

As phase II of "Trail of the Elephants: A Journey Through South East Asia", this new exhibit for Orang-utan and Gibbon will continue the thematic and highly interpretive philosophy implemented in the Elephant exhibit completed in 2003. Visitors will observe both primates from outdoor elevated walkways and from the main building. Designed as two interconnected exhibits, one enclosed in mesh and the other an open-air space, visitors will be introduced to the animal enrichment procedures conducted at the zoo and with the ongoing rehabilitation experiments being implemented at nature reserves in Borneo, Kalamantan, and Indonesia.

Animal care staff will work with Orang-utans at three separate "training walls" and will interact with visitors on the walkways and in a discovery room which is adjacent to a two-story training room. The training room is equipped with multiple climbing structures, can be opened out into the mesh enclosure, and employs deep mulch flooring substrate for animal safety and ease of maintenance.

The main building and the discovery room are highly interactive and interpretive and include large glass viewing windows into the exhibit spaces. Animal staff and volunteers will engage visitors with demonstrations and workshops on puzzle feeders and other enrichment devices seen in the exhibits. A small activity zone will include interactive play elements where children can mimic the behavior of the animals.

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