

Sensory Levels (1= Low Sensory Stimulation, 10= High Sensory Stimulation)

African Forest

Houston, TX

ISD#10314

TOUCH



2

TASTE



1

SOUND



6

SIGHT



4

SMELL



6

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PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES

- Visitors explore at their own pace
- Some interactive features throughout the exhibit

- Low impact on this sense

- Sounds echo in parts of this area
- Potential for animal sounds
- Potential for close proximity/shared space with other visitors
- Potential air and vehicle transportation sounds

- Natural light, outdoor setting
- View animals throughout this area, some views are from high heights

- Strong animal scents in this area

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Sensory Levels (1= Low Sensory Stimulation, 10= High Sensory Stimulation)

Alligators

Houston, TX

ISD#10313

TOUCH

TASTE

SOUND

SIGHT

SMELL



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PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES

- Visitors explore at their own pace
- Some interactive features throughout the exhibit

- Low impact on this sense

- Potential for animal sounds
- Potential for close proximity/shared space with other visitors
- Potential air and vehicle transportation sounds

- Natural light, outdoor setting
- View animals throughout this area
- Opportunity for up close encounter with animals

- Some animal scents in this area

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Sensory Levels (1= Low Sensory Stimulation, 10= High Sensory Stimulation)

Bug House

Houston, TX

ISD#10315

TOUCH

TASTE

SOUND

SIGHT

SMELL



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PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES

- Visitors explore at their own pace
- Low impact on this sense

- Low impact on this sense

- Strong echoes in this area
- Potential for close proximity/shared space with other visitors
- Potential air and vehicle transportation sounds

- Indoor lighting, dim lighting
- Some additional spotlights
- View animals throughout this area

- Potential for animal scents in this area

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Sensory Levels (1= Low Sensory Stimulation, 10= High Sensory Stimulation)

Carnivores

Houston, TX

ISD#10317

TOUCH

TASTE

SOUND

SIGHT

SMELL



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PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES

- Visitors explore at their own pace
- Low impact on this sense

- Low impact on this sense

- Potential for loud animal sounds
- Some water sounds
- Potential for close proximity/shared space with other visitors
- Potential air and vehicle transportation sounds

- Natural light, outdoor setting
- View animals throughout this area

- Some strong animal scents in this area

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Sensory Levels (1= Low Sensory Stimulation, 10= High Sensory Stimulation)

Children's Zoo

Houston, TX

ISD#10316

TOUCH



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TASTE



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SOUND



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SIGHT



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SMELL



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PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES

- Visitors explore at their own pace
- Some interactive features throughout the exhibit

- Low impact on this sense

- Potential for animal sounds
- Sounds from other visitors
- Some echoes in the indoor areas
- Potential air and vehicle transportation sounds

- Natural light, outdoor setting, some indoor areas
- View animals throughout this area
- Opportunity for up close encounter with animals
- Some transitions from bright to dim lighting

- Some animal scents in this area

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Sensory Levels (1= Low Sensory Stimulation, 10= High Sensory Stimulation)

Elephants Habitat

Houston, TX

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TOUCH



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TASTE



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SOUND



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SIGHT



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SMELL



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PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES

- Visitors explore at their own pace
- Some interactive features throughout the exhibit

- Low impact on this sense

- Potential for loud animal sounds
- Potential for close proximity/shared space with other visitors
- Potential air and vehicle transportation sounds

- Dust may blow in the air on windy days
- Natural light, outdoor setting
- View animals throughout this area

- Some strong animal scents in this area

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Sensory Levels (1= Low Sensory Stimulation, 10= High Sensory Stimulation)

Entrance

Houston, TX

ISD#10320

TOUCH

TASTE

SOUND

SIGHT

SMELL



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- Few opportunities for tactile engagement in this area

- Low impact on this sense

- Sound echoes in this area
- Sounds from other guests
- Potential for close proximity/shared space with other visitors
- Potential air and vehicle transportation sounds

- Natural light, outdoor setting

- Low impact on this sense

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Sensory Levels (1= Low Sensory Stimulation, 10= High Sensory Stimulation)

Explore the Wild

Houston, TX

ISD#102321

TOUCH



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TASTE



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SOUND



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SIGHT



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SMELL



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PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES

- Visitors can climb, walk, and explore the area
- Various plants to touch
- Visitors must be aware of balance when moving around this area

- Low impact on this sense

- This can be a quieter area of the zoo
- Background music
- Potential for close proximity/shared space with other visitors
- Potential air and vehicle transportation sounds

- Natural light, outdoor setting

- Potential for animal scents in this area

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Sensory Levels (1= Low Sensory Stimulation, 10= High Sensory Stimulation)

Forest Village

Houston, TX

ISD#10322

TOUCH

TASTE

SOUND

SIGHT

SMELL



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PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES

- Visitors can play, bang on drums, and explore in this area
- Water feature
- Free/unstructured play

- Potential for water to get in mouth
- Low impact on this sense

- Visitors can play drums
- Potential for close proximity/shared space with other visitors
- Potential air and vehicle transportation sounds

- Natural light, outdoor setting
- Potential for water to get in eyes

- Potential animal scents in this area

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Sensory Levels (1= Low Sensory Stimulation, 10= High Sensory Stimulation)

Galapagos

Houston, TX

ISD#10323

TOUCH

TASTE

SOUND

SIGHT

SMELL



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PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES

- Visitors explore at their own pace
- Some interactive features throughout the exhibit

- Low impact on this sense

- Sounds echo inside the exhibit
- Sounds of splashing water
- Potential for close proximity/shared space with other visitors
- Potential air and vehicle transportation sounds

- Transition from bright lighting to darkness through the exhibit
- View animals throughout this area, some overhead
- Some areas have blue lights
- Eyes may take time to adjust

- Potential for animal scents in this area

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Sensory Levels (1= Low Sensory Stimulation, 10= High Sensory Stimulation)

Giraffe Feeding

Houston, TX

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TOUCH



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TASTE



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SOUND



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SIGHT



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SMELL



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PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES

- Visitors can feed giraffes lettuce
- Sinks are available for guests to wash their hands

- Low impact on this sense

- Potential for animal sounds
- Potential for close proximity/shared space with other visitors
- Potential air and vehicle transportation sounds

- Natural light, outdoor setting
- Opportunity for up close encounter with animals

- Some animal scents in this area

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Sensory Levels (1= Low Sensory Stimulation, 10= High Sensory Stimulation)

Great Ape Gallery

Houston, TX

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TOUCH



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TASTE



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SOUND



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SIGHT



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SMELL



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PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES

- Visitors explore at their own pace
- Low impact on this sense

- Low impact on this sense

- Potential for loud and unexpected animal sounds
- Apes may charge and bang on glass
- Potential for close proximity/shared space with other visitors

- Apes may unexpectedly charge at viewing areas
- Natural light, outdoor setting
- View animals throughout this area

- Some animal scents in this area

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Sensory Levels (1= Low Sensory Stimulation, 10= High Sensory Stimulation)

Hoofed Animals

Houston, TX

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TOUCH



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TASTE



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SOUND



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SIGHT



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SMELL



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PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES

- Visitors explore at their own pace
- Low impact on this sense

- Low impact on this sense

- Potential for animal sounds
- Potential for close proximity/shared space with other visitors
- Potential air and vehicle transportation sounds

- Natural light, outdoor setting
- View animals throughout this area

- Potential animal scents in this area

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Sensory Levels (1= Low Sensory Stimulation, 10= High Sensory Stimulation)

Lion Tunnel

Houston, TX

ISD#10327

TOUCH

TASTE

SOUND

SIGHT

SMELL



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PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES

- Visitors explore at their own pace
- Must use stairs to access this area

- Low impact on this sense

- Potential for loud animal sounds
- Strong echoes in this area
- Potential for close proximity/shared space with other visitors
- Potential air and vehicle transportation sounds

- Transition from light to dark
- Mostly natural light, indoor setting
- View animals throughout this area

- Potential animal scents in this area

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Sensory Levels (1= Low Sensory Stimulation, 10= High Sensory Stimulation)

Pantanal

Houston, TX

ISD#10329

TOUCH

TASTE

SOUND

SIGHT

SMELL



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PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES

- Visitors explore at their own pace
- Can climb in nooks in this area
- Can sit in a canoe

- Low impact on this sense

- Potential for loud and unexpected animal sounds
- Potential for close proximity/shared space with other visitors
- Potential air and vehicle transportation

- Natural light, mostly outdoor setting
- View animals throughout this area
- Transitions from light to dim lighting

- Some animal scents in this area

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Sensory Levels (1= Low Sensory Stimulation, 10= High Sensory Stimulation)

Petting Zoo

Houston, TX

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TOUCH



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TASTE



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SOUND



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SIGHT



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SMELL



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PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES

- Pet and feed animals in this area
- Wash hands in the sinks

- Low impact on this sense

- Potential for animal sounds
- Potential for close proximity/shared space with other visitors
- Potential air and vehicle transportation sounds

- Natural light, outdoor setting
- View animals throughout this area
- Opportunity for up close encounter with animals

- Strong animal scents in this area

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Sensory Levels (1= Low Sensory Stimulation, 10= High Sensory Stimulation)

Playground

Houston, TX

ISD#10331

TOUCH



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TASTE



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SOUND



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SIGHT



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SMELL



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PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES

- Visitors can play, climb, crawl, and slide in this area
- Free/unstructured play

- Low impact on this sense

- Sounds from other guests
- Potential for nearby animal sounds
- Potential for close proximity/shared space with other visitors
- Potential air and vehicle transportation sounds

- Natural light, outdoor setting
- Some bright colors in this area

- Some animal scents in this area

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Sensory Levels (1= Low Sensory Stimulation, 10= High Sensory Stimulation)

Reptiles

Houston, TX

ISD#10332

TOUCH

TASTE

SOUND

SIGHT

SMELL



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PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES

- Visitors explore at their own pace
- Low impact on this sense

- Low impact on this sense

- Sound echoes in this area
- Sounds of other guests
- Potential for close proximity/shared space with other visitors
- Potential air and vehicle transportation sounds

- Dim lighting, indoor setting
- Some digital screens
- View animals throughout this area

- Potential for animal scents in this area

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Sensory Levels (1= Low Sensory Stimulation, 10= High Sensory Stimulation)

Sea Lion Show

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TOUCH

TASTE

SOUND

SIGHT

SMELL



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- Visitors sit and watch a show

- Low impact on this sense

- Speaker uses a microphone during the show
- Potential for animal and water sounds
- Potential for close proximity/shared space with others
- Potential air and vehicle transportation sounds

- Natural light, outdoor setting
- View animals throughout this area

- Potential animal scents in this area

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Sensory Levels (1= Low Sensory Stimulation, 10= High Sensory Stimulation)

Texas Wetlands

Houston, TX

ISD#10334

TOUCH

TASTE

SOUND

SIGHT

SMELL



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PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES

- Visitors explore at their own pace
- Low impact on this sense

- Low impact on this sense

- Potential for animal sounds
- Potential for close proximity/shared space with other visitors
- Potential air and vehicle transportation sounds

- Natural light, outdoor setting
- View animals throughout this area

- Potential for animal scents in this area

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Sensory Levels (1= Low Sensory Stimulation, 10= High Sensory Stimulation)

Walk-Through Aviary

Houston, TX

ISD#10335

TOUCH



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TASTE



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SOUND



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SIGHT



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SMELL



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PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES

- Visitors explore at their own pace
- Guests must walk through plastic chains hanging

- Low impact on this sense

- Potential for animal sounds
- Potential for close proximity/shared space with other visitors
- Potential air and vehicle transportation sounds

- Natural light, outdoor setting
- View animals throughout this area
- Opportunity for up close encounter with animals

- Some animal scents in this area

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Sensory Levels (1= Low Sensory Stimulation, 10= High Sensory Stimulation)

Wildlife Carousel

Houston, TX

ISD#10336

TOUCH



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TASTE



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SOUND



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SIGHT



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SMELL



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PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES

- Riders move up and down while rotating in a circle

- Low impact on this sense

- Loud music plays throughout the ride
- Potential for close proximity/shared space with other visitors
- Potential air and vehicle transportation sounds

- Natural light, outdoor setting, some additional lights
- Changing scenery as riders rotate and move up and down

- Low impact on this sense

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Sensory Levels (1= Low Sensory Stimulation, 10= High Sensory Stimulation)

Wortham World of Primates

Houston, TX

ISD#10337

TOUCH



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TASTE



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SOUND



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SIGHT



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SMELL



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PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES

- Visitors explore at their own pace
- Low impact on this sense

- Low impact on this sense

- Potential for loud and unexpected animal sounds
- Potential for close proximity/shared space with other visitors
- Potential air and vehicle transportation sounds

- Natural light, outdoor setting
- View animals throughout this area

- Some animal scents in this area

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