



Private Sanctuary Tours

Recommended for ages 5 and up

Recommended for groups of less than 20 people

Indiana's Academic Standards

Science Standard 4: The Living Environment

Objectives:

To plant a seed of awareness through observation, interaction, and personal encounters that will encourage responsible pet ownership and conservation of endangered species and natural habitats.

Animals featured:

Over 47 species of mammals, reptiles, birds, and primates, including several endangered species.

What to expect:

This program will take place indoors, outdoors, and “behind the scenes”. A Black Pine instructor will guide guests through the sanctuary to observe the former pets and retired performers and to see the service areas that staff utilize to service the animals. The tour guide will share personal stories to reveal how the exotic pet trade and performing industry create a market for exotic animals, and how these industries can adversely affect animals in the wild and in captivity.



Animal discussions will include natural history information for each species, such as lifespan, diet, size, environmental needs, and behavior. Emphasis will be placed on sharing personal biographical stories of the individual animals residing at the sanctuary. This will give unique insight into the challenges posed by the captive animal trade. The instructor will share the basis of the park's GOOD LIFE quiz that helps people understand what considerations should be given to keeping any animal in captivity, such as size, odor, dangerous behaviors, threats to health, and environmental needs. This informative tour will provide unparalleled opportunities to witness animal behaviors in a safe, yet very intimate setting.

Guests will be provided animal feed to enjoy interacting and learning about the resident goats, sheep, llamas, large birds and other rescued pets and retired performers who share the pasture.

Tour time: 75 to 90 minutes.

Cost: \$10.00 per person, maximum 20 people per tour. Smaller groups are subject to being combined with other groups for most effective scheduling of staff resources.