



Woodland

African Village



Park Zoo, Seattle, WA

The African Village recreates East African rural life and culture with attention to detail. A boma, the stick fence typical to East Africa, surrounds the village, which is dominated by round structures: The community pavilion, two small grain storage sheds, the covered well, and a Kikuyu house in the traditional style. African craftsmen traveled to Seattle to thatch the cone-shaped roofs.

Modern life is introduced to the village by the western-style one-room school and the teacher's house. The school also creates the transition to the Savanna exhibit: One wall opens to a view of giraffes, gazelles, and zebras. Everyday objects, seemingly just left there a minute ago, lend special authenticity to the village. They are placed in everybody's reach and fascinate adults and children.

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