

Direction to the Discovery Center: You will enter the zoo through the south entrance, not the main entrance.

Drive to the Discovery Center by entering Brookfield Zoo's South Gate. Located just off 1st Avenue, (south of 31st Street and north of Ogden Avenue) take Ridgewood-Forest Avenue west one block to Golf Road north. They will let you in free at the admission booth, if you say that you are attending the Leadership Awards. Proceed through the gate, follow the access road along the east side of the zoo to the Northeast Discovery Center Parking Lot. You will go over two speed bumps and past one stop sign prior to entering the Discovery Center Parking lot. The Discovery Center is located at the west end of the Parking Lot.

Northshore, Near North and Downtown Chicago: I-90/94 downtown. Then take I-290 west toward the western suburbs. Exit at First Avenue going south (watch for Zoo signs). Follow First Avenue past 31st Street and turn west onto Ridgewood-Forest Avenue (there's a high school on the corner).

From the North: Take I-294 toward Indiana. Exit I-290 east toward Chicago. Exit at First Avenue going south (watch for Zoo signs). Follow First Avenue past 31st Street and turn west (right) onto Ridgewood-Forest Avenue (there's a high school on the corner).

Northwest: Take Route 53 south to I-290 east toward Chicago. Exit at First Avenue going south (watch for Zoo signs). Follow First Avenue past 31st Street and turn west (right) onto Ridgewood-Forest Avenue (there's a high school on the corner).

Far Western Suburbs: I-88 to I-290 east toward Chicago. Exit at First Avenue going south (watch for Zoo signs). Follow First Avenue past 31st Street and turn west (right) onto Ridgewood-Forest Avenue (there's a high school on the corner).

Southwest: I-55 east toward Chicago. Exit First Avenue north (look for Zoo signs). Continue north on First Avenue past Ogden Ave. and turn west (left) onto Ridgewood-Forest Avenue (there's a high school on the corner).

South: Take I-294 toward Wisconsin. Exit Ogden Ave. east. Follow Ogden to First Avenue and turn north (left). Then turn west (left) onto Ridgewood-Forest Avenue (there's a high school on the corner).

