Today I will visit Tracy Aviary.

An aviary is a zoo that only has birds.

Many people like to come here to see all the colorful birds.

There will be many things to see and do during my visit.
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I will try to follow the rules at the Aviary so I can be safe and happy.

I will try to walk when I am on the sidewalks.

I will try to stay with my adult.

I will try to look at the birds instead of touching them.
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There are many doors and gates at the front entrance of the Aviary.

The door that says “Welcome” above it will lead me inside the Aviary.

This is where the Gift Shop is, which has souvenirs to look at or buy.

There are bathrooms and drinking fountains near here if I need them.
Another way to enter the Aviary is through the gates at the Bird Feeder building.

The Bird Feeder is a good place to buy food or a drink.

There might be a line to enter the Aviary, but that’s okay.

When it is my turn, I might get a map that will show me how to get to all of the exhibits in the Aviary.
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Sometimes I will also get a metal washer.

If I take this to the Conservation Station cart by the Gift Shop, I can play a game that donates money to take care of wild birds.

I can look at the signs and choose the black bowl that belongs to the bird I like the most.

Then I can put my metal washer onto the slide, let it go, and watch it spin into the bowl!
There are many people who work at the Aviary.

If I get lost or hurt, or if I have a question about anything, they will help me.

Staff members wear blue shirts and name tags.
I might be able to feed birds at the Aviary.

Food machines have pellets to buy and feed to the ducks.

People can buy tickets to feed fruits and vegetables to sun conures.

Or, people can buy tickets to feed fish to the pelicans.

Feedings might be noisy, messy, and smelly.
I might be able to see a Bird Show.

Sometimes the Bird Show is outdoors.

Sometimes the Bird Show is indoors.

I will try to stay seated and keep my hands in my lap while I watch the Bird Show.

The Bird Show might be noisy and crowded, because lots of people like to see it.
Sometimes the bird trainers will choose volunteers to hold or feed birds during the show.

If I feel like it, I can raise my hand to let them know I would like to volunteer.

If I get chosen, I will try to do what the trainer asks me to.

Someone else might get chosen to volunteer instead of me, and that’s okay!
There are lots of exhibits to go to with many different birds to see and hear.

Some birds will be awake.

Some birds will be asleep.

Some birds will be easy to see.

Other birds might be resting where it is hard to see them.
Some exhibits are like big rooms that I can walk into.

There are doors and heavy curtains to go through to get into these exhibits.

In these exhibits, the birds are able to fly all around me.

I will try to stay on the walkway while I watch the birds.

It may be noisy in these exhibits.
At South American Pavilion, there are outdoor and indoor exhibits.

If I can’t see a bird in the outdoor exhibits, I might be able to see it inside the building.

It may feel hot and stuffy inside the building.

Lots of birds live here, so it may be noisy in this building.

There are bathrooms and drinking fountains near South American Pavilion if I need them.
Other exhibits are completely outdoors.

When I am at an exhibit, there will always be a fence that shows me how close I can get to the birds.

Some exhibits have ponds that might smell.

A few of the birds in outdoor exhibits can be very noisy, like the macaws.
I might see birds walk around the Aviary, like peacocks or ducks.

I might also see bird trainers walk around with birds.

They will feel safe if I look at them instead of touching them.

I can ask questions about the birds and think about what I like about them.
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There are a lot of places to play and explore in the Aviary.

I might play around the rib cage near King of the Andes.

I might also climb on the rock wall in front of the Bird Feeder.

Or, I might explore the fallen logs or hide in the tree blind near Owl Forest.
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Some play spaces might have water to play with.

It might be fun to pump water, move the ramps, or play with toys at the water feature.

The toys at the water feature are for everyone to share.

It might also be fun to explore the stream that runs through the Aviary with my adult.
Sometimes I might need a quiet place, and that’s okay.

It is very quiet at the stream near the Chase Mill.

It is also very quiet in the tables behind South American Pavilion.
At the end of my visit to the Aviary, I might try to remember my favorite bird that I saw.

Or, I might thank any staff members I see on my way to the exit.

I may come back to the Aviary again soon!
Tips for Parents & Guardians

1. Tracy Aviary is usually open from 9am-5pm. Food and drinks are available to purchase on grounds, but there may be times when concessions open late or close early. To access the most up-to-date information on admissions, concessions, and programs, please visit www.tracyaviary.org.

2. The Aviary is usually less crowded before 11am and after 3pm on weekdays or on cool or rainy days. Summer, early fall, and late spring may be busier than other times of the year.

3. Service animals must be checked in at Guest Services prior to entry and cannot be admitted to the Bird Show, to walk-through exhibits, or to Amazon Adventure.

4. While wheelchairs, strollers, and wagons are welcome on Aviary grounds, bikes, heelies, skates, or scooters are not allowed.

5. There are manual wheelchairs and social backpacks available to borrow in the Gift Shop.

6. All public restrooms on grounds have automated flush toilets, faucets, and paper towel dispensers. There are changing tables located in all restrooms.

7. If you attend the Bird Show, it may be best to sit close to the entrance. If you need to leave during the show, please wait to exit until all birds are safely backstage. An usher may be available to assist you. The show is 30 minutes long and will not be held on Mondays or in inclement weather.

8. The Amazon Adventure Feeding and Pelican Encounter are available for you to enjoy year-round, but be aware that both involve intense sensory stimuli.

9. The birds that make the loudest noises are the macaws, sun conures, peacocks, and red-legged seriemas.

10. If you need a quiet place, the stream area on the north side of the Chase Mill or the tables on the south side of South American Pavilion are good options.

11. If you are interested in small-group educational experiences, we offer free Nature in the City programs that take place in parks, libraries, and gardens all over Salt Lake County. For more information please visit www.tracyaviary.org/natureinthecity.