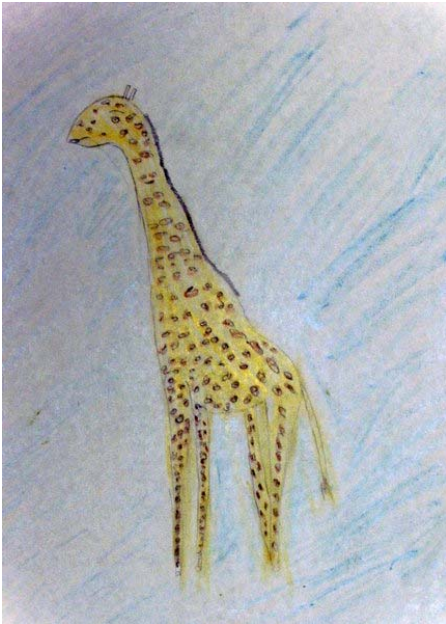


# Western Plain Zoo

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On 23 June, 2008, my mum, grandma and I went to Western Plain Zoo to stay for three days. We went as an early birthday present for me. The journey to Western Plain Zoo was long - it took us 3 hours by car to get there.

The first thing we did was go to the zoo's office and ask for the key to our room. We were called the Rhinos. The tent was cool, it was half cement and half fabric. It was big with three beds; two singles and one double. I got the double bed. It had a sink, fridge, washing machine, couch and a TV. At 3:00pm, it was time to go see the monkeys.

As soon as we got on the bus, we went straight to the monkey's enclosure. There were all kind of monkeys. There were small ones, big ones and some that were very cute. My favourite was one called Bella. After that, we went to see the elephants.

When we reached the elephants' enclosure we were allowed to ride one if we were brave enough. I was so scared so I did not ride one. It was so tall that I thought someone was going to fall off. Then we went back to our tents to get some rest.

The next day at 9:00am, we went to see the meerkats. It was funny to see them jump up and down like they did. They were really cool. At 11:00am, we went to have lunch at the diner and left at 3:00pm.

The last thing that we saw during the day were the birds. I could not count the birds, there were so many. The best one there was the peacock. They were so beautiful. After that was over, we went back to our tent to rest so we could go out at 6:00pm to see the hippos.

When 6:00 came, we got straight on the bus and went to the hippopotamus enclosure. They showed us how wide could can open their mouths - to almost 1 meter long! It was amazing.

After we finished we went back to the tent to go to sleep.

The next morning, it was our last at Western Plain Zoo.

The last thing we were going to see were the giraffes. When we got there, we were allowed to feed them carrots. They had long blue tongues that are very slimy. They wrapped their tongues around your hands to get the carrots. They were my favourite animals.

Then we packed our bags and went home.

There were some of the best days of my life and definitely the best early birthday present I have ever had.