

Departmental Presentations

Little Rock Zoo

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Public Address System (PA) (TS65A32)

The Zoo is adding a PA system to communicate announcements with guests and staff on activities, schedules, and safety.

Update:

Waiting on contractor to finish fiber install and testing. Offshoot testing creating delays. Equipment replacement for terminations on fiber delayed.



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Collared Lizard Conservation Project \$68,000

Partnership with the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, University of Central Arkansas and Arkansas Game and Fish to save the Eastern Collared Lizard, an indigenous species to Arkansas. Funds built a brumation shed for breeding for rerelease.

Update:

Brumation shed, LED lighting and insulation ordered. Zoo staff have installed shed – completed.



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Camera System for Rhino Birth \$20K

Installation of fiber and new live camera in anticipation of the arrival of a new rhino baby at the Little Rock Zoo in November. The live camera will allow keepers to monitor the health and wellness of the mother and calf and will then allow the public to watch the calf live on the zoo's website.

Update:

Meeting with IT on combined City bid for zoo wide cameras for security and wifi monitoring.



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Pathway Lighting & Electrical Upgrades \$40K

The zoo will host a major light show this fall and conduit was run to light dozens of large animal lanterns along the pathway. The Zoo will also add permanent pathway lighting to enhance safety and add night time lighting ambiance.

Update:

Conduit has been run and zoo will install permanent pathway lights. Lights have outlet attached for GloWILD plug in.





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Veldt Drainage Improvements Project

Alleviate drainage issues in animal holding areas while improving animal and keeper access to the Veldt habitat.

Update:

Project still underway – delays created from snow, rain and contractor hitting pipes.



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Membership Gate

Renovation to gift shop window into new member entry to more efficiently process membership sales and to process member entry

Update:

Bid awarded – construction start date delayed – window won't be in for four more months.



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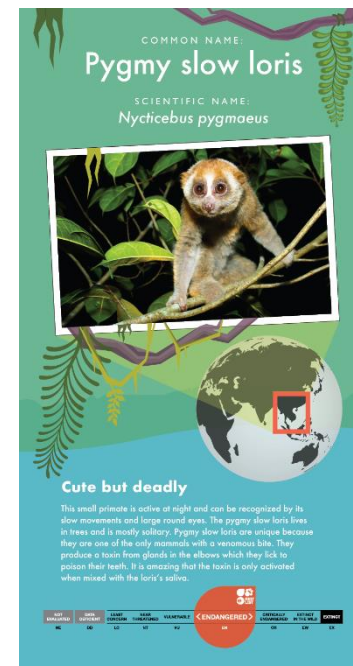


Zoo Signage Upgrade \$150,000 estimated cost

Upgrades to animal ID signs, conservation signs and directional signs are underway to provide better accessibility to all zoo guests.

Update:

First stage animal ID signage complete and directional signage ordered.





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Upcoming Projects

- Planning construction of a central hay barn
- Completing fencing upgrade and habitat expansions to rhino yard.
- Bidding other AZA related facility upgrades



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Recap of Completed Projects:

- Fiber install at new Education Classrooms (2021)
- Colobus/Serval Habitat (2021)
- New Zoo Pathways (2020)
- Zoo Fencing (2020)
- Fair Park Roundabout Sculpture (2019)
- Point of Sale System Infrastructure (2018)
- Lion exhibit upgrades (2017)
- Tunnel overpass renovations (2017)
- West Primate renovation (2017)
- Roof Replacements (2016)
- Safety Barriers (2016)
- Lemur Fence Project (2016)
- Bush Dog & Otter Exhibit Renovation (2015-2016)
- AR Heritage Farm (2015-2016)
- Reticulated Python Exhibit (2015)
- Train Pit Renovation (2015)
- Veterinarian Hospital X-Ray Equipment (2015)
- Renovations to Camel Exhibit (2013-2015)
- Critical Staffing Positions Filled (2012-2015)



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Recap of Completed Projects (cont.):

- New Greenhouse (2014)
- New Information Station in the Grand Plaza (2014)
- New Ringtail Exhibit (2014)
- New Roof on the Tropical Birdhouse Building (2014)
- New Train Tracks for the AR Diamond Express Train (2014)
- Renovations to Chimp Exhibit (2014)
- Renovations to Upgrade the Amphitheater Animal Holding (2014)
- Tiger Exhibit Renovations (2013)
- New Great Ape Exhibit Shade Structures (2013-2014)
- Visitor Experience Upgrades: Landscaping, Electronic Menus and Info Signs (2013-2014)
- Constructed New Walk-in Fish Freezer (2012)

