be ready to go outside very soon!
We will get wristbands to put on. The wristbands show everyone that we bought tickets to Dinosaur World. Wristbands are made of paper. Maybe my wristband will be red or green or blue or yellow or orange. The wristband will not hurt. After our visit is all done, we will take the wristbands off.
We will get a map to show us where to go on our visit. Some pages about places in this book have numbers in front of them that are the same as the numbers and places on this map. Those pages will tell you something about the places you will see.
If we go to the museum on this visit, maybe we will go before we walk through the outside parts of Dinosaur World, or maybe we will go to the museum after the outside parts.
The last part of the museum is very dark. I might hear noises, see flashing lights, and moving dinosaurs. It is OK. The dinosaurs are not alive. They cannot hurt anyone. They look very real. It is exciting when they suddenly start roaring and the lights come on!
There are two playgrounds. This playground is for younger children. If I am not older than 6, I can play here. If I am older than 6 and not older than 12, there is another playground for me.
This playground is for children up to 12 years old. If I am older than 12, this playground is not for me.
Some days the fossil dig is open, and some days it isn’t. Maybe we will see this sign on our visit, and maybe we won’t see this sign.
If we do not go to the Fossil Dig today, maybe we will go another day. We will look at the schedule for the next time it is open. We need a special ticket for the Fossil Dig.
The man or woman helping us will show us how to dig for fossils. Maybe we will find teeth, or bones or other old things. Maybe we can keep some fossils, or maybe we won’t keep any today. We must pay extra money to keep some fossils. If we can’t keep some today, maybe we can keep some another day.
We will walk on sidewalks or wooden boardwalks.

We will see signs showing us the rules and safety information. What do these signs say?
We will see very tall dinosaurs.

We will see very small dinosaurs.
We will see a lot of railings or rope fences. Sometimes these are to keep people away from the exhibits. Sometimes the railings are to keep us safe in high places. Sometimes there are old buildings we cannot go in. If we see railings, we will not climb them or go over them.
Touch and Tell is where we can put our hands into dark spaces to feel what type of dinosaur may be there. Maybe some people will not want to put their hands inside the dark spaces. It is OK.

Can you see inside this space?
What can you see?
In the Boneyard, we can dig in the sand and find buried bones and fossils. We can dig carefully. We can take turns. It is a good idea not to throw sand or tools.
In this building, there is a room where we can see videos about dinosaurs. It is very dark in this room, but nothing scary is in the room.

There is also an exhibit in this building that shows how the dinosaurs models are made that we see at Dinosaur World.
In the Skeleton Garden we can see bones put together to show us how dinosaurs looked on the inside. We will stay behind the ropes and not touch any skeletons in the Skeleton Garden. We will see bones in the sand just like the Boneyard, but we can’t dig in the sand in the Skeleton Garden.
The dinosaurs are not dangerous. We will look from the behind the ropes, so the dinosaurs will stay clean and look nice for other people who will come to see them!
Some places at Dinosaur World show dinosaurs doing things that are OK for dinosaurs but not OK for little children or people who are sensitive to see. My parents or teacher will tell us if we will go in this area or not. If we don’t go today, maybe I can go someday when I am older.
We may walk across a boardwalk on to a small island to see the Deinonychus dinosaurs. Some of the exhibits on this island might be like the ones in the carnivore display, showing dinosaurs hurting other dinosaurs.
We will see a pond with fish in it. We can buy food to feed the fish. We will not throw anything else in the pond, so the fish will stay happy and healthy!

How many fish can you see in the water?
When it is time to go home, we will make sure we have all of our things, and everybody in our group is all together. We will say thank you to the nice people who helped us, and go to the parking lot to get in our car, van or bus.