



Do the Zoo from A to Z

Even the most seasoned zoo-goers probably can't see all the creatures at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo in just one day. With tiny insects in The RainForest and a 2,800-pound male rhino in the African Savanna, the Zoo is home to nearly 3,000 animals representing 600 species from six continents.

To help make the most of your next trip to the Zoo, consider creating your own scavenger hunt of sorts, mapping out your visit and listing all the animals you'd like to see. Here's just one "Zoo To-Do List," from A to Z:

A: Giant **ANTEATERS** use their long snouts to forage for food on the upper level of The RainForest.

B: **BEARS** representing six species reside in the Zoo's Northern Trek area, including grizzly, Malayan sun, North American black, polar, sloth and spectacled bears.

C: The **CENTER FOR ZOOLOGICAL MEDICINE** allows Zoo visitors to watch actual veterinary procedures in state-of-the-art medical suites.

D: White-lipped **DEER** -- the largest deer species -- graze in a large yard in Northern Trek.

E: Bald **EAGLES** can be seen in both the Zoo's Wolf Lodge and Birds of Prey Flight Cages near Waterfowl Lake.

F: Endangered **FROGS** hop around exhibits in The RainForest. Species include red-eyed tree frogs, tomato frogs, Amazon milk frogs and giant waxy tree frogs.

G: A herd of **GIRAFFES**, including two females born in 2008, live in the African Savanna.

H: Rock **HYRAX** are small, furry mammals that scurry about Monkey Island.

I: **INSECTS** including spiders and Madagascar hissing cockroaches are on exhibit on the lower level of The RainForest.

J: "Jimma," the 2,800-pound male rhino, is father to young female "Zuri" and mate to female rhino "Inge." Jimma is on exhibit daily in the African Savanna.

K: **KOALAS** rest most of the day inside the Zoo's GumLeaf Hideout, eating eucalyptus leaves shipped in weekly from Florida and Arizona.

L: Ring-tailed, red-ruffed, blue-eyed black and collared **LEMURS** are among the primates living inside the Primate, Cat & Aquatics Building.

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M: MONKEY ISLAND is home to a troop of Colobus monkeys, rock hyrax and klipspringers.

N: The Zoo's **NORTHERN TREK** area is home to cold-climate species including reindeer, wolves, harbor seals, Bactrian camels, Amur tigers and six species of bears.

O: Bornean **ORANGUTANS** climb around their habitat under a geodesic dome on the upper level of The RainForest.

P: A reticulated **PYTHON**, one of the longest in the world, is among the reptiles in The RainForest.

Q: QUIZNOS is a new addition to the Zoo's main food court near the Welcome Plaza, serving up delicious, toasted subs.

R: The RAINFOREST showcases 600 animals and 10,000 plants from the jungles of Asia, Africa and the Americas.

S: Three species of **SHARKS** swim in a tank at the Primate, Cat & Aquatics Building.

T: Three **TIGERS** – male Klechka and females Dasha and Gaia – prowl around their yards in Northern Trek.

U: UNDERWATER VIEWING is offered to see Canadian beavers at the Wolf Lodge and a gharial at The RainForest.

V: Eurasian black **VULTURES** swoop over head at the Birds of Prey Flight Cages.

W: A pack of young Mexican **WOLVES** took up residence at the Zoo's Wolf Lodge in early 2009. The six young females represent the rarest and most genetically distinct of all wolves in North American. The sister wolves are playful and energetic and could one day be reintroduced to the wild under a federal program aimed at repopulating the species in nature.

X: An **X-RAY MACHINE** is just one of the pieces of equipment veterinarians use to take care of the Zoo's animals at the Center for Zoological Medicine.

Y: The 55-foot **YAGGA TREE** is a treehouse and playground for kids at the center of the Zoo's Australian Adventure area.

Z: ZOOKEYS allow kids to unlock talking storybooks around the Zoo and learn about all kinds of animals.

To make your own A to Z scavenger hunt, check out a map of the Zoo and list of animals at **clemetzoo.com**.