

Cameron Park Zoo Scavenger Hunt

Directions: Your job is to explore one area of the zoo at a time. During your explorations, read the signs or observe the animals to find the answers for the questions below.

What is the White-Handed Gibbon's method of locomotion called? **Brachiation**

How do gibbons drink? **Dipping hand in water and licking off moisture**

Where do the White-Handed Gibbons spend most of their time? **In the trees**

Why do we have Bald Eagles in captivity? **They were injured by hunters and can't survive in the wild**

South America

Name a reason macaws are endangered in the wild. **Deforestation and illegal pet trade**

The **Galapagos tortoise** feeds on almost any vegetation, including grass, moss and cactus.

This relative of the flamingo is the national bird of Trinidad. **Scarlet ibis**

The **capybara** is the world's largest rodent.

Which relative of the guinea pig resembles the fabled jack-a-lope? **Patagonian cavy**

Which animal spends most of its life upside down? **Two-toed sloth**

This species of New World monkey does not have a prehensile tail. **Squirrel monkey**

How long is the wingspan of the King Vulture? **7 feet**

Brazos River Country

What coral reef is the saltwater aquarium modeled after? **Flower Garden Reef**

Name 3 birds that are found in the Brazos River Country aviary. **White pelican, brown pelican, hooded merganser, heron gull, laughing gull, black-necked stilts, night heron, cattle egret, little blue heron, American black duck**

Which pelican can dive from 50 feet in the air to catch its prey? **Brown**

How many eggs can a female alligator lay? **35-50**

What is another name for the cougar? **Puma, mountain lion, panther**

Which American president was the 'Teddy Bear' named after? **Teddy Roosevelt**

Name two birds of prey found in Texas. **Mississippi Kite, crested caracara, red-tailed hawk, American kestrel, Coopers hawk, osprey**

Baby otters are referred to as **kits**.

What is the otters' favorite food? **Crayfish**

How long do black bear cubs stay with their mothers? **2 years**

Which species of fish are referred to as 'living relics'? **Paddlefish**

List two venomous snakes found in Texas. **Copperhead, coral snake, rattlesnake, cottonmouth**

Name two types of amphibians. **Frogs, toads, salamanders, caecilians**

What species of mussel is invasive to America? **Zebra mussel**

What is the largest spotted cat found in the America's? **Jaguar**

Name two products produced by honeybees in their hive. **Propolis, beeswax, royal jelly, honey**

Name two types of owls found in Texas. **Great horned owl, barn owl, screech owl**

What does nocturnal mean? **Active at night**

What do our bats eat? **Fruit**

Name three animals that are nocturnal. **Porcupine, raccoon, skunk, bats, opossum, armadillo, owls, flying squirrel**

Bison are able to sprint at speeds of up to **30** miles per hour.

Herpetarium

What are the two largest snakes in the world? **Anaconda and reticulated python**

Why do chameleons change their color? **To communicate**

Name three venomous snakes. **King cobra, urutu, Usumbara bush viper, puff adder, Egyptian cobra, rattlesnakes**

Name three non-venomous snakes. **Rock python, rat snake, bull snake, king snake, rainbow boa, Texas indigo, anaconda, Burmese python, common boa, reticulated python**

How can you tell the difference between an alligator and a crocodile? **The shape of their snouts**

What is the best defense for a reptile? **Camouflage**

Which reptile has ears and eyelids? **Lizards**

Is the Horned Lizard endangered or threatened? **Threatened**

What does crepuscular mean? **Comes out at dusk and dawn**

A Western Diamondback Rattlesnake grows to be over **5** feet in length.

Name the 4 color mutations of Western Diamondback Rattlesnakes. **Leucistic, xanthic, albino and melanistic**

Which 2 vultures do we have at the zoo? **Black vulture and turkey vulture**

Africa/Asia

How tall can an adult giraffe get? **15-18 feet**

How many bones are in a giraffe's neck? **7, just like us**

What is the smallest antelope in the world? **Dik dik**

This thirty-pound bird is capable of flight, but prefers to walk. **Kori bustard**

What does a Crowned Crane do when it's hot? **Pants like a dog**

The African White Rhinoceros eats **grass** and is often referred to as a '2-ton **lawnmower**'.

What does SSP stand for? **Species Survival Plan**

Name three animals at the zoo that are part of the SSP. **White handed gibbon, Sumatran tiger, lemurs, African elephant, lion giraffe, white rhinoceros, jaguar**

Why do flamingos preen their feathers? **To clean them and make them waterproof**

Name 2 animals in the zoo that weigh one ton or more. **White rhinoceros, African elephant**

How long is an African Elephant pregnant? **23 months**

An elephant can suck **1-½** gallons of water up in its trunk.

In a pride of lions, who hunts for food? **Lioness**

Which African animal uses a sentry to look out for danger? **Meerkats**

There are five kinds of tigers in the world, name three of them. **Bengal, Indochinese, Siberian, South China, and Sumatran**

What does prosimian mean? **Before apes**

Lemurs come from the island of **Madagascar**.

Why are lemurs threatened with extinction? **Deforestation and hunting**