

Visiting the Zoo's Gibbon Ridge

National Zoo Social Narrative: Primates at Gibbon Ridge



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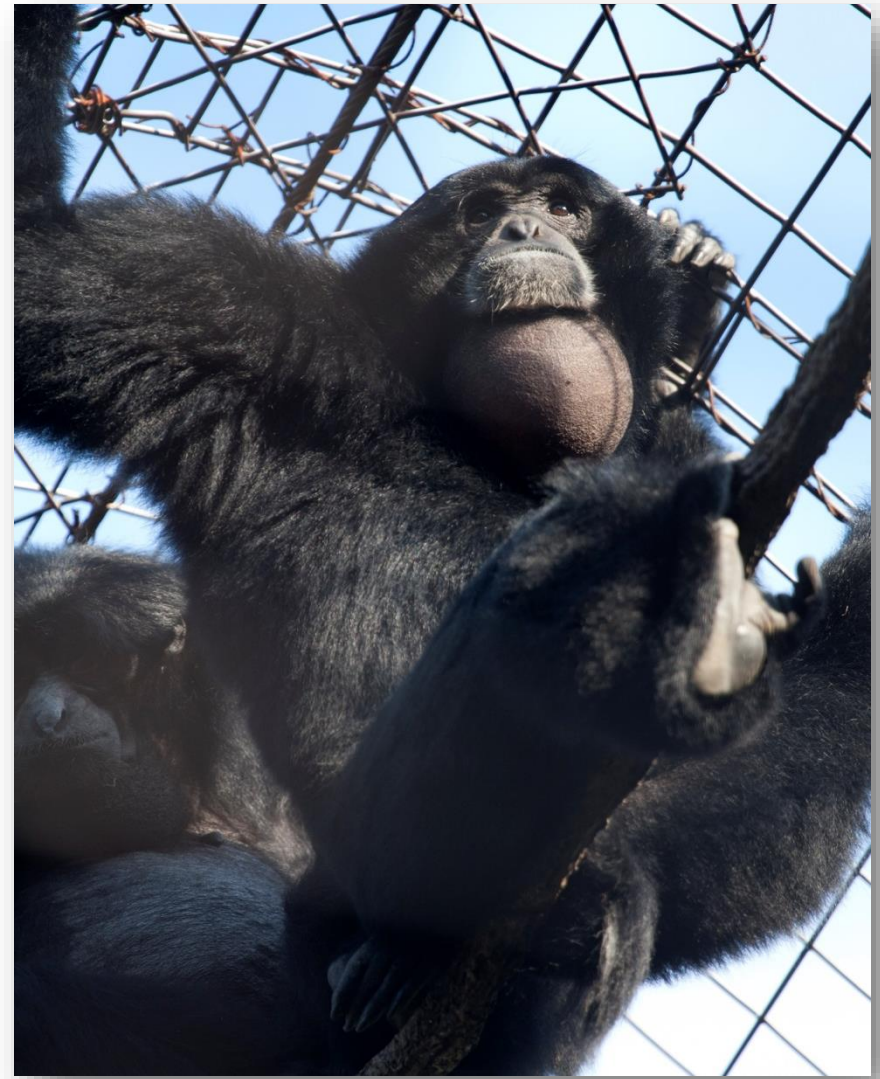
There are many animals to visit at the Zoo.
Today, I am going to visit the primates at Gibbon Ridge.



There is a path that leads to Gibbon Ridge.
Gibbons and siamangs, two types of apes, live here.



White-cheeked gibbons live at Gibbon Ridge. Adult males are black with white cheeks. Adult females are mostly blond in color. I may hear them make very loud sounds that sound like a siren.



Siamangs live at Gibbon Ridge. The males and females are black and look alike. I may hear the siamangs make loud sounds. I may see their throats extend, kind of like a bullfrog, when they call.



In the exhibits, I may see trees, ropes, ladders and other structures for the apes to swing on.



I may see hammocks and platforms. The gibbons and siamangs like to sleep there. There are many places for the primates to hide. I may not see them when I visit Gibbon Ridge.



I may see many different kinds of toys in the exhibits.
These items and others help to keep the primates active.



I may see large exhibits and other people looking at the apes. I can sit on a bench if I want to take a break.



I may see signs that tell me about the apes. I can touch the objects on the signs if I want to. This sign tells how gibbons use their long hands and arms to swing through trees.



I may see a large sign with a mirror that I can stand in front of to see myself. I can put my hands in the air and pretend to walk like the siamang on the sign.



I may see a sign that has buttons to push. I can push the buttons to hear the calls of white-cheeked gibbons and siamangs.



White-cheeked gibbons and siamangs live at Gibbon Ridge.
I may see other kinds of primates in different areas at the Zoo.