Attention Bus Drivers!

Bus Parking Guidelines for School Field Trips

All school buses and parent chaperones in personal vehicles must enter at the Fairgrounds Gate 5 and park in the parking field PRIOR TO unloading* to alleviate congestion at the front entrance of the zoo and allow vehicles to move off the street more quickly.

We ask that ALL bus drivers follow these guidelines regardless of the traffic you encounter at the zoo.

We want your students’ visit to the zoo to be as safe and enjoyable as possible. These parking guidelines help by reducing vehicle traffic on the drive in front of the zoo.

* Please see map on back. Exceptions to this policy will be made for buses of students with disabilities.

Zoo admission for bus drivers is free! So, come on in, walk around and enjoy all there is to see!

We sincerely appreciate your cooperation by adhering to these guidelines and all instructions you receive from zoo and security personnel.

If you have questions about your route to the zoo or what to do once you arrive, please call our office ahead of time, 417-833-1570.

Thank you!

Dickerson Park Zoo

Northbound on Kansas Expressway through Springfield:
Turn east on Norton Road. Continue past the zoo entrance drive to Fairgrounds Gate 5.
Enter Gate 5 and park in the field.

From Southbound MO 13:
Turn east onto Norton Road and continue east to Fairgrounds Gate 5.
Enter Gate 5 and park in the field.

From Westbound I-44:
Exit to the right at Exit 77 to Norton Road and continue east to Fairgrounds Gate 5.
Enter Gate 5 and park in the field.

From Eastbound I-44:
Take Exit 77, turning left through Diverging Diamond Interchange, to Norton Road and continue east to Fairgrounds Gate 5 and park in the field.