



Renovation Fact Sheet

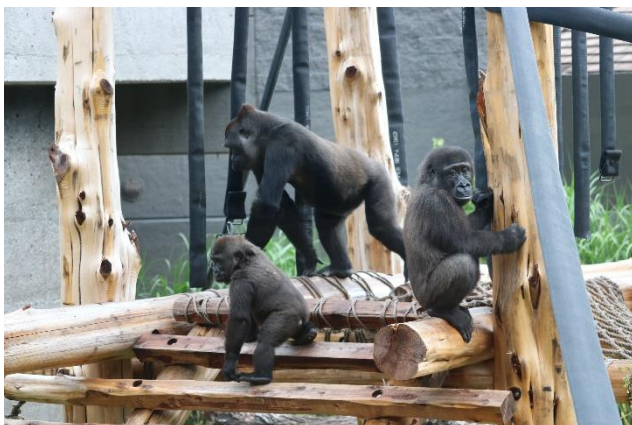
Hubbard Gorilla Valley has been updated with an African Jungle theme and enhancements that reflect the immersive and educational style of Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium.

Habitat

- New complex climbing structures for our gorillas and tree limbs have been added to the habitats
 - Climbing structures give multiple options for variety of enrichment in different locations throughout, which encourages investigation and foraging in a more complex setting
 - Natural timber climbing structures for gorilla play and enrichment – three in large group exhibit and one in small group exhibit
- Increased usable size of main exhibit by 10,000 square feet by leveling the grade of the yard
 - Raising the grade in certain locations brings gorillas up to the windows, allowing guests to see them closer
- Moving water in gorilla displays, including streams and five waterfalls, add constant natural movement
 - While not necessarily water loving animals, the juvenile gorillas may enjoy playing in the streams
- Roof additions to provide more shade for animals
- New off exhibit winter quarters to provide space for primates who spend the spring, summer and fall seasons outside



Gorillas



Family group

- Silverback – Tambo, twin brother to Ngoma, lived as part of a bachelor group until 2015 when he was moved into a family setting based on a breeding recommendation
- Adult females – Muke (39), Timu (26) and Bambio (18)
 - Muke originally from Cincinnati but came to Omaha from Oklahoma City in 2015
- Juveniles – Kgosi (4), son of Timu, and Zuri (2), daughter of Bambio
 - All four were born in Omaha.
 - Tambo sired both juveniles



Triad bachelor group - age range 22-27

- Silverbacks - Tatu, Kijito and Ngoma - transferred to Omaha as young blackbacks in early 2000s as part of the original Hubbard Gorilla Valley

Diad bachelor group - age range 26-27

- Silverbacks - Timmy and Samson - transferred to Omaha as young blackbacks in early 2000s as part of the original Hubbard Gorilla Valley

Education

- Renovated education hub with interactive touch screens, photo murals, digital monitor displays and display cases
- Main video hub is a combination of 9 screens
- Educational videos exhibit gorillas in their natural habitat, and some feature Omaha’s gorillas and keepers
- Skeleton displays have been updated with interactive educational video screens



Guest Experience

- New and notable entrance on the north side closest to the Simmons Aviary draws visitors in from the main path and sets the tone for the experience



- Aesthetic and structural improvements
- Additional bench seating throughout for gorilla observation
- Flooring replacement throughout
- Painting throughout
- New energy-efficient indoor lighting
- New wall décor, including hand-painted and three-dimensional leaves

- Upgraded ceiling panels
- Printed window films of Bamboo to prevent glare on main display
- Updated Children’s Play Area with additional bronze Gorilla sculptures
- Exhibit is a three-acre site that includes two acres of gorilla and visitor space





- Home to other animals including cattle egret, white-faced duck, white stork, Abyssinian blue-winged goose, cape teal, African spurred tortoise, black crowned crane, yellow-backed duiker, Abyssinian ground hornbill, and colobus monkeys
- Outside exhibits planted with multiple species of grasses, bushes, and trees to allow for natural foraging
- Installation of a sprinkler system for plant irrigation also can create rain on a hot summer day, cooling the gorillas with mist
- Family group will be rotated with bachelor males in the large group exhibit so the juvenile gorillas can interact with the structures and forage naturally

History

- Originally constructed in April of 2004, Hubbard Gorilla Valley allowed Omaha's Zoo to become a major partner in gorilla conservation
- Through the continued commitment and generosity of donors, this \$7 million renovation has modernized the habitat