



High School: Outdoor Habitats Guide

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Coastal Plain Aviary

Make three observations about the birds in the aviary.

1. Observations will vary.
2. Observations will vary.
3. Observations will vary.

Red Wolf Exhibit

What is the Virginia Living Museum doing to help the red wolf population?

The Virginia Living Museum is part of the Species Survival Plan for the red wolf.

Red Fox Exhibit

What adaptations do red foxes have?

Red foxes have sharp teeth to help them eat their prey. They also are able to camouflage to blend into their surroundings.

Vulture Exhibit

In this exhibit there are two species of vulture. What characteristics define a species?

A species is a group of organisms that cannot reproduce viable offspring.

White-Tailed Deer

Make observations about the male and female deer.

Answers will vary.

Examples include: Male deer is bigger, has antlers. Female deer is smaller, no antlers.



High School: Indoor Exhibit Guide

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Coyote Exhibit

Why are coyotes considered a nuisance species?

Coyotes are considered a nuisance species because they prey on livestock.

Virginia's Piedmont and Mountains Gallery

What is impacting spotted turtle populations?

Spotted turtle populations are in decline due to loss of wetlands and the illegal capture and sale of turtles for the pet trade.

Virginia's Coastal Plain Gallery (Upper Level)

What would be the impact if the Chesapeake Bay became uninhabitable?

Answers will vary. Examples include: If the Chesapeake Bay were to become uninhabitable, it would impact more than 3,600 species of plants, fish, and other animals, people would be impacted because they would not be able to get seafood from it, migrating waterfowl would have a place to overwinter.

Look at the burrfish in the exhibit. What adaptations do they have to protect themselves?

They have spines to protect themselves from predators and can also inflate themselves to deter predators from eating them.

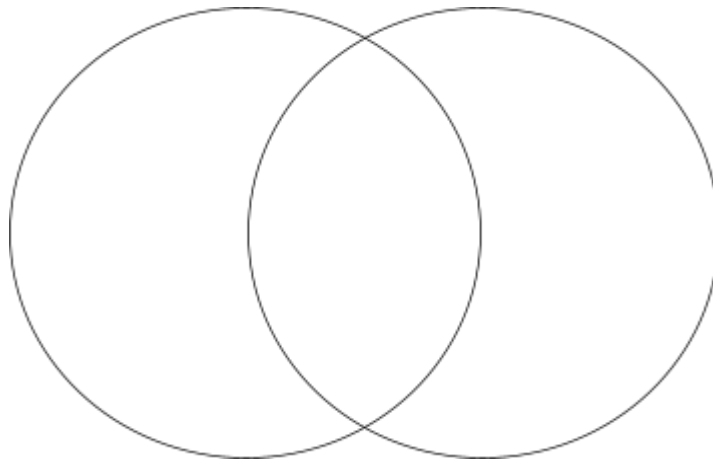
Mountain Cove Habitarium (Upper and Lower Level)

What changes do you notice in the flora (plants) and fauna (animals) as you walk down the exhibit?

Answers will vary.

Cypress Swamp Habitarium (Upper Level)

Compare and contrast the cypress swamp to the mountain cove. Answers will vary.



Virginia's Underground Gallery (Lower Level)

List two things are illegal to do in Virginia caves.

Answers will vary. It is illegal to write or mark cave walls, litter or dump waste, disturb bats or other organisms, disturb any natural materials, or disturb any historical relics or artifacts.