**Social Story**

**Today I’m visiting:**

**Serpentine Falls in Serpentine National Park**

**Every Kid in a Park**

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This is a Social Story™ about visiting Serpentine Falls in Serpentine National Park.

Social stories help explain social situations to children and adults with autism spectrum disorder, intellectual disability, developmental delays and learning challenges.

A Social Story™ answers the ‘wh’ questions – where and when a situation occurs, who is involved, what is happening and why. We suggest the Social Story™ be meaningfully shared in a reassuring tone.

This Social Story™ aims to help people of all abilities to plan and prepare for their visit to Serpentine Falls by explaining what they can expect on the day of their visit.

This Social Story™ was developed by Nature Play WA in consultation with local educators.

I am going to visit Serpentine Falls in Serpentine National Park.

Serpentine Falls is a bushland area with a walk trail that leads to a waterfall and natural pool.

I might go swimming or play in the water.

My trusted person will come with me.

I will need to bring comfortable walking shoes and a jacket on cold days.

I will need to bring my bathers if I want to go swimming.

It is important that I bring a hat, water bottle and sunscreen.

There are picnic tables, walk trails and trees.

There are signs around the picnic area that tell me all about the animals and plants in Serpentine National Park.

There are lots of things to do at Serpentine Falls.

I might:

* follow the walk path to the falls
* go swimming
* see birds like magpies, ravens, Australian ringnecks, grey fantails and honeyeaters
* see kangaroos
* follow a walk trail to explore Serpentine National Park.

There are toilets at Serpentine Falls.

My trusted person will be able to show me where they are.

Snakes live around Serpentine Falls.

If I see a snake, I need to stand very still.

I will then need to slowly move away from the snake.

My trusted person will be able to help me.

I might go swimming.

It is important that I ask my trusted person before I go near the water.

My trusted person will need to come with me.

If I am hungry, I might have a barbecue or picnic.

Sometimes Serpentine Falls might be noisy.

I might hear the water flowing from the rocks.

I might hear noisy birds and animals.

There might be lots of people making noise.

To help with the noise, I can bring my ear defenders or ear plugs.

My trusted person might take me to a quiet area.

My trusted person will tell me when it is time to go home.

Serpentine Falls is lots of fun!