

Zoo Preview

Dear Educator,

Thank you for choosing to bring your students to the zoo. We want you and your students to have the best experience possible while you are here.

Studies show that the more familiar students are with their field trip destination, the more prepared they will be to learn during their visit. We hope that you will be able to take the time to share this presentation with your students before they visit the Zoo. I recommend that you also share this information with the chaperones.

Please note that the species on display may change as our staff biologists do their best to meet the needs of our animals. Therefore, the species highlighted in this presentation may vary slightly on the day of your visit.

Enjoy your walk with the animals!





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ZOO

& AQUARIUM

Metro Parks Tacoma

Let's get ready!

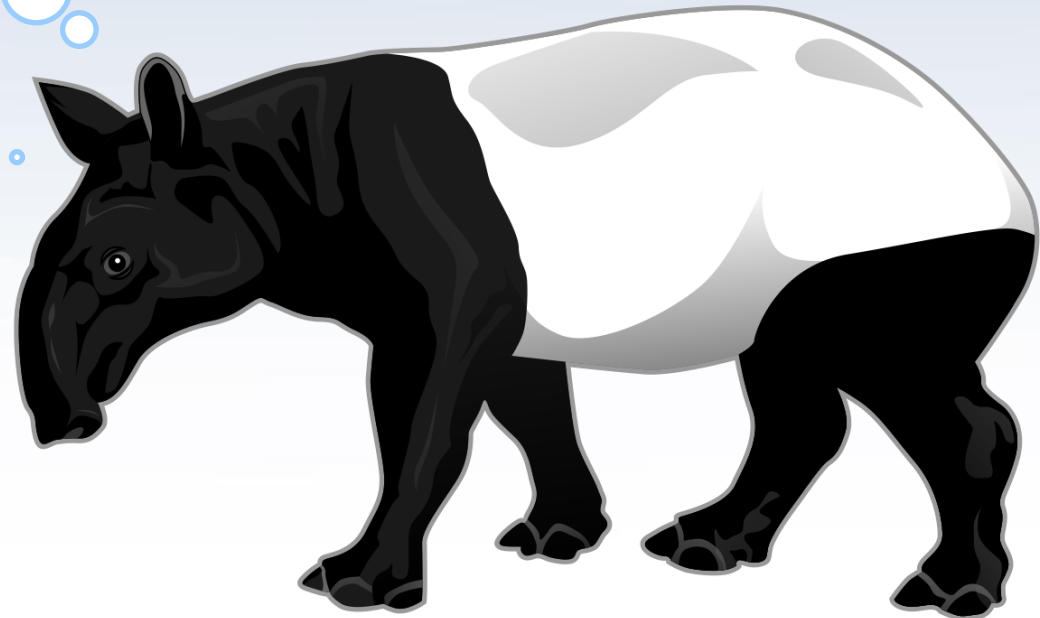
to visit the
Zoo!



Hi! My name is Baku and I am a Malayan tapir. I am here to help you get ready for your trip to the Zoo!

I'll walk with you as you find out what you might see when you visit us.

Are you ready to get started?



When you get to the Zoo



Your teacher will give you a ticket. You will put that ticket under a red light so it can be read by a computer.

When the light turns green you can walk through the turnstile.



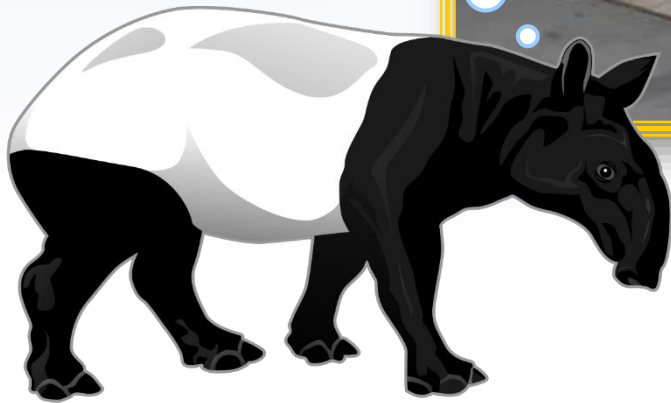
Know your way around!



The adult in your group can take a picture of this map to help you on your zoo journey.



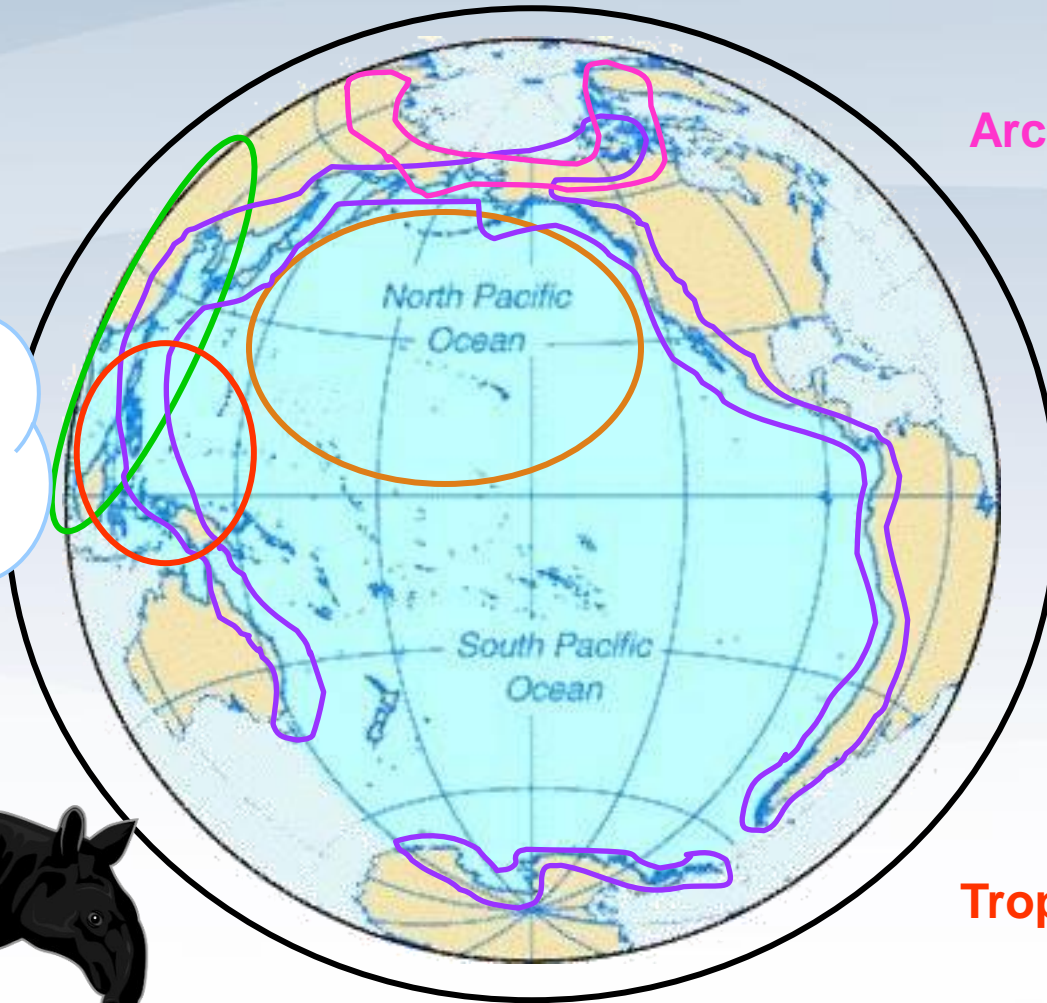
There are maps like this all around the zoo.



The Pacific Rim

Animals in the Kids' Zone are from all over the world!

The land around the Pacific Ocean is called the **Pacific Rim**. You will see animals from all over the world!



Arctic Tundra

Rocky Shores

North Pacific Ocean

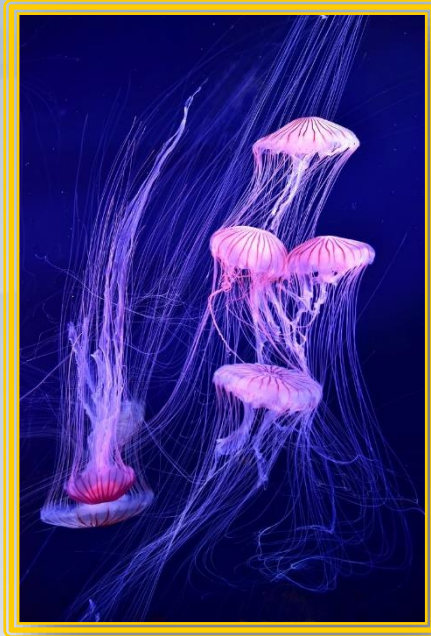
Southeast Asian Forests

Tropical Reefs

Pacific Seas Aquarium



• Green Sea Turtle



• Jellies



• California Sheephead



• Japanese Spider Crabs



• Sea Pen



• Rockfish



• Spotted Eagle Ray

All these animals
can be found in
the Pacific Ocean.



Pacific Seas Aquarium

Tidal Touch Zone



• Sea Anemone



• Sea Cucumber



• Sea Urchin



• Limpet



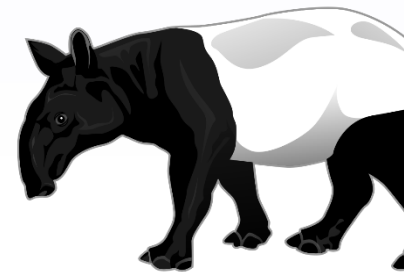
• Hermit Crab



• Sea Star



Here you can meet animals that live in Puget Sound and along the Pacific coast. Please touch gently with one finger.



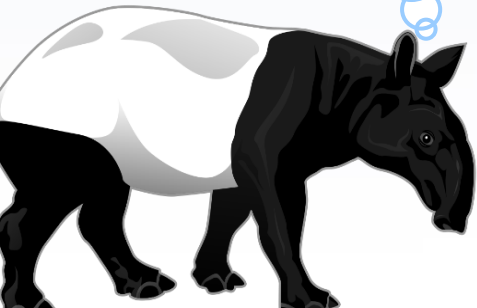
Tropical Reef Aquarium

(The former South Pacific Aquarium)



• Zebra Shark

This amazing aquarium got a makeover! There are so many new beautiful fish and several sensational sharks!



• Foxface Rabbitfish



• Pink-tailed Trigger Fish



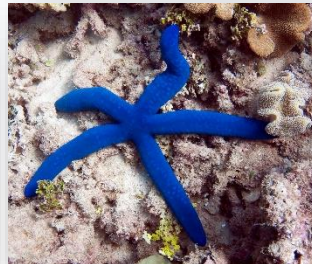
• Chocolate Surgeon Fish



• Potato Grouper



• Skunk Cleaner Shrimp



• Blue Linckia



• White-tipped Reef Shark

Asian Forest Sanctuary



• Clouded Leopard



• Lar Gibbon



• Siamang



See who you can spot during your visit! You might even see me!



• Asian Small-Clawed Otter



• Lowland Anoa



• Sumatran Tiger



• Malayan Tapir

Little Explorers Nature Play Garden

This area is designed for children under the age of 6, but open to all.



Photo by Billy Hustace



This garden is full of plants that pollinators love! It will look very different depending on what time of year you visit.



Budgie Buddies!

The budgies will no longer be accepting visitors in their habitat. But you may still hear them tweeting to each other if you walk by.



Penguins



Magellanic Penguins
live on the rocky
shores of South
America.

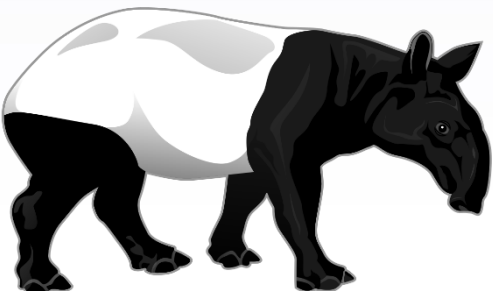


I really like their
outfits!

Wild Wonders Outdoor Theater



The Wild Wonders
Outdoor Theater
offers the animals
a chance to show
off their stuff!



Note to teachers: Full scripted presentations occur in the late spring and summer. However, these animals make scheduled appearances on stage all year! Visit our [daily presentations](#) page to confirm times.



Rocky Shores



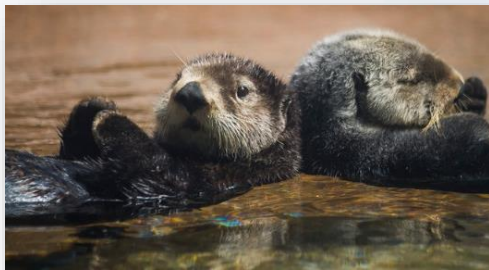
• Tufted Puffin



• Common Murre



• Horned Puffin



• Sea Otter



• Harbor Seal

Watch how these animals move around in their marine environment AND on land!

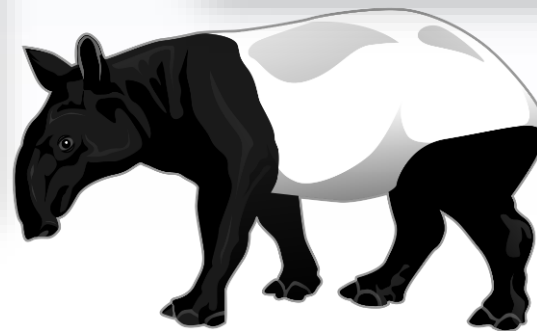
I like to swim, but I'd never go in the ocean!



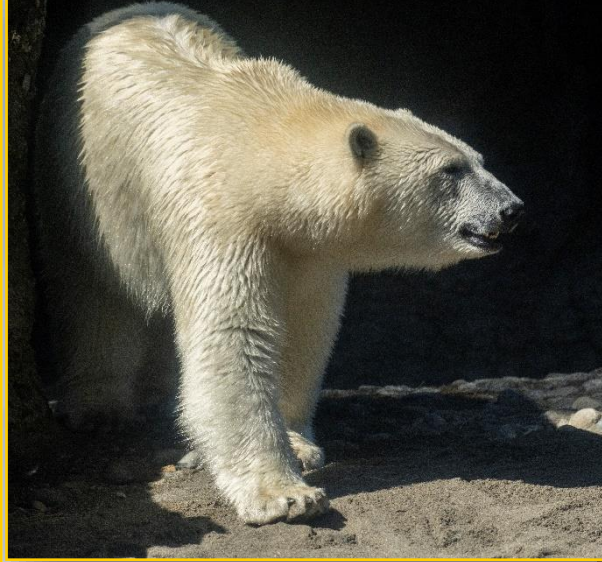
• California Sea Lion



• Pacific Walrus



Arctic Tundra



• Polar Bear

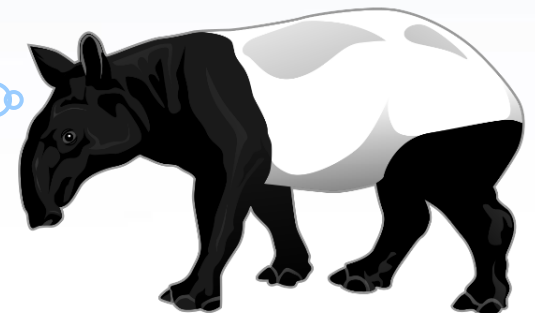


• Arctic Fox



• Muskox

I could never live
in the Arctic.
It's too cold for
tapirs!



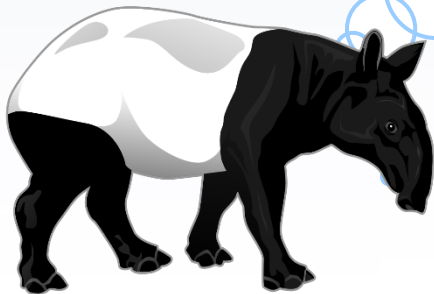
Red Wolf Woods



Did you know that American Red Wolves are one of the most endangered animals in the world?

There were eight puppies born here in 2019. It was very exciting!

Did you know that Malayan tapirs are also an endangered species?



Kids' Zone



• Meerkats



• Damaraland Mole Rat



• Ruffed Lemurs



• Magnificent Tree Frog



• Solomon Island Leaf Frog



• Chacoan Horned Frog



• Poison Dart Frog

This area of the Zoo can get really busy. Kids, make sure to keep your adult with you!



Note to teachers: We recommend saving this area until last since students will want to stay and play on the climbing structures.

Kids' Zone



• Emerald Tree Boa



• Kenyan Sand Boa



• Green Tree Python



• Corn Snake



• Bells Hingeback Tortoise



• Prehensile-tailed Skink



• Pancake Tortoise



• Black Breasted Leaf Turtle



• Madagascar Hissing Cockroach



• Giant Tailless Whipscorpion



• New Caledonian Giant Gecko



• Giant Leaf Insect

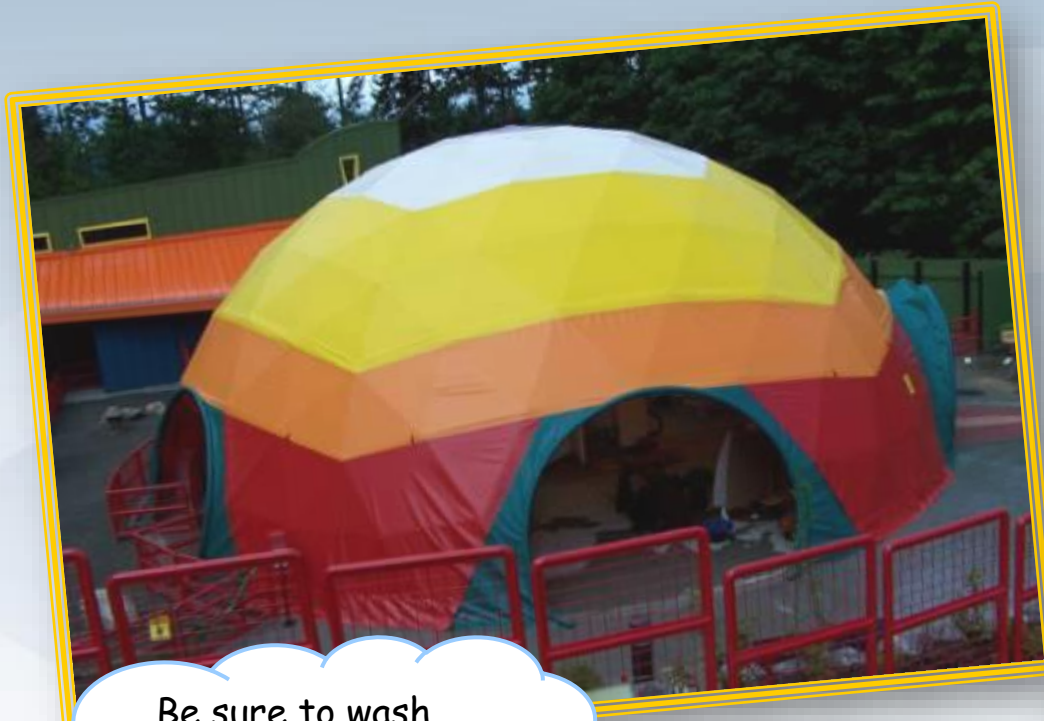


• African Cichlids

Can you move like any of these animals?



Kids' Zone

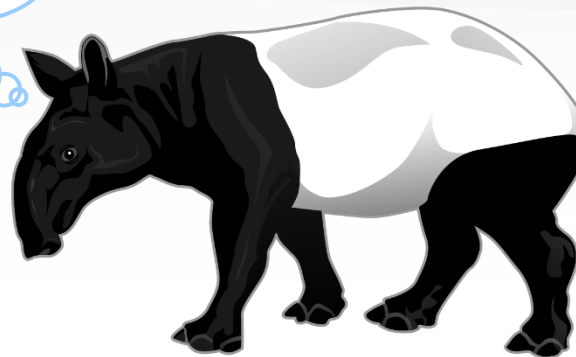


Be sure to wash
your hands after
you pet or feed the
animals!



Note to teachers:
This exhibit is
seasonal. Please
check our website to
see if goats will be
accessible during
your field trip.

Please don't feed them any
of your food. They are on a
special diet.



What to do if you get lost:



Find a person in a **blue or green Zoo shirt**. These people work at the Zoo, and they will help you find your group.



HELPFUL TIP: Take a good look at your adult chaperone. Remember what color hair they have, what color their clothes are. This will make it easier for us to help you find them!



You can also ask me questions about the animals.

Plants from Around the World!



• Prickly Pear Cactus



• Wollemi Pine



• "Hot Lips" Salvia



• Eucalyptus



• Fern



• Bamboo

Can you find the 6 restrooms?



SERVICES AVAILABLE AT FRONT GATE/ENTRANCE FIRST AID • LOST & FOUND • SENSORY KITS • ATM			
RENTALS AVAILABLE AT THE CAROUSEL STROLLERS • UMBRELLAS • MOBILITY DEVICES			
RESTROOMS ALL ACCESSIBLE	WATER BOTTLE FILLING STATION	FOOD	SEASONAL
FAMILY RESTROOM ALL GENDERS/ACCESSIBLE	Mary Bridge Children's Hospital BREASTFEEDING SUITE LOCATED IN KIDS' ZONE	FIRST AID FRONT GATE/ENTRANCE	



If you have time and it's okay with your teacher, check out these other attractions:

Plaza Café



Gift Shop



The carousel costs \$3.00 to ride!

Carousel



On your ZOO day please.....

Keep an eye on your
CHAPERONE (grown up)!
They would be lost without
you!

Be **SAFE**...this means
always using walking feet,
especially on slippery paths
and stairs.

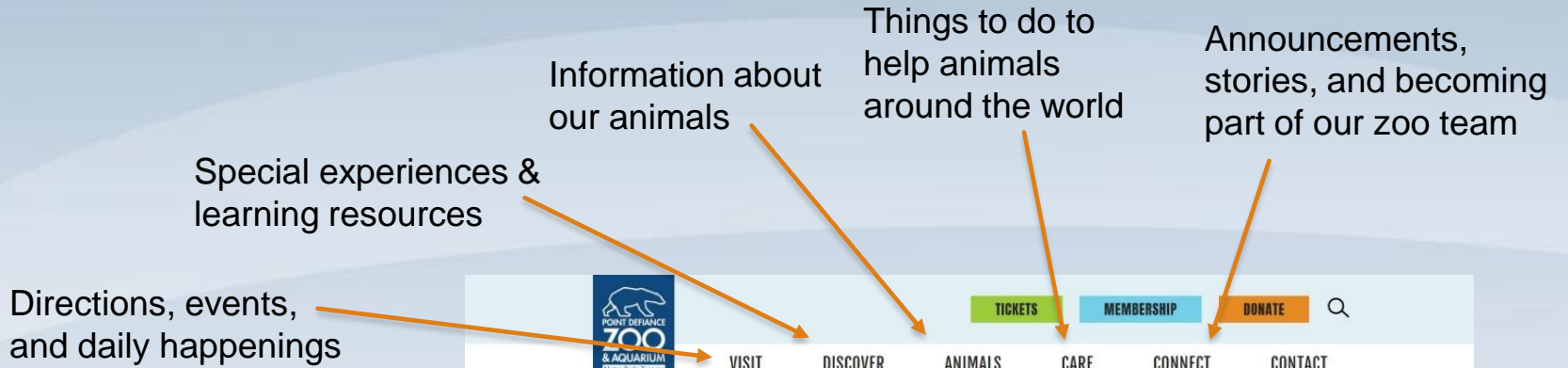
Have **FUN** and see
some amazing animals!
Look for me and say
hello!

Being **SAFE** also
means staying on the
pathways and keeping
your feet on the
ground.

Be **KIND** to the animals and
other visitors. This means
using quiet voices. Please
don't ever throw something
into where an animal lives!



For more information....



I love learning new things, don't you?



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LEARN AT THE ZOO

Field Trips and More

English

Let's face it – a muskox won't fit in your classroom and tigers aren't just for picture books. It's time to make your science curriculum come to life with a field trip to the Zoo.

Before you schedule your field trip, be sure to review Rules & Fees (just further down on this page). Then you're ready to schedule your field trip!

REQUEST FIELD TRIP