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### **Walk Registration:**

Registration takes place online using that AVA Online Start Box, at [my.ava.org](http://my.ava.org). Follow the instructions provided to create a user account and sign the AVA waiver (one time). Instructions for payment are also included. Download the directions and print as needed. The POC does not provide event directions or accept alternate payment methods.

### **Walk Completion and Walk Credit:**

Once you have physically completed the walk, please login to your Online Start Box account click on the "My Start Box" tab, then the "Finish Table" tab, then click on "Go to Finish Table" button for the event you have completed. Use the displayed entry form to submit the date and distance of your walk as well as select applicable AVA Special Programs to generate stamped "virtual" insert cards that you may choose to print out.

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## **Special Programs for Columbus Zoo and Aquarium Walk**

1. **Step to the Beat**
2. **Walk the 88 Ohio Counties:** Delaware County
3. **Walking the United States (50 States):** Ohio
4. **Walking the USA - A-Z:** Powell
5. **Par for the Course**

## Directions for the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium Walk

### Starting Point Location:

The Columbus Zoo is located at 4850 W Powell Rd, Powell, OH 43065.

From Dayton take 70E to 270 N on the west side of Columbus. Take Exit 17A toward State Rte 161. Use any lane to turn right onto SR 161E/US-33E. At traffic circle take 3<sup>rd</sup> exit onto OH-257 (Riverside). After traffic circle go 3.9 miles and turn right onto OH-750E. Follow signs to the Columbus Zoo (.4 mi).

### Restrooms:

Restrooms are located throughout the zoo.

### Emergency Numbers:

In case of emergency call 911.

Event related assistance:

Linda Hunt 614-507-6570 (text or call)

These walk directions and maps may only be used in conjunction with a signed American Volkssport Association athletic waiver. All other uses are prohibited.

## Columbus Zoo and Aquarium – AVA Walk (5K, 9K or 10K)

Please use BOTH the Zoo Map & these written directions for this walk. Distance from the parking lot has been calculated into the overall walk. Restrooms and eating areas are located throughout the zoo.

Before you begin, familiarize yourself with 9 areas on the zoo map:

- 1) Adventure Cove
- 2) Conservation Lake
- 3) North America
- 4) Polar Frontier
- 5) Heart of Africa
- 6) Asia Quest
- 7) Shores & Aquarium
- 8) Australia & The Islands
- 9) Congo Expedition

### Special Programs: Step to the Beat

1. Walk through the main entrance to Conserve Our Planet Fountain, turn **LEFT**, enter **ADVENTURE COVE**.

### ADVENTURE COVE

2. **California & Harbor Sea Lions**  
(Underwater Viewing & Viewing Deck)

3. **Jack Hanna's Animal Encounters Village**
4. **Stingray Bay**
5. Walk back to Conserve Our Planet Fountain, turn **LEFT** to **CONSERVATION LAKE**.

### CONSERVATION LAKE

6. Make a complete loop (counterclockwise) around the lake and note the signs for the major areas of the zoo.
7. Once the loop is completed, then continue to walk to the sign marked **NORTH AMERICA – HEART of AFRICA – POLAR FRONTIER**, enter this area and then walk over the wooden bridge (1.2K)

### NORTH AMERICA (Under Renovation Until 2025)

8. **Trumpeter Swans**
9. **Mexican Gray Wolves**
10. **Habitat Hollow-Character Cottage, My Barn**
11. Walk up hill, past train, and turn **RIGHT** at Prairie Outpost.
12. Cross Railroad Tracks
13. **Canada Lynx**
14. **Black Bears**
15. Cross over to **Moose** (walk on both dirt path & across wooden bridge to view)
16. **Reindeer**
17. Cross Railroad Tracks - enter **POLAR FRONTIER (2K)**

### POLAR FRONTIER

18. **Polar Bears (Underwater & Upper Deck Viewing)** (ramp down to underwater viewing, then up the stairs)

19. **Arctic Fox**
20. **Brown Bears**
21. **Battelle Ice Bear Outpost** (sliding doors)
22. Leave Polar Frontier area, turn **RIGHT – Do NOT Cross** Railroad Tracks, enter **HEART of AFRICA**

### HEART of AFRICA

23. **Donkey**
24. **Ostrich**
25. Enter **Mudiwa Village**
26. **Termites**
27. Enter **Ajabu National Park**
28. **African Lions**
29. **Warhogs / Cheetah Run / Cheetah**
30. Stay right at the fork and walk over the Boardwalk.
31. **Vervet Monkey**, loop back, stay right at the fork
32. **Giraffe – Feeding**
33. Exit Ajabu Nature Park, re-enter Mudiwa Village
34. **Mapori Restaurant**
35. Leave Heart of Africa area (**3K**)
36. Cross Railroad tracks, re-enter **NORTH AMERICA**

### NORTH AMERICA

37. **Reindeer** (view on left)
38. Follow to the right, signs marked **AVIARY, OTTER, COUGAR, WOLVERINE, BALD EAGLE**
39. **North American River Otter**
40. **Cougars (Puma)**
41. **Wolverines (Say O-H; Someone will reply I-O)**
42. Cross Railroad Tracks
43. **Songbird Aviary**
44. **Eagles**
45. Exit **NORTH AMERICA** area, turn **RIGHT** to follow sign marked **ASIA QUEST – SHORES & AQUARIUM (3.6K)**
46. Almost immediately after turning right, there is a cement walk on the right with an overhead sign marked **Elephant & Rhinoceros Viewing**. Walk under this sign.
47. **Elephant Outdoor Viewing**
48. **Rhinoceros Outdoor Viewing**
49. At the end of the outdoor viewing path, turn **RIGHT**, walk to the **stone entrance of ASIA QUEST**

### ASIA QUEST

50. Walk under the stone entrance marked **ASIA QUEST**
51. **Tufted Deer, Malaysian Giant Pond Turtle**
52. **Silver Leaf Langur** (outside viewing)
53. **Naomi Coyle Dempsey for Enlightenment Interpretative Center** (sliding doors)
  - a. **Sloth Bear**
  - b. **Reticulated Python**
  - c. **Water Monitor**

- d. **Flying Fox**
- e. **Silver Leaf Langur** (inside viewing)
54. Cross over to **Vanishing Giants Building – Asian Elephants and Rhinoceros** (indoor viewing)
55. **Sloth Bear** (outdoor viewing area)
56. **Elephant** (outdoor viewing area and swimming hole)
57. **Red Panda**
58. **Asia Quest Aviary**
59. **Markhor**
60. **Pallas Cat** (Cutest animal in the zoo)
61. **Amur (Siberian) Tiger**
62. Exit **ASIA QUEST** area (**4.4K**)
63. Walk straight across to walk up a wooded ramp to view **Red-Crowned Crane**
64. Exit ramp from Red-Crowned Crane, turn **RIGHT**, follow marked signs to **Australia & The Islands, Shores & Aquarium, Congo Expedition/African Forest**.
65. Walk a quarter of the way around **CONSERVATION LAKE** to **gold bald eagle statute/tunnel** area (**4.7K**)
66. **5K Walkers**: Continue to walk around the lake and follow **EXIT** signs.  
**9K/10K Walkers**: Continue walk (**Go to Direction #67**).

### AQUARIUM AND SHORES

67. **9K/10K Walkers**: Walk **under the tunnel** to the entrance of **AQUARIUM AND SHORES**
68. **Flamingos**
69. **Alligators**
70. **Reptile Building**
71. Turn **RIGHT**, walk about **20 yards**, turn **LEFT**, walk to **Discovery Reef Shores Aquarium** keeping **Shores Park 4-D Theater** on left
72. **Manatee Coast**
73. **Humboldt Penguins**
74. **Aldabra Tortoises (5.5K)**
75. Ride the **Grand Carousel** (My personal favorite☺)
76. Immediately past the carousel, turn **RIGHT** and walk under the arch **WATER'S EDGE EVENTS PARK**.  
(If gate is locked to the **PARK** area, continue with **direction #80**)
77. Walk straight and follow the signs to the **BOARDWALK** and the **Scioto River**. Turn **LEFT** and walk on the **BOARDWALK** for approximately **0.25K** until you reach the end of the wooden walkway. (Keep the river to the right)
78. Turn **around** and **retrace your steps** on the **BOARDWALK**. (Keep the river to the left)
79. **Walk up to the front of the stage area, John H. McConnell Theater**, and turn **RIGHT**.
80. Exit **WATER'S EDGE EVENTS PARK**, walking back under the arch.

81. Turn **RIGHT** and follow the **sign to the AUSTRALIA & ISLANDS, Congo & Food Court**. **Congo River Market (Food Court)** will be straight ahead.
82. On your **left** will be the entrance to the **African Forest CONGO EXPEDITION (6.2K)**

### CONGO EXPEDITION

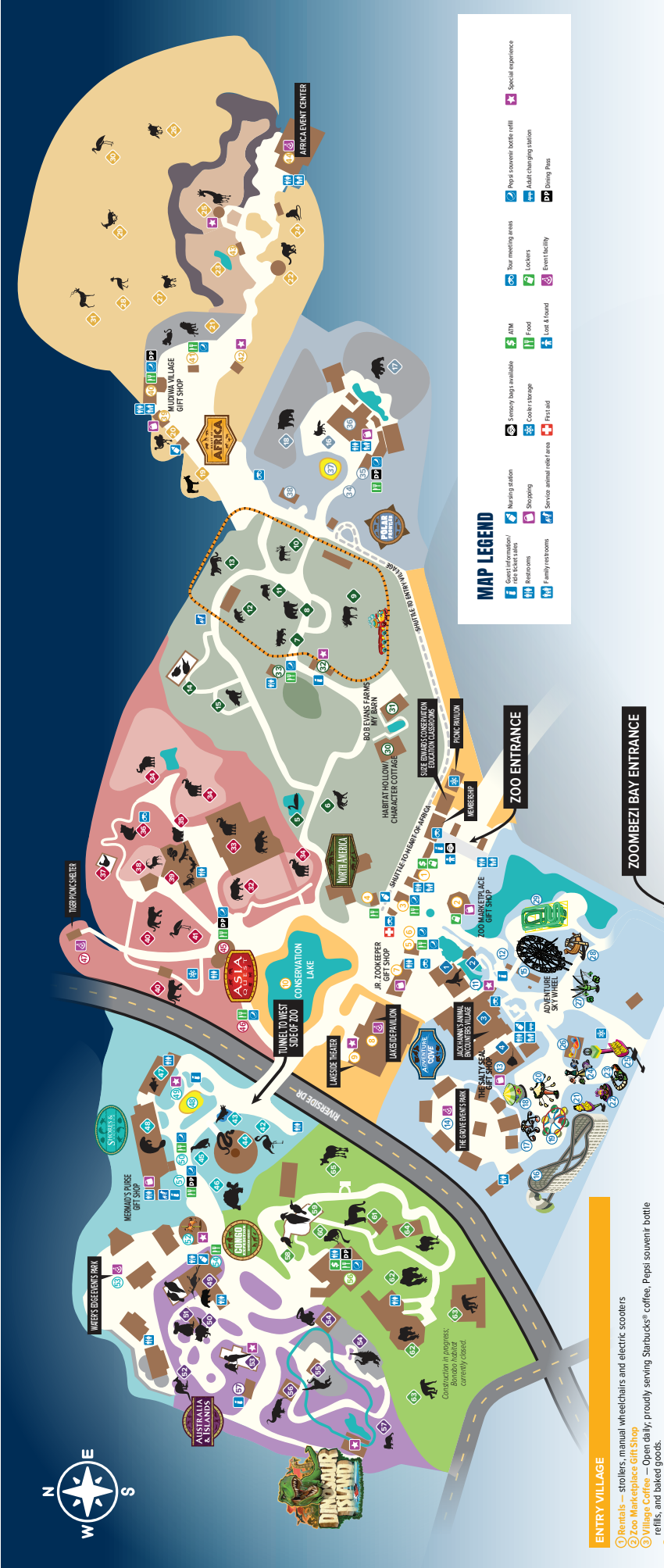
83. Enter the **CONGO EXPEDITION** area and walk over the wooden bridge.
84. **Black & White Colobus Monkeys**
85. **African Grey Parrots**
86. **Laura Perrot Congo River Base Camp** – Listen to the short film about the first zoo gorilla born in the world.  
**CHECKPOINT: What year was the gorilla born and what was their name?**
87. Door to **Congo Expedition Aviary** – located on your left.
88. **Black & White Colobus Monkeys**
89. **Leopard** (Outdoor & Indoor Viewing Areas)
90. **Mandrills** (Indoor Viewing Area)
91. **Gorillas** (Indoor & Outdoor Viewing Areas)  
**HIGHLIGHT OF THE COLUMBUS ZOO**
92. **Bonobos** (Area under construction 2024)
93. **Mandrills**
94. **Okapi**
95. Exit **CONGO EXPEDITION** area and follow **sign to AUSTRALIA & ISLANDS. (7K)**

### AUSTRALIA AND THE ISLANDS

96. Enter the **VOYAGE TO AUSTRALIA AND THE ISLANDS** area.
97. On the right is the **Nocturnal Building and the Aviary**.
98. Exit building, walk **straight** and then make a **sharp RIGHT** to view the Koalas.

99. **Koalas** (Indoor and Outdoor Viewing)
100. **Tasmanian Devil**
101. **Kangaroo Station**
102. **Lorikeet Aviary**
103. Exit **AUSTRALIA** as you curve to the **RIGHT (7.5K)**
104. **Orangutans** (Indoor Viewing to the left)
104. Enter the **ISLANDS** area across the bridge
105. **Siamangs & Gibbons**
106. Go **RIGHT** to follow the **signs to Orangutan, Bird Lake, Komodo**
107. **Komodo Dragons**
108. Continue to follow the **signs to Orangutan, Birds, Otters**
101. If unlocked, go down the wooden ramp to view the Scioto River again.
102. Turn around and go back up the wooden ramp and turn **RIGHT**
103. **Bird Lake**
104. **Asian Small-Clawed Otters** (Another favorite☺)
105. **Orangutans** (Outdoor Viewing)
106. Walk straight ahead and **exit AUSTRALIA AND THE ISLANDS** areas (**8K**)
107. **Follow signs to EXIT and AQUARIUM.**
108. Walk through the tunnel.
109. At gold **Bald Eagle statute** continue to follow exit signs.
110. **9K Walkers: Exit** the zoo to the parking lot (**9K**)  
**10K Walkers: Walk NORTH AMERICA** area again (**Directions #7-16 & #37-45**). Do not walk **POLAR FRONTIER** or **HEART OF AFRICA**.

*The Heart of Ohio Hikers hope you've enjoyed  
this tour of Columbus Zoo and Aquarium!*



- ### ENTRY VILLAGE

  - 1 Rentals — strollers, manual wheelchairs and electric scooters
  - 2 Zoo Marketplace Gift Shop
  - 3 Village Coffee — Open daily, proudly serving Starbucks® coffee, Pepsi souvenir bottle refills, and baked goods.
  - 4 Village Ice Cream
  - 5 Auntie Aimee's® Funnels & Creamery
  - 6 Pepsi® Oasis — Pepsi souvenir bottle refills, ICEES® (seasonal), and hot chocolate
  - 7 Jr. Zookeeper Gift Shop
  - 8 Lakeside Pavilion
  - 9 Lakeside Theater
  - 10 Conservation Lake
- ### ADVENTURE COVE presented by OhioHealth

#### ANIMALS

  - 1 California sea lion
  - 2 Harbor seal
  - 3 Jack Hanna's Animal Encounters Village (featuring a variety of species from around the world)
  - 4 Stillgray Bay

#### FOOD, DRINKS, RIDES, & VENUES

  - 1 Lighthouse Theater
  - 2 Adventure Cove Dippin' Dots®
  - 3 The Silly Seal Gift Shop
  - 4 The Grove Events Park
- ### RIDES AT ADVENTURE COVE seasonal

  - 1 Adventure Sky Wheel - 42" or 36" tall if accompanied by a supervising companion
  - 2 Sea Dragon - 48" or 42" tall if accompanied by a supervising companion
  - 3 Dust Devil - 48" or 36" tall if accompanied by a supervising companion
  - 4 Safari Stampede - 46" or 42" tall if accompanied by a supervising companion
  - 5 Sugar Glider - 42" tall
  - 6 Swingin' Gibbons - 36" tall
  - 7 Golden Frog Hopper - 36" tall
  - 8 Jack's Tea Party™ - 36" tall or accompanied by a supervising companion
  - 9 Tomy Town Train™ - 36" tall or accompanied by a supervising companion
  - 10 Falcon Fall - 46" tall
  - 11 Havor Harbor - 44" tall
  - 12 Mission Macaw - 44" or 36" if accompanied by a supervising companion
  - 13 Flying Clipper - 48" or 36" tall if accompanied by a supervising companion
  - 14 Tidal Twist™ - 48" or 42" tall if accompanied by a supervising companion
- ### NORTH AMERICA

Coming Soon! Construction for the redevelopment of our North America region will begin in Fall 2023.

#### ANIMALS

  - 1 Tundra swan
  - 2 Mexican wolf
  - 3 Canada lynx
  - 4 Black bear
  - 5 Moose
  - 6 Reindeer
  - 7 River otter
  - 8 Wolverine
  - 9 Cougar
  - 10 Aviaary
  - 11 Bald eagle

#### FOOD, DRINKS, RIDES, & VENUES

  - 1 Habitat Hollow/Character Cottage
  - 2 Bob Evans Farms My Barn
  - 3 Train Station — (Seasonal) 52" tall or accompanied by a supervising companion
  - 4 Prairie Outpost — Serving Dippin' Dots™ Ice cream, soft pretzels, popcorn, ICEES®, and fountain drinks.
- ### POLAR FRONTIER

#### ANIMALS

  - 1 Arctic fox
  - 2 Polar bear
  - 3 Brown bear

#### FOOD, DRINKS, RIDES, & VENUES

  - 1 Craft Brews Cart
  - 2 Ice Bear Outpost — interpretive messaging and games
  - 3 Polar Playground — (Seasonal) for children 54" tall and under
  - 4 Nikon Fossils & Gems Company Sluice — Weather permitting
- ### HEART OF AFRICA presented by GermanCans

#### ANIMALS

  - 1 Donkey
  - 2 Common ostrich
  - 3 African lion
  - 4 Cheetah
  - 5 Watering Hole
  - 6 River monkey
  - 7 Giraffe
  - 8 Common wildebeest
  - 9 Grant's zebra
  - 10 African reedbuck
  - 11 African gazelle
  - 12 Thomson's gazelle
  - 13 Dam reed
  - 14 Saddle-billed stork
  - 15 Greater ibis

#### FOOD, DRINKS, RIDES, & VENUES

  - 1 Village Restaurant
  - 2 Village Treats — Pepsi souvenir bottle refills, Savanna Slush frozen beverages, ice cream
  - 3 Mapori Restaurant
  - 4 Muddiva Gift Shop
  - 5 Muddiva Primary Schoolhouse Stage
  - 6 Giraffe Feed
  - 7 Africa Event Center
- ### SHORES & AQUARIUM presented by Kroger

#### ANIMALS

  - 1 Flamingo
  - 2 Alligator
  - 3 Reptiles
  - 4 Humboldt penguin
  - 5 Aldabra tortoise
  - 6 Discovery Reef Aquarium
  - 7 Mahitee Coast

#### FOOD, DRINKS, RIDES, & VENUES

  - 1 Shores Play Park
  - 2 4-D Theater — (Seasonal) Features 8- to 12-min. short films with added sensory experiences.
  - 3 Shores Park Snacks — Serving soft pretzels, popcorn, cotton candy, Pepsi souvenir bottle refills (seasonal), and draft beer.
  - 4 Shores Park Café
  - 5 Carousel — (Seasonal) 42" or accompanied by a supervising companion
  - 6 Water's Edge Events Park
  - 7 Carousel Dippin' Dots — Serving Dippin' Dots™ and Pepsi bottled beverages.
- ### AUSTRALIA & THE ISLANDS

#### ANIMALS

  - 1 Australia Nocturnal Building and Aviary
  - 2 Tasmanian devil
  - 3 Koala
  - 4 Kangaroo
  - 5 Lorikeet
  - 6 Orangutan
  - 7 Gibbon/Siamang
  - 8 Komodo dragon
  - 9 Asian small-clawed otter

#### FOOD, DRINKS, RIDES, & VENUES

  - 1 Dinosaur Island Boat Ride™ — (Seasonal) 42" tall or accompanied by a supervising companion
  - 2 \*Non-walking infants not permitted.
- ### CONGO EXPEDITION presented by Fifth Third Bank

#### ANIMALS

  - 1 African grey parrot
  - 2 Aviaary
  - 3 Colobus monkey
  - 4 Leopard
  - 5 Gorilla
  - 6 Bonobos (Construction in progress)
  - 7 Mandrill
  - 8 Ophi

#### FOOD, DRINKS, RIDES, & VENUES

  - 1 Congo River Market

Thank you for helping us fulfill our mission of  
**Empowering People. Saving Wildlife.**

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