

Learn about Giant Anteaters!

Giant Anteaters are only found in Central and South America, they are the largest of the three anteater species! They have an interesting appearance, their long snout helps them to get into ant and termite nests, and their big bushy tail is often used as a blanket or even a sun shade!

Food in their Name

As their name suggests, Giant Anteaters love eating ants and other insects! They don't have any teeth to eat them with, instead, they lick up the insects with their round tongue that is 2 feet long!



The Little Rock Zoo works with the Giant Anteater Species Survival Plan, which helps to protect this amazing species in zoos and in the wild!

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

Giant Anteater Conservation Projects:

<http://www.giantanteater.org/>

http://www.proyectoibera.org/en/english/especiesamenazadas_osohormiguero.htm

<https://www.worldlandtrust.org/species/mammals/giant-anteater/>

National Geographic:

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/mammals/g/giant-anteater/>

<https://www.nationalgeographic.org/media/photo-ark-giant-anteater/>

Other:

BBC Earth - The Giant Anteater and the Termites: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yc8ZiyweAF0>

Rainforest Alliance: <https://www.rainforest-alliance.org/species/giant-anteater>

San Diego Zoo: <https://animals.sandiegozoo.org/animals/giant-anteater>

Make an Anteater Mask!

Giant Anteaters have a long nose that helps them access their favorite food, ants!

Color the anteater 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 long anteater nose!

