**EXHIBITS & ATTRACTIONS**

**Russell Aquatic Ecology Center** - The Center is all about the aquatic habitats of South Texas and the animals and plants that live there. Some of the exhibits feature naturally occurring habitats, such as the open ocean, marshes, sea grass, mangrove groves, whales and porpoises, and others display man-made habitats, such as jetties and piers. Stop by and touch a stingray at Stingray Landing. The Center is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**South Texas Discovery Center** - The center features five classrooms, natural history library, graphics arts room and campfire area for Starlight Safaris.

**Giraffe Landing Feeding Experience** - Giraffe Landing Feeding Experience allows visitors to pet a giraffe and personal with the Zoo’s giraffe herd. Open on weekends and special engagements from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., weather permitting. Giraffe Treats: $3.00.

**South Texas Botanical Exhibit and Park** - This park features a playground nestled in an area landscaped with native plants. The playground is one-of-a-kind and contains sensational play structures. Among them is a 22-foot-tall Discovery Tree, a whimsical Clubhouse and a Castaway Boat that will totally captivate toddlers. Playground visitors of all ages can cool off under the refreshing water mists at Martha’s Cove.

**Butterflies, Bugs & Blooms** - Experience a spectacle of sights, smells and sounds in this free-flight greenhouse exhibit. Butterflies, Bugs & Blooms features various species of flowers, plants, butterflies and bugs that visitors can interact with and see up close. The exhibit is open during regular zoo hours, weather permitting. Admission: $1.00.

**South American Free-Flight Aviary** - The newly renovated aviary now includes contrasting waterfalls, a meandering stream and 16 species of colorful birds, including scarlet ibis, blue-crowned motmots and roseate spoonbills.

**Animal Encounters** - Students Teaching Students provide an opportunity for visitors to meet our Animal Ambassadors in our amphitheater on Thursdays and Fridays at 9:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., or on Saturdays and Sundays at 1:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. weather permitting. The schedule is subject to change.

**Help Keep Our Animals Healthy. Please do not throw food or objects in the exhibit areas!**

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**EATRIES**

- **The Oasis** (Across from Komodo dragon), serves the largest selection of food items on Zoo grounds. Try our Heatwave Jalapeño burger, authentic fajita taco or bar-b-que sandwich. Salads, snacks and frozen treats are also available.

- **Pizzozoria** (In Tropical America next to Birds of Prey), is the perfect place to relax and enjoy the view of our majestic bald eagle while snacking on pizza and beer. The menu also includes chicken wings and an assortment of sides.

- **Asian Grille** (Across from ring-tailed lemur), offers burgers, hot dogs and sandwiches. Beat the heat with an ice cold Sierra Mist or Manzanita Sol.

- **Serengeti Grill** (Across from camels), pick up a turkey leg as you walk by the camels or enjoy a sausage on a stick, roasted ear of corn, cup of corn, ice cream or Dippin’ Dots.

- **Coyote Cafe** (Across from Komodo dragon), serves the largest selection of food items on Zoo grounds. Try our Heatwave Jalapeño burger, authentic fajita taco or bar-b-que sandwich. Salads, snacks and frozen treats are also available.

- **Lion’s Pride** (Near lions), serves the largest selection of food items on Zoo grounds. Try our Heatwave Jalapeño burger, authentic fajita taco or bar-b-que sandwich. Salads, snacks and frozen treats are also available.

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