

North Carolina Zoo is Largest Natural Habitat Zoo in the World

Located less than an hour away in Asheboro

The North Carolina Zoological Park is located in Asheboro in Randolph County, in the Uwharrie Mountains near the geographic center of the state, approximately 55 miles from Wadesboro. At over 2,000 acres it is the largest walk-through zoo in the world, and one of only two state-owned zoos in the United States. The NC Zoo has over 1,600 animals from more than 250 species primarily representing Africa and North America. The zoo is open 364 days a year and receives more than 700,000 visitors annually.

The NC Zoo is home to the largest collection of chimpanzees of any zoo in America as well as the largest collection of Alaskan seabirds in the country.

The NC Zoo consists of two main areas: "Africa" and "North America" on opposite ends. With approximately five miles of walking paths, the zoo also provides trams and air-conditioned buses for visitors. It was the first American zoo to incorporate the "natural habitat" philosophy – presenting animals together with plants in exhibits that resemble the habitats in which they would be found in the wild. Most animals are kept in large expanses of land, which reduces many of the behavior problems



that can be caused by close confinement. The 37-acre African Plains exhibit alone is as large as many entire zoos.

In the North American half the swamps of the southeast are to be seen in "Cypress

Swamp" area, home to alligators, cougars, ducks, and a variety of reptiles and amphibians. "Rocky Coast" depicts the rocky coasts of the Pacific Northwest, with polar bears, California sea lions, harbor seals, Arctic foxes and the Alaskan seabirds. The streams of North Carolina can be seen in the "Streamside" exhibit with bobcats, otters, and a number of snakes and fish, including the critically endangered Cape Fear shiner. The "Prairie" enclosure shows off the enormous bison and elk of the great plains. The flora and fauna of the American Southwest are on display in the glass-domed "Sonoran Desert," which houses ocelots, coatis, common vampire bats, and a variety of free-flight birds such as white-winged doves, Gambel's quail, and horned larks. Black bears, grizzlies and red wolves also each have their own exhibits.

In the African half, the "Forest Edge" is a 3.5-acre, lightly wooded grassland enclosure where zebras, giraffes, and ostriches wander together. The "Watani Grasslands" mimic the great savanna of Africa and are home to rhinos, African elephants, Thomson's gazelle, gemsbok, waterbucks, sitatungas, blesboks, ostriches and greater kudu. Chimpanzees, lions, western lowland gorilla, red river hogs mandrills and one of the largest baboon troops in the country each have their own exhibit in the African half of the zoo.

Lemurs from neighboring Madagascar were added to the Africa section of the zoo in 2010 after a \$100,000 refurbishment of the former patas monkey exhibit, one of the first exhibits when the zoo opened in June 1980.

The R. J. Reynolds Forest Aviary recreates the hot, humid conditions of a tropical forest. It displays more than three thousand tropical plants and allows visitors to walk among 35 species of free-flying tropical bird including, sunbitterns, victoria crown pigeons and Chilean flamingos as well as red-footed and yellow-footed tortoises. Since 2007 the aviary has also been home to four species of poison dart frogs. The Aviary was listed among the top 10 American habitat exhibits in the US by USA Today.

The zoo is home to a large collection of art, primarily sculpture but also murals, mosaics, and paintings. Primarily depictions of animals and their habitats, the artwork uses a variety of materials including marble, steel, bronze, fiberglass, limestone, glass, cement, and others. The zoo's art is intended to enliven and enrich the zoo experience and help fulfill its mission by "promoting individual discovery and new ways of thinking."

The two largest sculptures are located at the zoo's main entrances. One, "Sum of the Parts," is a pile of large metal cubes, about a yard on a side. Most of the cubes are shiny and depict extant species, but a few rusted cubes tumbled off to the side memorialize extinct species. The second, "The Elephant Group," depicts several large elephants in bronze. The works were installed in 1998.

The NC Zoo caters to individuals, families, and groups of all kinds including school groups and camp programs. There are many special events and programs that are of interest to visitors of all ages. For more information visit www.nczoo.org or call 1-800-488-0444.

Dancercise Class Offered at Grace Senior Center

Dancercise, which is exercising while dancing, is being offered at Grace Senior Center. Dancercise is a blend of aerobics and dance moves, something that many people find to be lots of fun. Participants enjoy great music and learn actual dance moves. The class being offered is a beginners class. There is no registration and no charge for the class.

The class is ongoing. So, if you didn't make it to the first class there is still plenty of opportunity to join in later. Each month the schedules will be given out with class dates and times.

The Dancercise class is held on Mondays from 1 to 2 p.m. and on Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m.

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Sealed proposals will be received by the **WADESBORO HOUSING AUTHORITY** for **CAPITAL FUND PROJECT NC 50-50116 & 50-50117** until 3:00 PM, **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2018**, and immediately thereafter publicly opened and read for the furnishing of labor, material and equipment entering into the Modernization of **Project NC 50-50116 & 50117**. Scope of work will consist of renovations and modernization of existing project but is not limited to the following items:

Site NC 50-1; Site #1 & #2:

1. Provide all labor, materials and equipment required to remove vinyl siding and replace with insulated vinyl siding at buildings indicated on plans.

Site NC 50-3; Site #1:

1. Provide all labor, materials and equipment required to repair existing floors, install overlay of underlayment and new vinyl composition floor and vinyl base in 16 second story one bedroom apartments.

Provide all other work as shown on plans, in the Project Manual and as required by codes and the local authority having jurisdiction.

A PreBid Conference has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. Meeting will be held at the Wadesboro Housing Authority Office, 200 West Short Plaza, Wadesboro, North Carolina 28170.

Complete Plans and Project Manual will be open for inspection in the office of Stogner Architecture, PA, 615 East Broad Avenue, Rockingham, North Carolina (Designer); at the Housing Authority Office; or complete Plans and Project Manual will be available for on-line viewing from the offices of **Construct Connect** www.constructconnect.com; **Dodge Data & Analytics** <http://dodgeprojects.construction.com>; **The Blue Book** www.thebluebook.com; **NEXTPLANS** www.nextplans.com and **Construction Journal** www.constructionjournal.com.

Complete Plans and Project Manual may be obtained by download from Stogner Architecture, PA. by qualified bidders. For instructions on downloading these documents email bids@stognerarchitecture.com.

Documents may be obtained in printed form from **Harris Printing Company**, Seven Lakes Business Center, NC Hwy 211 West, West End, North Carolina 27376, Phone: 910-673-0600 and Email: ricky@harrisprintingcompany.com with production costs being paid by the Contractor. Attn: Ricky.

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The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities.

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