



CHILDREN'S ZOO

ZOO ANIMAL HOSPITAL

ANIMAL ACTS

CANTEEN

REST ROOM
PICNIC GROUNDS

A MESA

CANTEEN
REST ROOM

B MESA

CAMERA STAND

RESTAURANT

ENTRANCE

FREE PARKING

ZOO DRIVE

FREE ZOO PARKING

F CANYON

REST ROOM

CANTEEN

G CANYON

F CANYON

GUIDED BUS TOURS

C MESA

G CANYON

REST ROOM

CANTEEN
PICNIC GROUNDS

REST ROOM

D MESA

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SAN DIEGO ZOO

You will notice that the Zoo is divided by a series of canyons into four mesas. The four mesas, starting with the south border of the Zoo, are lettered with the first four letters of the alphabet and are called A-Mesa, B-Mesa, C-Mesa and D-Mesa. The canyons are lettered, beginning with the one farthest south, E-Canyon, F-Canyon and G-Canyon.

A-Mesa: This mesa is the location of the reptile collection. The area west of the reptile house is given over to open lizard pits, turtle and tortoise pens, and alligator and crocodile pools. The Wegefath Bowl, an open amphitheatre for animal acts, is also located on A-Mesa.

B-Mesa: This is where the primates, including small monkeys, are housed. The Apes and Baboons are shown on the north half of B-Mesa. Hundreds of miscellaneous birds are also exhibited on B-Mesa.

The two great Flying Cages also can be viewed from this mesa. On the south is the Shore and Marsh Bird Cage, known as the Scripps Cage; on the north the cages for Birds of Prey.

C-Mesa: This is the Heavy Mammal mesa where tapirs, giraffes, elephants and hippopotamuses are on exhibit.

D-Mesa: Hoofed animals, including sheep, goats, antelope, deer, bison, moose and elk, are exhibited here.

CANYONS

E-Canyon: This is a wild bird sanctuary as well as exhibit area where ducks, geese, swans and ostriches are located. On the north side of the road are open pens for cranes and storks.

F-Canyon: This canyon is a series of open grottoes for bears, lions, and tigers, divided from each other by a series of pools for the exhibition of sea mammals.

G-Canyon: The leopards, pumas, black panthers, and jaguars are housed on the east and south sides of G-Canyon; the small cats, foxes, swine and canines are housed along the north and west sides of the roadway.