

WILD LANTERNS

presented by BECU



SOCIAL STORY

WildLanterns

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HOW TO USE THE GUIDE

This visual guide is meant to help guests navigate WildLanterns.

We have included sensory triggers to help prepare those with sensitivities for a successful visit to WildLanterns. Look for these symbols as you get ready to visit:



Animals up
close/lots of
movement



Things to look
at, might be
bright



Tactile,
things to
touch



Loud
noises



Flashing or
Strobing
Lights



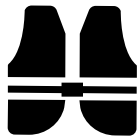
Music

CHOICES

I can use the choices to help tell people what I want and need. I can point to icons to explain what I want.



Noise
Canceling
Headphones



Weighted
Item



Fidget
Toy



Go
Home



Go to
Bathroom



Eat
Food



See
more
lights



Take a
break

EMOTIONS

I can use the emotion icons to help tell people how I feel. I point to the icon which describes how I feel.



Happy



Neutral



Tired



Sad



Scared



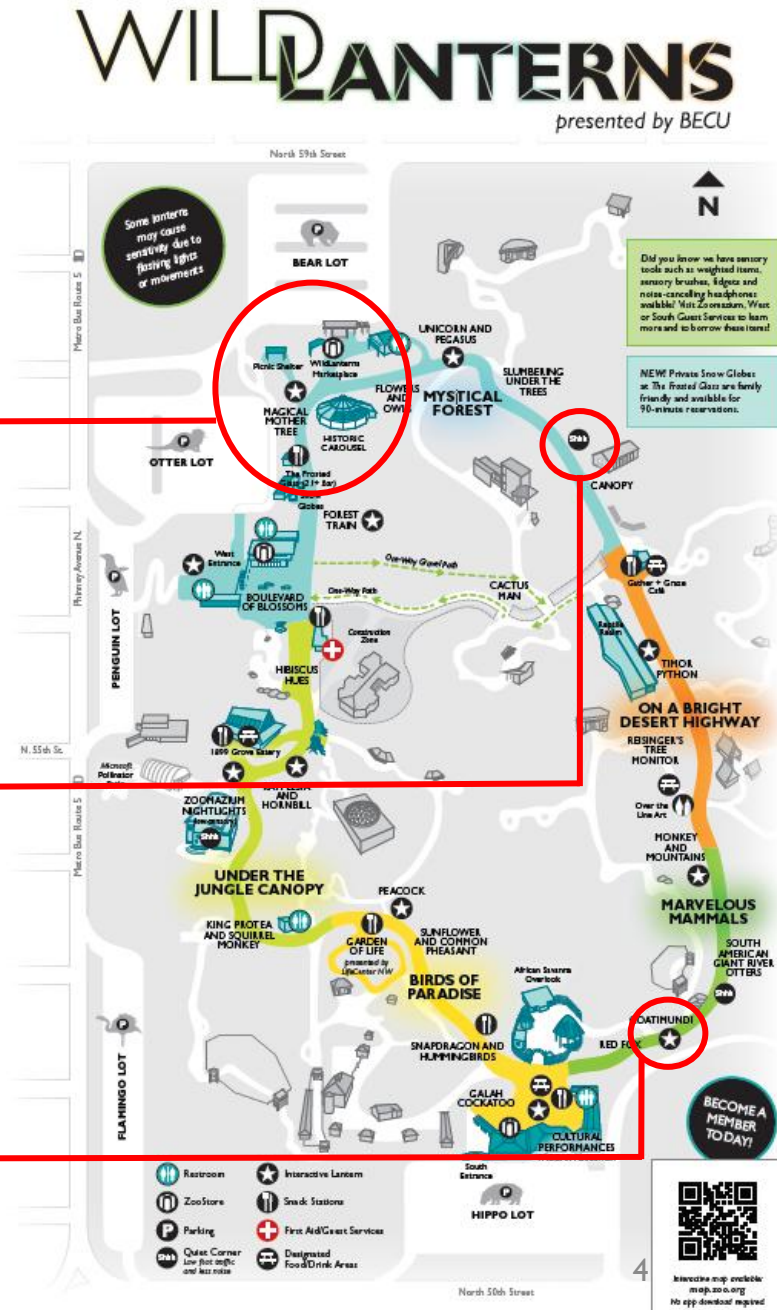
Angry

SENSORY CONSIDERATIONS MAP

These areas indicated in the red circle have strobing or blinking/flashing lights. For those with light sensitivities we recommend not walking through these areas.

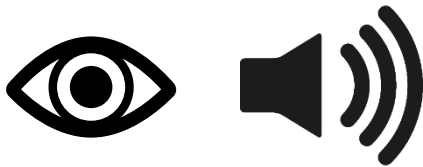
Shhh symbols indicate areas that are quieter for a moment away from the main lanterns. During Sensory Friendly Nights please head to Zoomazium for a quiet space or the North Picnic Shelter.

Starred areas indicate areas that have moving lanterns or a way to interact with the lantern



ENTER THE ZOO

I enter the zoo through a main entrance – either the South or West Entrance.

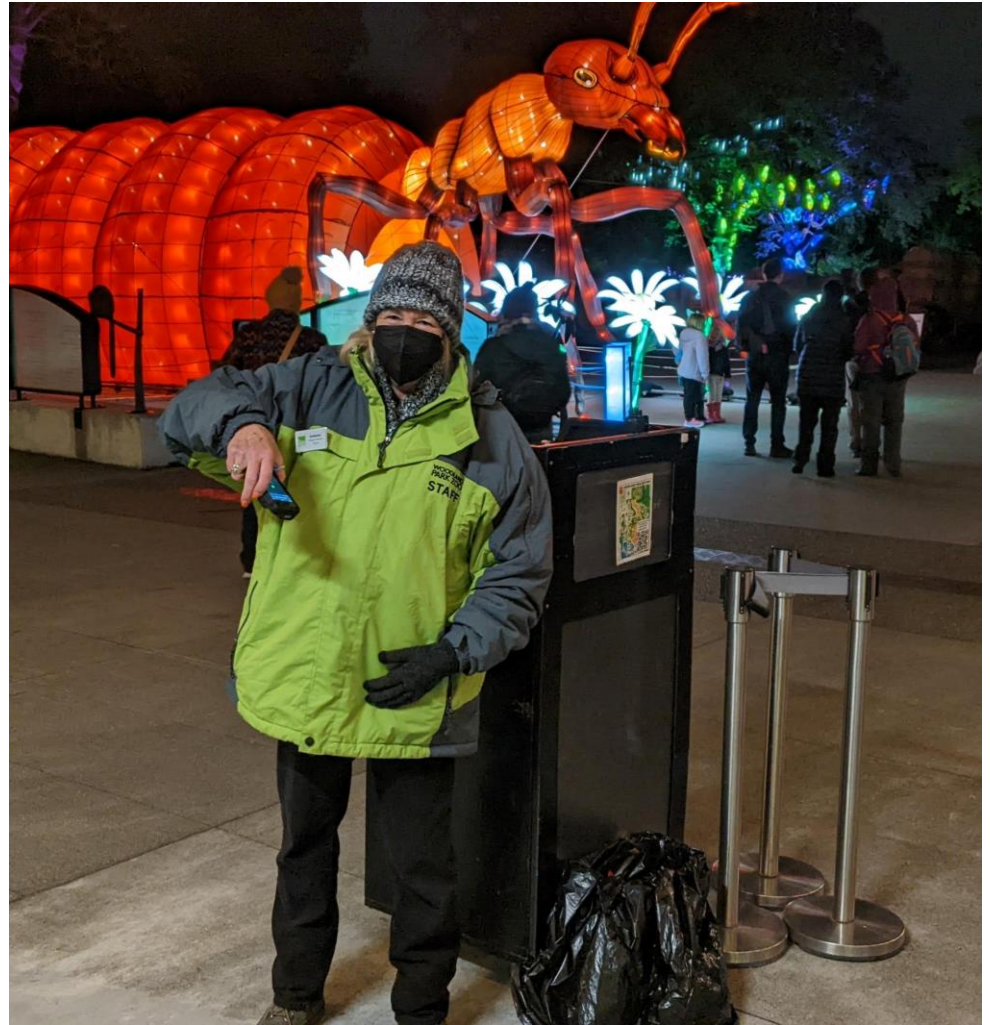


SCAN MY TICKET

I show my ticket to the
zoo staff member to
enter the zoo.

I wait my turn as there
may be others in line.

Once I am in, there are
so many things to see
and do!



MAIN PLAZA

This is where I start my adventure at WildLanterns.

There may be a lot of people here as they start their adventures too.



GUEST SERVICES

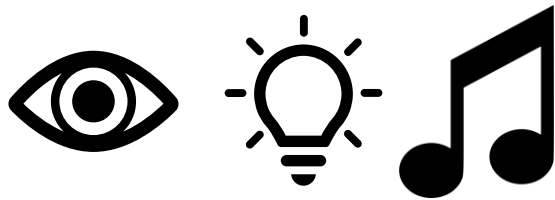
If I want I can go to Guest Services and get some sensory tools, like headphones, fidget toys, or a weighted blanket.



EXPLORE

I can explore the many lanterns that are on display at the zoo. I look back to the map to know where lights may be too bright or flashing.

I look high and low to see lanterns.

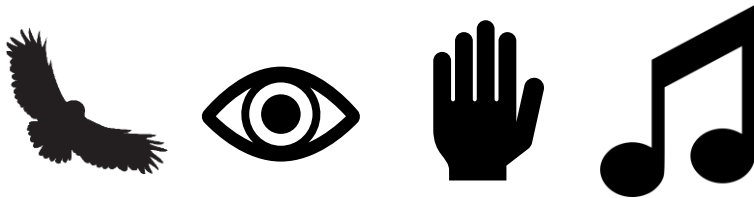


PLAY

Some of the lanterns have ways to play. I make sure to share with others and wait my turn.

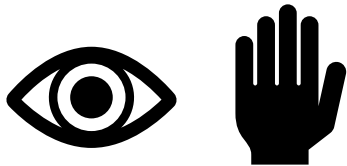
I watch my step as things might be slippery when its wet.

Some of the interactives may be loud or make movement.



DISCOVER

While wandering around the zoo I may run into a volunteer docent with a cart with things to touch and learn.



PLAY

If I want to play some more I can head to Zoomazium and see Zoomazium NightLights.

I can find a quite space here if the lanterns are too bright or flashing.



RELAX

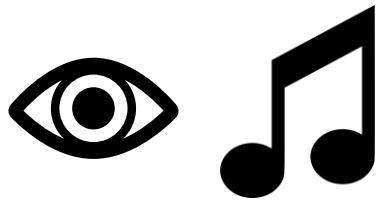
The North Picnic Shelter near the Carousel is a great space to take a break.

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WATCH

If I would like I can head to the auditorium to see a cultural performance of traditional Chinese dancing. I make sure to be quiet during the performance.



HEAD HOME

When I am ready I will head home through either the South Entrance or the West Entrance.

I look forward to coming again!

