

NATURE TRAILS



The Living Desert is more than a collection of exhibits. It is also a nature preserve, protecting 1,080 acres of undisturbed Sonoran Desert. Within this preserve is a series of nature trails of varying degree of difficulty.

From a casual stroll on open flat ground, to a moderately strenuous hike through a boulder field and trail to the base of Eisenhower mountain, these trails can satisfy any of our active visitors.

Portions of the nature trails are closed seasonally. Please ask for more detailed information including ENTRY and EXIT times at Admissions.

WE ASK YOUR COOPERATION

Please show your respect for the animals and plants by not feeding, annoying, or chasing animals, by not picking or damaging plants and by respecting marked safety barriers. Stay on marked walkways and paths; no climbing on fences or rock work. No smoking in buildings. No pets allowed in the Park. Service animals only.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

From day camps and overnight adventures to preschool programs and school tours, The Living Desert's Education Programs provide an opportunity to get up close and personal at the zoo.

TRAVEL WITH THE LIVING DESERT

The Living Desert offers exciting trips to destinations both local and far.

BEHIND-THE-SCENES PRIVATE SAFARI

Take an exclusive two hour riding safari and tour The Living Desert with an experienced guide.

GROUP TOURS AND PRIVATE EVENTS

Our special group rates include several options, including free parking and shaded picnic areas. You could also host your next wedding, dinner, or gathering at The Living Desert.

VOLUNTEER

Volunteers are a vital part of The Living Desert and make a difference in the lives of our visitors and animals each day.

DONATE

Become a supporter of The Living Desert by donating to the Zoo. Every dollar can make a difference.

PHOTO/VIDEO IMAGE USE POLICY

On entering The Living Desert, you acknowledge and agree that you may be photographed or videotaped, and agree that any such image may be used for advertising purposes at the discretion of The Living Desert. No person may sell or promote for commercial purpose, any image or video taken while visiting The Living Desert without contractual permission granted by The Living Desert.

THE LIVING DESERT
VISITOR GUIDE MAP

A WILDLIFE ADVENTURE THROUGH THE DESERTS OF THE WORLD

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EXPERIENCE THE LIVING DESERT

Below are only a few suggestions to round out your visit to The Living Desert. Also, be sure to check the Daily Program Schedule for a list of today's programs.

HOURS:

October 1 to May 31
Daily 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Last Admission 4:00 pm
Closed December 25

SUMMER HOURS:

June 1 to September 30
Daily 8:00 am to 1:30 pm
Last Admission 1:00 pm

Some activities have seasonal hours or schedules. Please check at Admissions for current information.

VISIT THE PETTING KRAAL

Experience the domestic livestock of Africa such as Ankole cattle, Sicilian dwarf donkeys, Jacob's sheep and Nubian goats. These animals tell a tale of the nomadic people who traverse with herds across the great African deserts.

SHARPEN YOUR SENSES - THE DESERT IS A SPECIAL PLACE

Find feathered friends in the air, shrubs, trees, and water. Look for hummingbirds, quail, doves, cactus wrens, orioles, finches and roadrunners in our beautiful gardens. Insects and lizards also abound. You might even spot a chuckwalla, our desert's largest lizard, sunning on the rocks.

HITCH A RIDE ON THE ENDANGERED SPECIES CAROUSEL

A magical and enchanting way to learn about the desert's many fascinating animals such as warthog, lion, jaguar, giraffe, zebra, gazelle, hummingbird, and golden eagle (weather permitting).

DISCOVER THE DISCOVERY CENTER

Find over thirty critters hiding in a gigantic mural, watch sand blow across an Aeolian landscape, listen to the deep desert night, and touch the ancient bones of Pleistocene animals. Be sure to visit The Ant Lab and take a look at an active colony of 2000 ants.

MEET THE VETERINARIAN STAFF

Check to see if animal exams are taking place in the Tenny Wildlife Hospital and Conservation Center and learn more about what is required to care for The Living Desert's extensive animal collection.

TAKE A JOURNEY ACROSS THE DESERT SANDS

For almost 4,000 years humans have used camels as transportation over shifting desert sands between distant oases. Take a safari ride through the Sonoran desert with your own personal camel driver (open seasonally).

VIEW THE COACHELLA VALLEY FROM A NEW VANTAGE POINT

1,080 of our 1,200 acres are undisturbed Sonoran Desert. Select one of three trails to suit your desired experience of the real undisturbed desert (open seasonally).

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Living Desert has more events than ever before, and you don't want to miss the chance to get wild!

MEMBERSHIP IS THE BEST VALUE!

Become a member today and today is FREE! PLUS enjoy free daytime admission to The Living Desert for a full year, with many additional benefits.

ADOPT! AN ANIMAL OR TRAIN

Share the love of over 500 animals and become an adoptive parent, or adopt an animal as a gift for someone special. Still play with trains? You can adopt a train, a building, or choose an entire scene!

GUEST SERVICES



NORTH AMERICA

Special Exhibits

- G-Scale Model Train Exhibit*
- Tennity Amphitheater Wildlife Wonders Show*
- Discovery Center
- Gecko Gulch Play Park
- Carousel*
- Wildlife Hospital & Conservation Center
- Eagle Canyon

Food & Beverage

- Coyote Café
- Discovery Center Snack Bar*

Gift Shops

- The Desert Shop
- Palo Verde Garden Center & Nursery

Animal Exhibits

- Badger
- Bighorn Sheep
- Bobcat
- Serval
- Coati
- Coyote
- Jaguar
- Peccary
- Mexican Wolf
- Mojave Desert Tortoise
- Mountain Llion
- Pronghorn
- Reptiles & Invertebrates
- Ringtail
- Swift Fox

*-Seasonal

AFRICA

Special Exhibits

- Starry Safari Campground
- Village WaTuTu
- Birthday Boma
- D.C. House
- Elder's Grove
- Petting Kraal

Food & Beverage

- Thorn Tree Grill

Gift Shops

- Kumba Kumba Market

Animal Exhibits

- Abyssinian Ground Hornbill & Cuvier's Gazelle
- Addax
- African Wild Dog
- African Crested Porcupine
- Ankole Cattle
- Arabian Oryx
- Bat-eared Fox
- Cape Rock Hyrax
- Cheetah
- Dromedary Camel
- Fennec Fox
- Giraffe & Ostrich
- Grevy's Zebra
- Leopard
- Meerkat
- Sand Cat
- Scops Owl
- Slender-horned Gazelle
- Striped Hyena
- Warthog
- Wild Cat

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