

Sensory Guide

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Brevard Zoo is proud to accommodate all guests who may have sensory sensitivities. Our Sensory Guide can be used to plan your Zoo trip and create the best possible experience for you and your family.

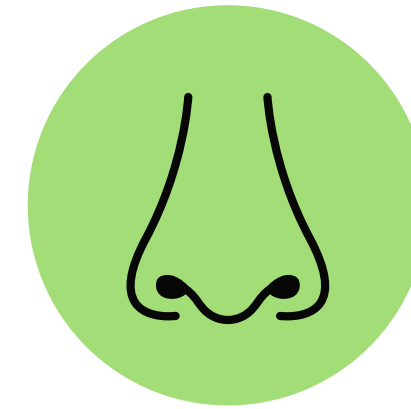
The following symbols represent the scale of multiple sensory experiences involving touch, smell, sound, movement, sight, and task complexity.

Touch



The amount of sensation on your skin

Smell



The strength of odors in the area

Sound



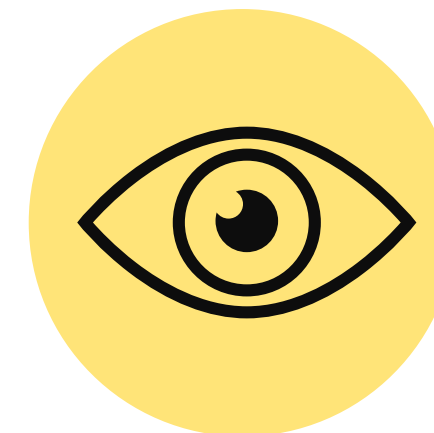
The intensity of noises in the area

Movement



How much your body will need to move

Sight



The amount of light your eyes will see

Complexity



The level and number of directions to follow

Cape to Cairo Express

Take a train ride to see zebras, camels, and more! This train can be noisy and bumpy at times. Children are asked to follow the safety rules of the train. The train is wheelchair accessible.

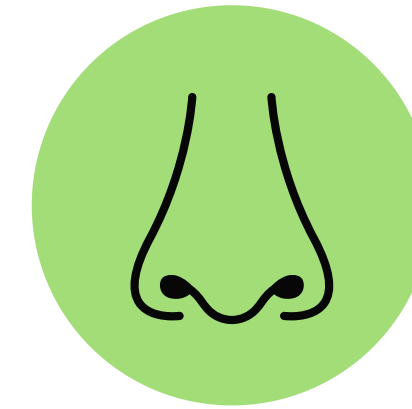


Touch



LOW

Smell



LOW

Sound



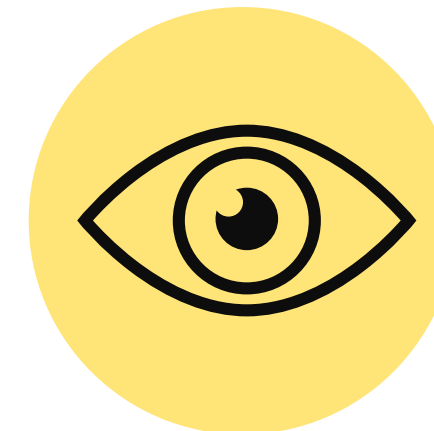
HIGH

Movement



MEDIUM

Sight



MEDIUM

Complexity



MEDIUM

Treetop Trek Canopy Walk

This outdoor adventure features stairs and obstacles to climb while viewing animals from above. This activity requires movement and following safety instructions.

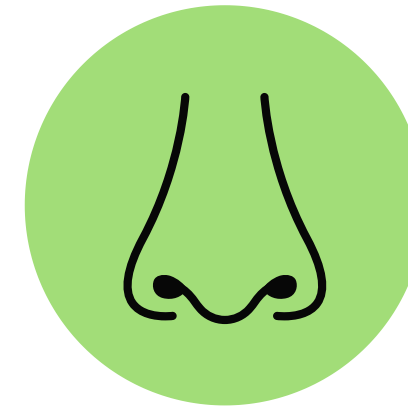


Touch



HIGH

Smell



LOW

Sound



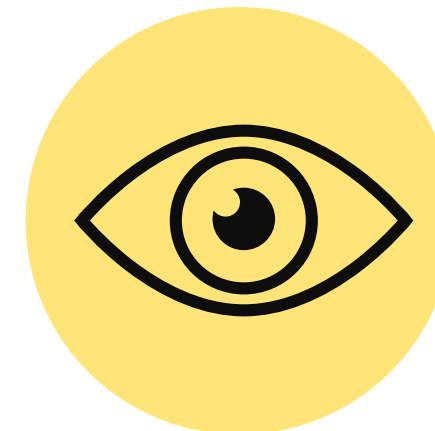
MEDIUM

Movement



HIGH

Sight



MEDIUM

Complexity



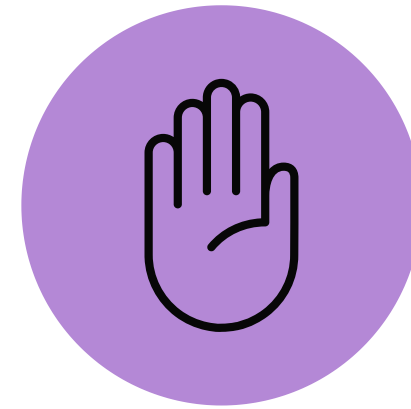
HIGH

The Barnyard

Guests can choose to touch goats, tortoises, and more! This area can be smelly. Guests must follow minimal directions to keep animals safe.

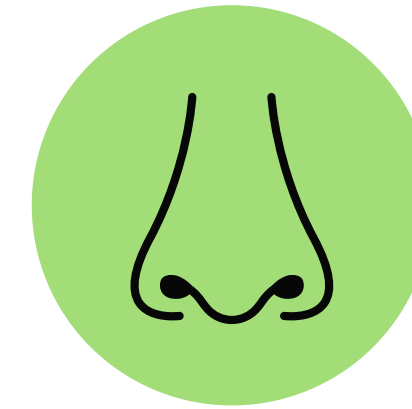


Touch



MEDIUM

Smell



HIGH

Sound



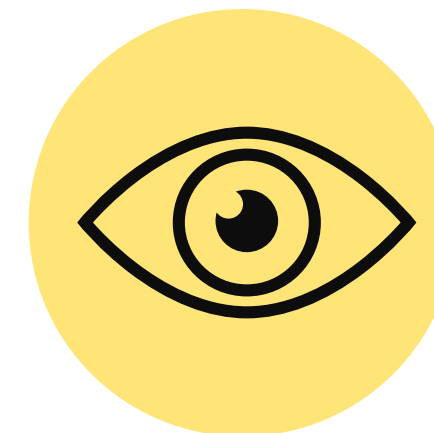
MEDIUM

Movement



MEDIUM

Sight



MEDIUM

Complexity



MEDIUM

Indian River Play Lagoon

Enjoy a break from the heat in the lagoon. Children can play in water and view stingrays and fish. This area can be very noisy depending on the presence of crowds.

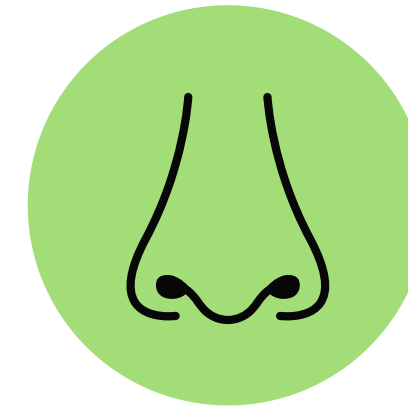


Touch



MEDIUM

Smell



LOW

Sound



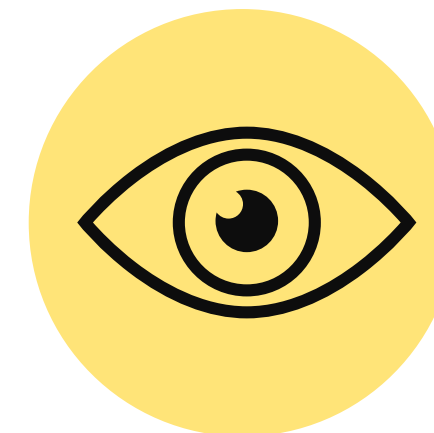
MED/HIGH

Movement



MEDIUM

Sight



MEDIUM

Complexity



LOW

Upland Acres

This play space is available in Paws On. This area can get noisy and some activities require movement.

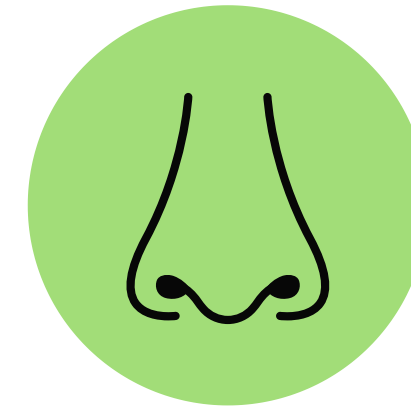


Touch



MEDIUM

Smell



LOW

Sound



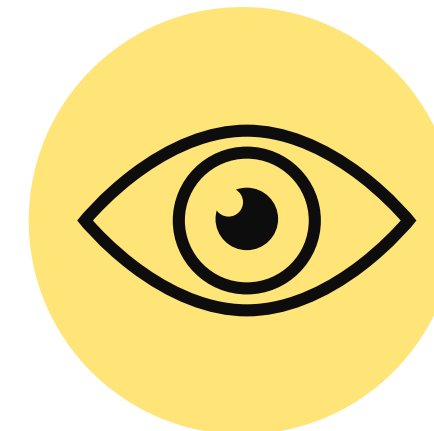
MEDIUM

Movement



MED/HIGH

Sight



MEDIUM

Complexity



LOW

Expedition Africa

This loop is home to zebras, giraffes, meerkats, and much more! Some animals may be smelly. There are slight inclines in some pathways.

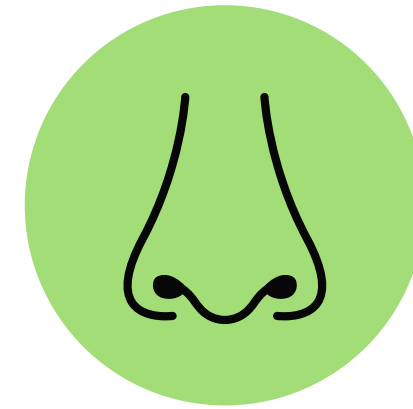


Touch



LOW

Smell



MEDIUM

Sound



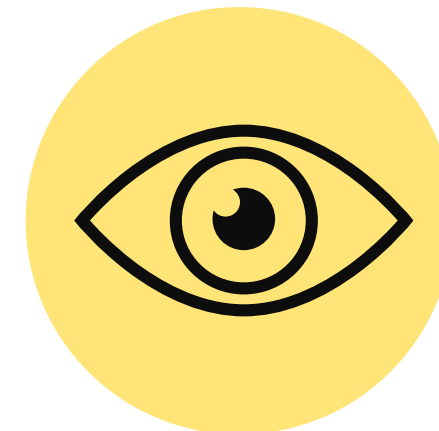
MEDIUM

Movement



MEDIUM

Sight



MEDIUM

Complexity



LOW

Giraffe Feeding

Hand-feed a giraffe in Expedition Africa! The deck is wheelchair accessible. This is a popular Zoo activity, so this area can get crowded. Guests are given some directions to keep themselves and the animals safe.



Touch



MEDIUM

Smell



MEDIUM

Sound



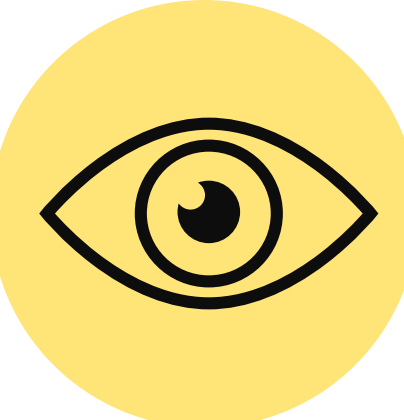
MEDIUM

Movement



LOW

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Complexity



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Expedition Africa Kayaking

Kayak in Expedition Africa around animal exhibits! Movement is likely to occur from the kayak and the water. Children are expected to follow safety instructions

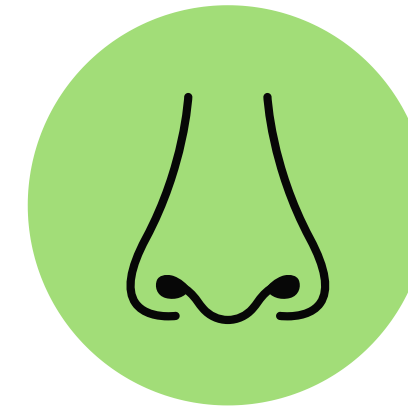


Touch



MEDIUM

Smell



MEDIUM

Sound



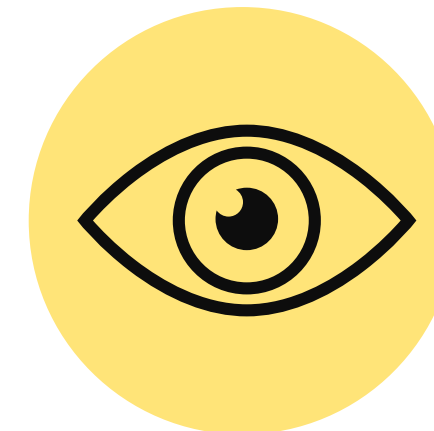
MEDIUM

Movement



HIGH

Sight



MEDIUM

Complexity



HIGH

Rhino Encounters

Located in Expedition Africa, guests can view Rhinos In a "behind the scenes" experience. This area can be smelly. Guests with mobility devices are encouraged to contact the Zoo before booking.

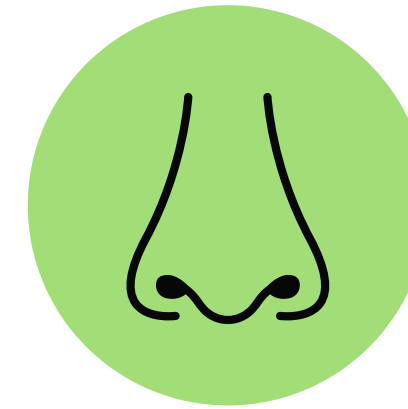


Touch



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Smell



HIGH

Sound



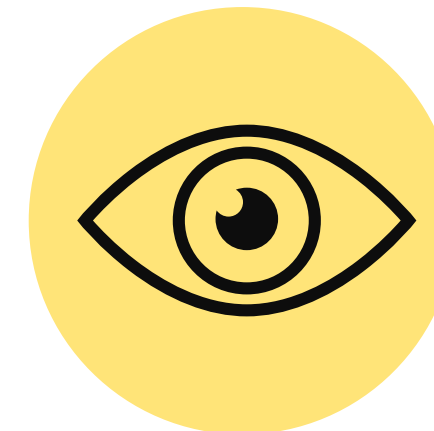
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Movement



LOW

Sight



MEDIUM

Complexity



MEDIUM

Behind the Care: Africa Tour

Get a "behind the scenes" look at the Expedition Africa loop and see how we care for our animals! This tour must be purchased ahead of time. Some areas may be smelly. The pathway is mainly gravel. Guests must follow all directions for safety.

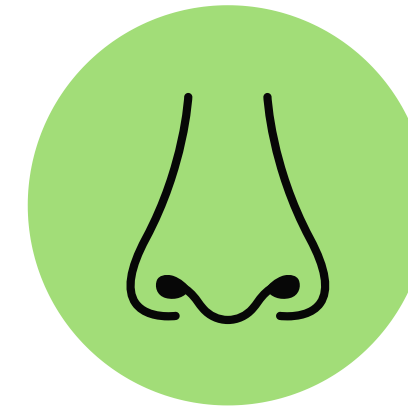


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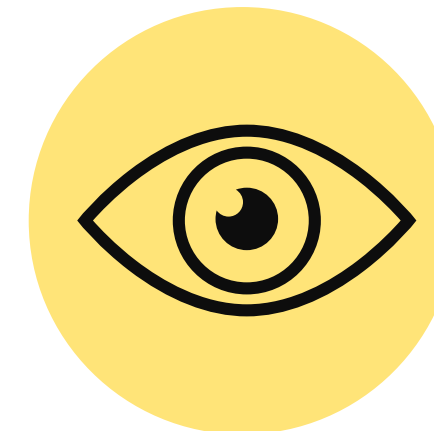
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Complexity



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Lands of Change

Guests can view a Komodo dragon, emus, and much more in this loop! The aviary may be noisy.

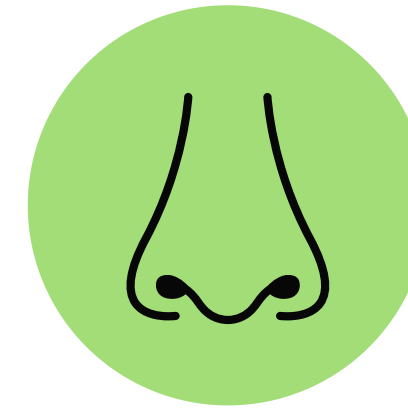


Touch



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Smell



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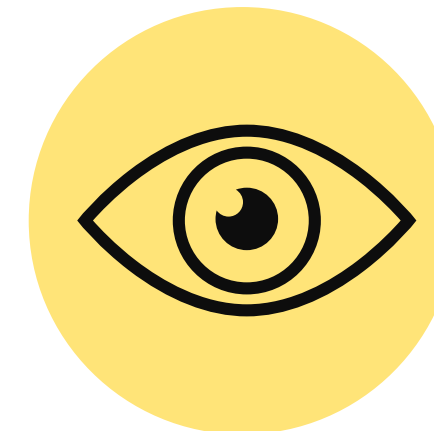
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Movement



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Sight



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Complexity



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Kangaroo Walkabout

Take a walk next to red kangaroos, dingos, and emus. Guests must follow safety instructions and are not able to touch or pet the animals. Animals are in close proximity to guests.

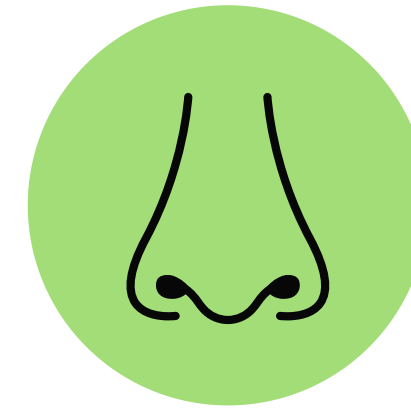


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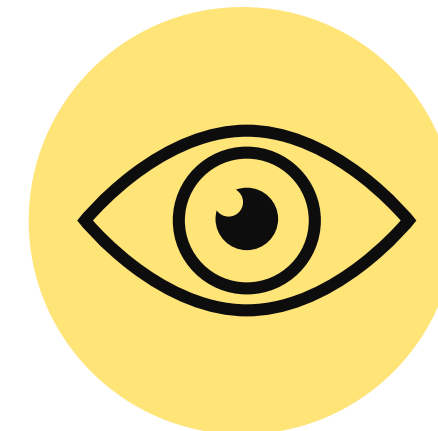
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Movement



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Sight



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Complexity



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Lorikeet and Cockatiel Feedings

Located in Lands of Change, guests can choose to enter the aviary and feed two types of birds. This area can be crowded at times, and it is likely a bird will land on a guest. The birds are very noisy. Guests must follow safety instructions.

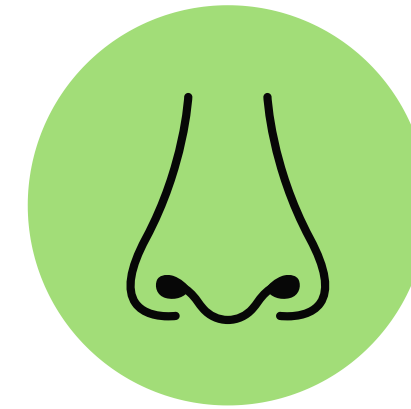


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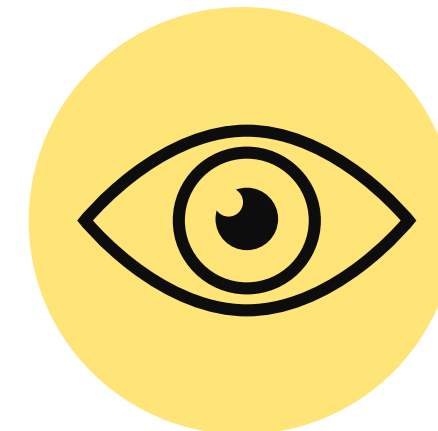
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Complexity



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Wild Florida

This loop contains alligators, bears, bobcats, and many more native species. This loop is more quiet than others depending on crowds.

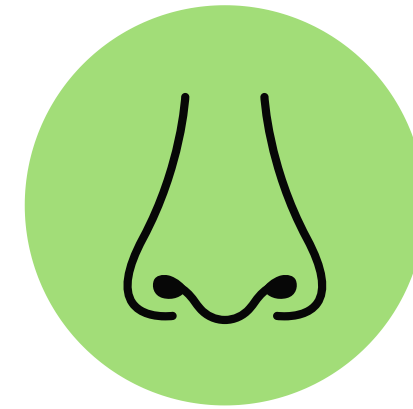


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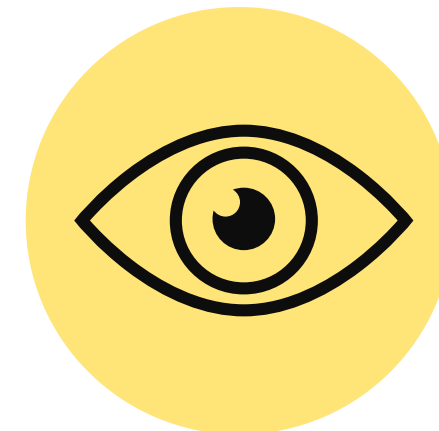
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Wetlands Kayaking

Kayak the Wetlands located in Wild Florida! Movement is likely to occur from the kayak and the water. Wetlands kayaking is wheelchair accessible. Children are expected to follow safety instructions.

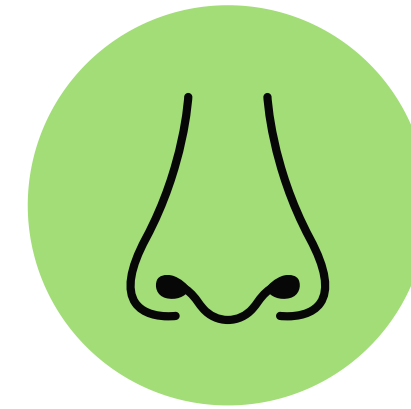


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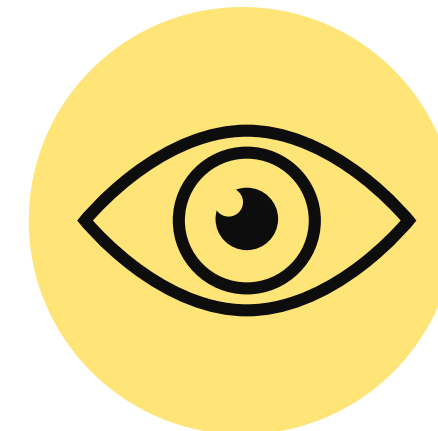
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Movement



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Sight



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Complexity



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Caribbean Trail

Kids can go on a treasure hunt alongside iguanas and yellow-naped amazons. The treasure hunt requires reading skills and problem solving.



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Smell



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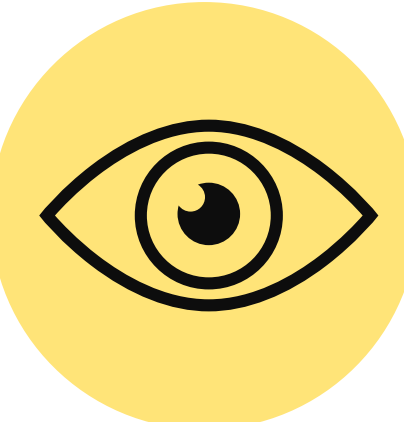
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Complexity



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Rainforest Revealed

This loop contains many species of monkeys, otters, sloths, and more. This area can get crowded and noisy at times.

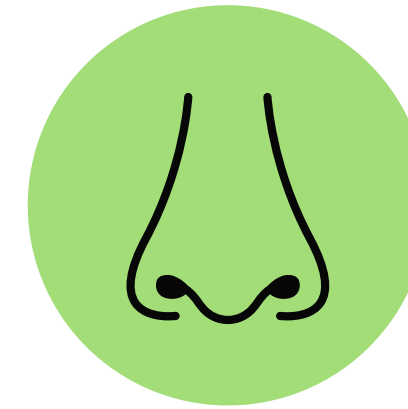


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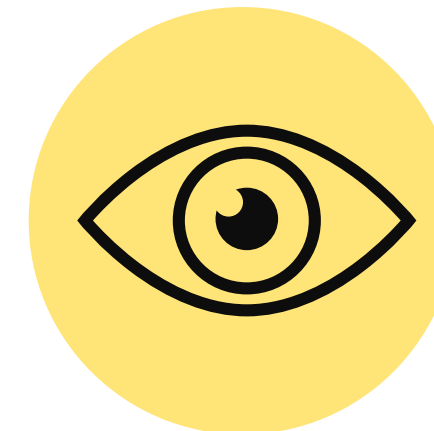
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Complexity



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Closer Look: Rainforest Revealed Experience

Purchase tickets ahead of time for a guided tour of the Rainforest Revealed loop and have an up-close encounter with a tapir. The animals may be smelly.



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Smell



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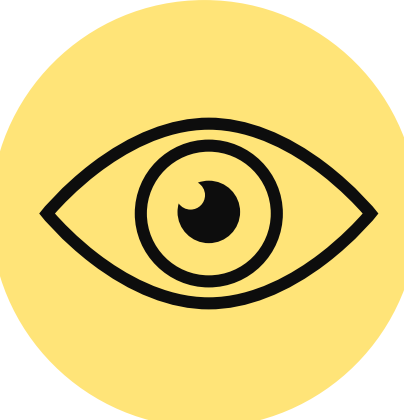
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Wonders of the Wild Gift Shop

Stop in to buy a variety of merchandise, toys, plush animals, and more!

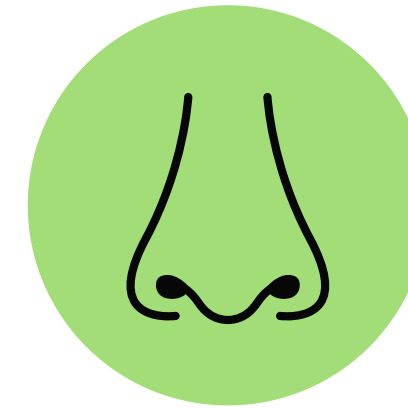


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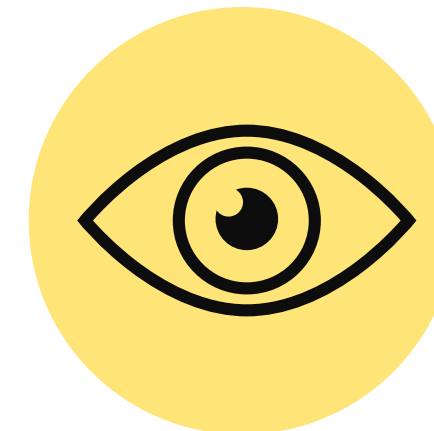
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Complexity



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Conservation Kiosk

Learn about the Zoo's conservation efforts and how you can do your part! TV screens play educational videos with closed captioning.



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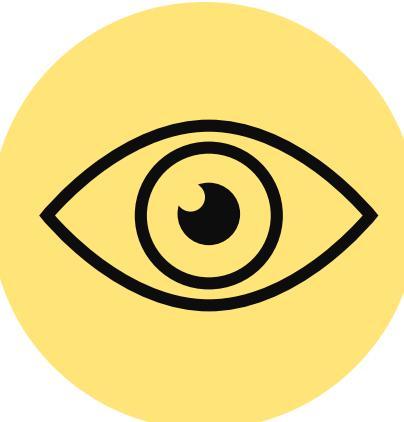
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