

# Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden

## 2025 Behind-the-Scenes FAQ

Where do we meet?

**Please plan to meet at the Welcome Center  
10-15 minutes before your scheduled experience time.**



Please plan to park in the Zoo's main parking lot on Vine Street (under the solar panels). Enter the Zoo through the main turnstiles using your e-ticket and proceed to the **Welcome Center**.

If re-routed to an overflow lot once inside the park, please proceed to the **Welcome Center** (see map to the left). Your tour guide will meet you there.

If the Welcome Center is closed, please wait outside for your tour guide. If it's too cold to wait outside, feel free to wait in the Zoo Shop. Your tour guide may contact you to locate your group.

Admission Included	Welcome Center Arrival Time
Kickin' It with the Kangaroo	10:05am
Roamin' With the Red Pandas	Saturdays - 11:20am Wednesdays and Sundays - 12:50pm
Paintings and Purrs	1:35pm
Prowlin' with the Pride	2:10pm
Slow Down with our Sloth	2:20pm
Admission Not Included	Welcome Center Arrival Time
Feathered Friends	9:50am
Elephant Barn Tour	10:50am
Hippo Barn Tour	11:20am
Incredible Insects	11:20am
Tremendous Tour-toise	12:50pm
Van Goat Painting	2:20pm
C.R.E.W Tours	2:50pm
Animal Hospital Tour	3:20pm

## What should I wear?

On some tours there is a possibility that you will be outside for a large part of the tour, so plan accordingly for the weather. On some tours you *may* be asked to remove jewelry other than smooth wedding bands (no stones).

**Shoes must be closed toe! No crocs, sandals, or other semi-closed toe footwear will be permitted.**

## Should I bring a camera?

Some of the Behind-the-Scenes tours allow guests the opportunity to capture their own photos! For these specific tours, guests are encouraged to bring a personal smartphone. Other tours include a free photography package that includes an on-tour photographer when photos taken via phones or personal cameras are not permitted. Please refer to the chart below to see which tours include a photographer.

Admission Included	Can I take my own photos?
Roamin' With the Red Pandas	Photos will be provided
Kickin' It with the Kangaroo	Yes
Slow Down with our Sloth	Yes, at approved locations
Prowlin' with the Pride	No photos allowed
Paintings and Purrs	Yes
Admission Not Included	Can I take my own photos?
Tremendous Tour-toise	Yes
Elephant Barn Tour	Yes, at approved locations
C.R.E.W Tours	Yes
Animal Hospital Tour	Yes
Incredible Insects	Yes, at approved locations
Hippo Barn Tour	Yes, at approved locations
Feathered Friends	Yes
Van Goat Painting	Yes

## WHAT IF I'M LATE?

If you will be more than 5 minutes late, please call the Behind-the-Scenes Team at 513-487-3359. If you arrive late, the length of the program cannot be extended, and refunds will not be given.

## WHAT IF I NEED TO CANCEL?

All ticket sales for the Behind-The-Scenes Program are final. Exceptions to the refund policy will be made on case-by-case basis and at the sole discretion of the Program Manager. Please contact [BTS@cincinnati-zoo.org](mailto:BTS@cincinnati-zoo.org) for more details.

## CAN ZOO BUCKS BE USED TO PURCHASE A BEHIND-THE-SCENES TOUR?

Zoo Bucks **cannot** be redeemed for BTS tours. They can be used for any purchases in the park. This includes merchandise and food. Behind-the-Scenes tours have their own gift certificates that can be purchased directly from the Behind-the-Scenes webpage.

## WHAT IF THE ZOO NEEDS TO RESCHEDULE DUE TO VETERINARY PROCEDURES FOR THE ANIMALS?

As with humans, there are times when our animals do not feel well or need to have a vet visit last minute. We will do our best to reschedule your visit or provide you with a full refund.

**Allergens: *Our Kickin' it with the Kangaroos and Elephant Barn Tour programs frequently use peanuts/peanut butter as part of the tour.***

If you have any nut allergies, please feel free to reach out to the BTS Team for more details.

Admission Included	Is this Tour ADA Accessible?
Roamin' with the Red Pandas	No
Kickin' It with the Kangaroo	Yes, contact for more details before booking
Slow Down with our Sloth	Yes
Prowlin' with the Pride	Limited ADA Accessibility, contact for more details before booking
Paintings and Purrs	Limited ADA Accessibility, contact for more details before booking
Admission Not Included	Is this Tour ADA Accessible?
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Elephant Barn Tour	Yes
Hippo Barn Tour	Yes
C.R.E.W Tours	Yes
Animal Hospital Tour	Yes
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**Additional Questions? Please contact the BTS team at [BTS@cincinnatiatizoo.org](mailto:BTS@cincinnatiatizoo.org)**