

Oakland Zoo,

The new Oakland Zoo's children's zone was designed to afford intimate animal encounters in an interactive and immersive environment that caters to the youngest of the zoo's visitors.

In this secure and separate zone of the zoo, children are free to explore and experience a vast array of live animals including lemurs, free-flying bats, American alligators, river otter, and in an indoor exhibit space reptiles, amphibians, insects, and small mammals. Included within the area is a traditional animal contact area for a personal animal experience.



# Children's Adventure Zone

Oakland, CA



Live animal demonstrations are conducted regularly at a small amphitheater and interactive non-animal exhibits and animal sculptures are scattered throughout the zone. Activities include an alligator egg digging site, a lily pad bridge, a small running stream with stepping stones, and a plaster cast of a giant prehistoric alligator.

The new zoo has proven to be the most successful new exhibit at the zoo and is responsible for record breaking attendance during the first year it was open.

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