

Learn about Gorillas!

Gorillas are native to central Africa. There are four sub-species of Gorilla. The Little Rock Zoo is home to Western Lowland Gorillas, they are the smallest of the four sub-species. All Gorillas live in family groups called troops, they are made up of one adult male, called a silverback, and several adult females and their offspring. The silverbacks job is to protect his family from danger.

Gentle Giants

Gorilla are the largest primate, despite their large size they are herbivores, the majority of their diet is plants. Gorillas spend most of their day foraging for food, they are important seed dispersers and help support the growth of forests.



The Little Rock Zoo supports the conservation initiative of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums' Ape Taxon Advisory Group and Gorilla SAFE, both help to protect this endangered species in the wild!



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

AZA Ape Taxonomic Advisory Group:

<http://www.apetag.org/Gorillas.html>
<http://www.apetag.org/conservationApe.html>
<http://www.apetag.org/aboutTAG.html>

National Geographic:

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/mammals/w/western-lowland-gorilla/>
<https://www.nationalgeographic.org/media/photo-ark-western-lowland-gorilla/>

Other:

Gorilla Rehabilitation and Conservation Education Center (GRACE): <https://gracegorillas.org/>
Diane Fossey Gorilla Fund International: <https://gorillafund.org/learning-fun/>
<https://gorillafund.org/learning-materials/>
San Diego Zoo: <https://animals.sandiegozoo.org/animals/gorilla>

Know the Nose!

No two noses on a gorilla are alike. Researchers take close-up photos of each wild gorilla's face to help identify individuals and be able to learn more about them.

Can you match the nose to the gorilla it belongs to?

Cut out the cards below to play a nose matching game! Lay out all of the cards, face side down. Take turns flipping over two cards, when you flip over the correct nose with the correct gorilla you have a match! If you don't flip over two correct cards, flip them back over and try again on your next turn!

