

ENCOUNTER AFRICA

In the fall of 2009, Cheyenne Mountain Zoo embarked on a \$13.5 million capital campaign to build the fantastic Encounter Africa exhibit, which will provide new homes for our African elephants and lions, as well as bring the majestic black rhinoceros back to the zoo. Thanks to generous donations and contributions, the exhibit is a reality.

Architect: The Portico Group

General Contractor: JE Dunn Construction

Elephant Barn Features

- 1/2 the size of a football field
- natural substrate sand stall
- 6-inch deep splash stall with elephant-operated warm water shower
- multiple enrichment opportunities

Elephant Exhibit Features

- waterfall and pool
- mud wallows
- scratching tree
- elephant trek and multiple yards

Rhino Exhibit Features

- bush airplane cantilevered from top of exhibit with guest viewing
- pool
- mud wallow
- shade structures

Phase 1: Complete

new barn for African elephants

Phase 2: Fall 2012

new African elephant exhibit, black rhinoceros added to collection, new meerkat exhibit

Phase 3: Summer 2013

new African lion exhibit

Lion Exhibit Features

- larger dens with a day room (lions may choose to be together or separate)
- heated rocks
- waterhole
- misters

Meerkat Exhibit Features

- heated rocks
- radiant heat
- termite mound
- enrichment logs

Other Features

- suspension-style bridge over elephant exhibit
- training and enrichment amphitheater
- African tent camp with life-size elephant sculptures

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LEGEND:

- Elephant Barn**
- Animal Den
 - Utility Area
 - Keeper Area
 - Elephant Splash Stall
- Site**
- Existing Contours
 - Proposed Contours
 - Elephant Post & Cable Barrier
 - Animal Exhibit Yard
 - Animal Shift Gate
 - Visitor Boardwalk Path
 - Keeper Path
 - Natural Rock Boulder
 - Existing Tree
 - Proposed Specimen Tree
 - Exhibit Pool & Beach Edge
 - Tall Grass - Visitor Barrier
 - Visitor Path
 - Heavy Ground Cover
 - Artificial Rock
 - Heated Artificial Rock
 - Natural Deadfall
 - Elephant Shade Structure

**Overall Site Plan
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