

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS

COLCHESTER ZOO

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Here we are again, what a day its been at Colchester Zoo.
There's lots of animals to see, I love spending that day with you.

There's Pygmy Hippos, Anteaters, Hyrax, Aardvark, Leopard, Penguin, and Lions.
Also Mandrill, Python, Gibbons, Butterfly, Chimpanzee, Tamarin, Sloth, and Sea Lions.

Have you seen the Sun Bear, Baboon, Spider Monkey, Capuchin, Iguana, Komodo Dragon?
Wheelchair and stroller accessible, you could pull your bags round in a wagon.

There's Hornbill, Lorikeets, Orangutans, Meerkats, Red Panda, and Lemurs.
Also Vultures, Wolves, Owls, African Hunting Dogs, a full day out for the dreamers.

Play parks and Jungle Tumble, adults, babies, and kids fun for everyone.
Lunch could be ice cream, chips, pizza, picnic or a hotdog in a bun.

Some birds too – Ostrich, African Crowned Crane, Victoria Crowned Pigeon, Blue Crane.
Along with Tortoise, Fennec fox, Blue crane, Llama, Wallaby, Frog, River Hog out in the rain.

Choo choo here comes the road train, round the track to Lemur island.
Off the train look for the Lemur round the path but never leaving dryland.

Have you seen the Flamingos? Pink and standing on one leg.
They added mirrors to increase the flock, in the hope of a nest egg.

As well as Deer, Pigs, Donkeys, Guinea Pigs, Fish, Cheetah, Tigers, Macaque, Giraffe, Spotted Hyena, Dik-dik, Rhino, Zebra which roam free and maybe an Elephant calf.

The Otters splash and swim, cuddle up together and bathe in the sun.
There are slides, swings, sand sculptures, balloons, and face painting, all good fun.

A rainbow of colour, it's a bird, it's the Lorikeets, flying in the tree.
Pecking at the nectar, you can feed them from your hand for a fee.

Animal feed experiences run through the day, see the Red Panda and Tigers eat.
The keepers give an informative talk and time for questions, so take a seat.

Sensation Station walk with the Wallaby and go stroke the Goats and Sheep.
Get a picture in the Tortoise shell, Wallaby pouch or Colchester safari jeep.

We walked round the whole Zoo; I think we have seen it all.
From the big grey Elephant to the colourful Butterfly so small.

