

the wetwalk

step 1

Why not start your journey by meeting our Asian Elephants indoors at Elephants of the Asian forest. These endangered creatures are sure to grab your attention with their very own giant water spouts (trunks!).

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From the elephants, splosh to Monkey Island where you can watch the Monkeys jump about in their naturalistic indoor monkey habitat.

step 3

Although it's too rainy to visit all of the wild life, you can see much of it while riding on the Monorail. When you board the train at the Monkey Island station, a world of rhinos, zebra, emus and much, much more opens up before you. If, due to unforeseen circumstances, the Monorail is not operating today, please go straight to Step 9. Once the rain eases, you can catch up on Steps 4 to 8.

step 4

When you disembark at Jubilee Square, take a short walk to see the Tigers, from our specially-designed Tiger window. You can enjoy the sights and sounds of these most powerful big cats whilst sheltering from the weather.

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Just behind you, make your next visit to the Grow Zone to see our remarkable collection of rare orchids and cacti.

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Not far away is one of the liveliest areas of the Zoo. Why not go and chat to one of the parrots at the undercover Rare Parrot Breeding Centre? They are colourful and noisy – even on the wettest of days!

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If you're hungry or just need to rest your legs, pop in to Oakfield House or the Ark Restaurant. Both venues offer a varied menu and warm, indoor visitor facilities.

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If you enjoy looking at the animals, why not also look like them? At the Face Painting Studio, you can be a tiger, lion or butterfly!

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From here, make your way to Islands in Danger – it's a brisk walk between the rain drops. There, you can meet the endangered species, that really is the closest thing to dinosaurs, before they become extinct like their ancestors - The magnificent Komodo Dragon!

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From Islands in Danger, make your way around the Penguins and Flamingos. They don't seem to mind the wet weather at all!

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From here, make your way to the real hot Tropical realm. Forget the rain and immerse yourself in jungle conditions amongst free-flying birds plus there are reptiles and insects.

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As you head towards the main Gates, you have one more visit to make. If the rain has dried up or you're willing to brave the weather, then do not miss the Twilight Zone. You can move around the indoor bat cave sharing space with the bats as they whiz past, deftly avoiding you – it's a memorable place to visit!

step 13

When you leave Realm of the Red Ape, head across the Arara picnic lawn to Spirit of the Jaguar. Watch one of the fastest animals in the world run amongst forest and savannah habitat.

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From here, head to Realm of the Red Ape. You can learn about the similarities between humans and Orang-utans, plus meet Gibbons, Lizards and a Reticulated Python.

step 11

Just around the corner is the Aquarium where 3,000 fish will be looking back at you. With over 130 different species of fish ranging from the colourful to the weird, the aquarium is a great place to visit - and it's always wet in there!

All facilities/attractions are subject to availability.

We hope that this guide has helped you make the most of your visit to Chester Zoo - whatever the weather. Thank you for visiting – and as you leave, don't forget to visit Traders of the Lost Ark to pick up some last minute souvenirs and gifts. We hope you have a safe journey home and hope to welcome you to Chester Zoo again in the near future.