



Wilderness Trek Scavenger Hunt: Grades 4-6

1. Head into Wolf Cabin. Wolves are social animals and live and hunt in close knit groups called packs. Think back to all the animals here at the zoo. Can you think of another animal that live and hunt in groups? (Hint: think back to the African Savanna).
2. Beavers are known for building dams, or collections of sticks and mud and stones built on rivers and creeks. Check out our beavers and examine their dam. What might the purpose of a dam be? What do beavers use them for?
3. Turn around and observe our bald eagle. Bald eagles are large birds of prey, which means that they feed on small animals. Studying the body of the eagle, are they well equipped to catching, killing, and eating small animals?
4. Exit Wolf Cabin and head over to the reindeer exhibit. Reindeer are commonly preyed upon by wolves in the Arctic. Observe our reindeer. How might a reindeer defend itself from a wolf attack? Which reindeer would be most vulnerable to an attack?
5. Head around the corner to the North American bear exhibits. Here you will find grizzly bears and black bears. Around the corner, past the Persian Onagers are the southern hemisphere bears: the sloth bear and the Andean bear. Compare and contrast all of our bears. Which is the largest? Which is the smallest? What colors are they? Which bear has the longest fur?
6. Seals and sea lions are closely related but they have a few differences. Sea Lions are larger, have long front flippers, and have ear flaps. Seals are usually smaller, have short and stubby front flippers, and have no ear flaps. How many seals do you see? How many sea lions?
7. Ahead on your right is the Persian Onager yard. Observe the Onagers in their exhibit. What animals look similar to an Onager?
8. Head over to observe our smaller bears: the Andean bear, the sun bear, and the sloth bear. Andean bears are the most arboreal (tree-living) bears in the world. These bears use trees as resting places and shelters to hide in. They also rely on trees, shrubs and other vegetation as their main food sources. The Andean bear's wild habitat is shrinking, however, due to logging and farming. Trees are cut down for timber and forests are cleared to plant crops. How would losing trees and other vegetation affect the Andean bear?
9. Head over to Rosebrough Tiger Passage. Tigers have the longest canine teeth (the long, pointed, fang-like teeth) of any animal. Check out our three tigers. Can you see any of their canine teeth? What do you think these teeth are for?
10. Rosebrough Tiger Passage is one of our newest and most state-of-the-art exhibits. It was designed to model a natural habitat for our tigers. It was also designed to keep our tigers active and stimulated. Observe the exhibit. What types of enrichment objects do you see? Are any of the tigers interacting with their exhibit or objects inside their exhibit?