

Coat? Check. Boots? Check. Gloves and scarf? Check. A day at the Detroit Zoo can be just as fun in the winter as in the warmer months. When the mercury dips, many of the Zoo's winter-hardy animals become more active. There are also an abundance of indoor habitats to enjoy. Either way, with the right clothing and a good plan, you're always just minutes away from warmth on your winter journey through the Zoo.

9 Charge over to the rhinos

Enjoy them through the winter months from their indoor viewing area.

8 Saunter over to the giraffe house

The warm indoor habitat provides a close-up view of the Zoo's tallest creatures.

7 Visit the bear dens

The Zoo's bears get very sleepy in the winter but can be seen foraging outside on nicer days.

6 Follow the trail west to the American bison

Takoda, Teetonka and May can be seen braving the cold throughout the winter along with collared peccaries.

5 Wend your way to the wolverines

These Michigan natives are supremely adapted to life in cold climates.

4 Warm up at the Arctic Food Court

Enjoy a cup of hot cocoa.

3 Go on a Wild Adventure

Experience the Wild Adventure Ride or the Wild Adventure 3-D/4-D Theater, both located in the Ford Education Center.

2 Hop to Amphibiville™

Home of the National Amphibian Conservation Center, the Wall Street Journal called this award-winning habitat "Disneyland for toads."

1 Waddle to the Penguinarium

Watch the Zoo's king, macaroni and rockhopper penguins swim through their habitat.

10 Dig our meerkats

Meerkat Digs is one of the Zoo's newest indoor animal habitats.

11 Look at the lemurs

Enjoy watching the black-and-white ruffed lemurs in their indoor habitat.

12 Swing on over to snow monkeys

Whether they're playing in the snow or relaxing in their outdoor hot tub, their behavior and social interactions are always interesting.

13 Meet the king of the jungle

The lions can be found surveying the Zoo from atop their cliff on all but the coldest days of winter.

14 Go bananas with the Great Apes of Harambee

The gorillas and chimps can be seen foraging, playing and resting in the spacious, indoor habitats.

15 Trek over to the tigers

The Amur tigers are adapted to life in cold northern Asia and thrive in Michigan's winters.

16 Arctic Ring of Life

The 70-foot-long Frederick and Barbara Erb Polar Passage will immerse you in an underwater environment of swimming polar bears and seals.

17 Slither to the Holden Museum of Living Reptiles

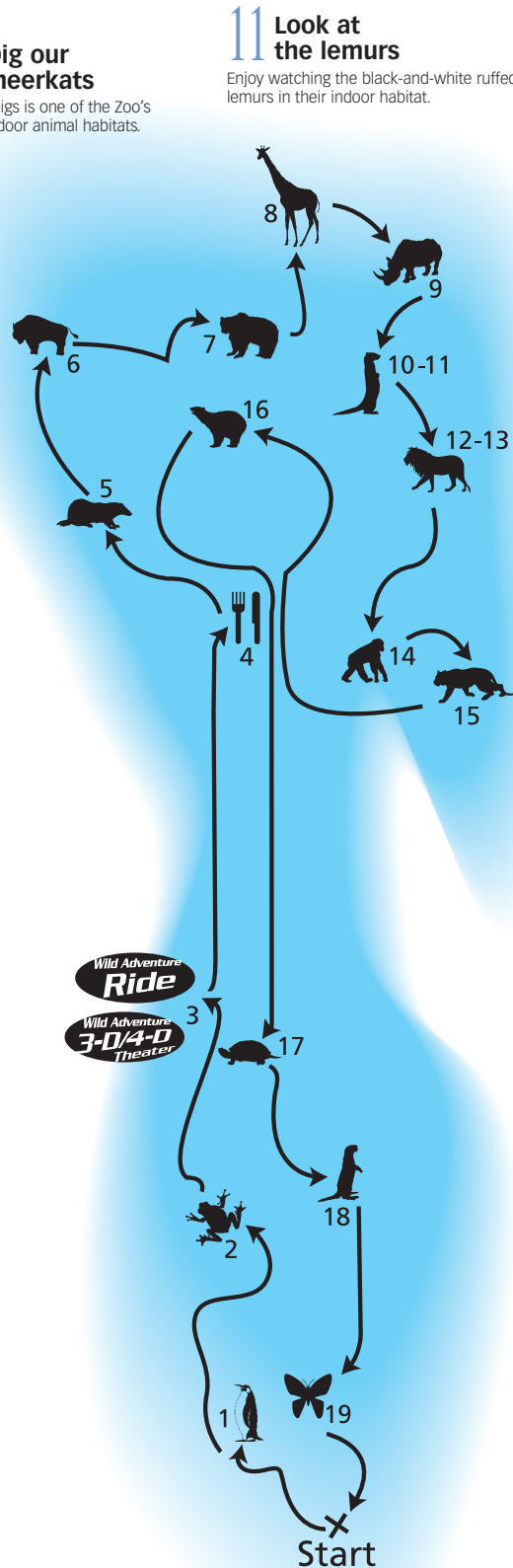
See over 85 species of crocodiles, snakes and lizards in the tropical warmth of the reptile house.

18 Dive into the Edward Mardigian, Sr. River Otter Habitat

Three adorable river otters play in their 8,200-gallon pool complete with waterfall and waterslide.

19 Fly to the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery

The Butterfly and Hummingbird Garden is a balmy 75 degrees and the Free-Flight Aviary provides a tropical environment for over 30 species of birds.



Bring this guide on your next winter visit.

The Detroit Zoo is open 362 days a year from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily November 1 through March 31.