Mindful Moves at Chester Zoo

The zoo is a great place to connect with friends and family, but it can also be a place to connect with nature, slow down and enjoy a little mindfulness. Try out some of these ideas for supporting wellbeing at the zoo today.

Capture the moment

Unusual photos can be a great way to remember a visit or to inspire something creative at home. Zoom in and use the lens to help you really notice some of the more unusual details you can find at the zoo.

Find green spaces

As well as amazing animals, the zoo has lots of beautiful plants, gardens and lawns - perfect for taking some time out to sit quietly and take a few deep breaths.

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Mindful drawing

Find a quiet space in the zoo and draw something that you notice. Enjoy exploring the details and shapes. Don’t worry about creating a masterpiece!

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TOP TIP: Stay in the moment - only take your phone out to take photos!