



Grades 2-3: Outdoor Habitats Guide

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Coastal Plain Aviary

Using your sense of sight or hearing, write or draw two observations about the birds in the aviary.

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Red Wolf Exhibit

What do you think would happen to the red wolf if there were no plants in its habitat?

Answers will vary. Examples include: The red wolf would have no place to hide. The red wolf would not be able to eat because there would be no rabbits.

Red wolves are an endangered species. This means:

A. There are lots of them in the wild.

B. There are not very many in the wild.

Dinosaur Discovery Trail

Draw a fossil that you observed and then write one fact about the organism that it came from.

Answers will vary.

White-Tailed Deer

Animals have basic needs. Put a check next to the basic needs that you see or know are there for the white-tailed deer and turkey.

 ✓ Food ✓ Shelter ✓ Water ✓ Air ✓ Space



Grades 2-3: Indoor Exhibit Guide

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Touch Tank (Upper Level)

Ask the touch tank volunteer to see the plastic bag and the jellyfish in the jar.

How do they look the same?

Answers will vary. Examples include: They are both clear, they both float in the water, etc.

How do they look different?

Answers will vary. Examples include: The jellyfish is smaller, the plastic bag does not have tentacles, etc.

How could plastic bags in the ocean impact marine animals?

Answers will vary. Examples include: Animals may eat the plastic bags, animals may get confused, etc.

Virginia's Coastal Plain Gallery (Upper Level)

Flounders use the adaptation of camouflage to blend into the sand on the ocean floor. What do you think would happen if the sand in their habitat suddenly turned pink?

The flounders would no longer blend into their environment.

Virginia's Underground Gallery (Lower Level)

Look at the Fossil Rich River of Time exhibit.

I notice

Answers will vary.

I wonder

Answers will vary.

Appalachian Mountain Cove Habitarium (Lower Level)

What noises do you hear? Answers will vary. Examples include: moving water, human noises, etc.

How does the air feel? Cooler

What was your favorite part about today? Answers will vary.