



Learn about Otters!

Otters are found in rivers, lakes, and even some oceans all around the world! The Little Rock Zoo is home to North American River Otters and African Spotted Necked Otters! Otters are all fast swimmers, using webbed feet and streamlined bodies to chase down their favorite food, fish!

Family Matters

Otter families are usually made up of a male and female pair, their newest pups, and their older pups. Together, otter families can find more food and can defend each other from predators, like crocodiles and alligators.



The Little Rock Zoo supports Otters through Species Survival Plans, which works to conserve otters in zoos and in the wild!

Want to Learn more? Check out these links and activities!

Otter Specialist Group:

<https://www.otterspecialistgroup.org/osg-newsite/about/missionstatement/>

National Geographic:

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/mammals/group/otters/>

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/mammals/n/north-american-river-otter/>

<https://www.nationalgeographic.org/media/sniffing-out-otter-behavior/>

Other:

San Diego Zoo: <https://animals.sandiegozoo.org/animals/otter>

Otter Activity

Otters have long, sensitive whiskers that help them find prey, even in murky water. Their whiskers also help them detect water current changes and other dangers, like predators.

Color the otter mask and cut it out. Ask an adult for help cutting out the holes for your eyes. Glue your finished mask to a craft stick and show off your otter whiskers!

