

PANTANAL – OVERVIEW

Enclosure

Opening date:	21 March 2012
Planning & construction:	3 years
Surface area:	9,700 m ²
Costs:	CHF 9.7 million, entirely financed by donations

Water is the key element of the Pantanal at Zoo Zurich. The visitors' paths lead along by the water and over pools where visitors can watch tapirs swimming and capybaras diving. Endangered yellow-breasted capuchins and squirrel monkeys can be seen romping around on the three islands formed between the water landscapes. Supervised access to the 230 square meter monkey island in the centre of the enclosure is sometimes possible, allowing visitors to become unusually close to the squirrel monkeys.

Zoo Zurich encourages the animals to adopt their natural behaviour in the Pantanal, as in other parts of the zoo. Rocks and tree stumps stimulate them to climb, and niches and covered areas offer ideal places for them to rest. The anteaters find their food in the termite mound, while resting places in exposed locations allow the monkeys to laze around in the sun on hot days.

Animals

Mammals:

- Capybara (*Hydrochoerus hydrochaeris*);
- Giant anteater (*Myrmecophaga tridactyla*);
- South American tapir (*Tapirus terrestris*);
- Squirrel monkey (*Saimiri boliviensis boliviensis*);
- Yellow-breasted capuchin (*Cebus xanthosternos*).

Birds:

- Black-necked swan (*Cygnus melancoryphus*);
- Chilean flamingo (*Phoenicopterus chilensis*);
- Chiloé wigeon (*Anas Sibilatrix*);
- Cinnamon teal (*Anas cyanoptera*);
- Green-winged macaw (*Ara chloroptera*);
- Rosy-billed pochard (*Netta peposaca*);

- South American comb duck (*Sarkidiornis melanotos carunculatus*);
- Southern screamer (*Chauna torquata*).

International breeding programmes: South American tapir, giant anteater and yellow-breasted capuchin.

(📄 zoo.ch/zuchtprogramme)

Nature conservation

The Pantanal represents a further step towards becoming a conservation centre.

(📄 zoo.ch/en/conservation)

Exhibition

«Illegal animal trade»: Zoo Zurich explains the problem of illegal animal trade in the nature conservation exhibition in the Pantanal. The houseboat on the banks of the pool forms the centre of the exhibition. A police station for the Brazilian environmental police is hidden inside, illustrating the everyday fight against the illegal animal trade.

(📄 zoo.ch/ausstellung-pantanal)

Activities

Monkey island: Visit the squirrel monkeys on their island (spring to autumn).

(📄 zoo.ch/affeninsel)

Animal presentations: Animal keepers inform the visitors about the flora and fauna of the Pantanal and the problems of the illegal wildlife trade.

(📄 zoo.ch/veranstaltungen)

Adventure vouchers: Visit the anteaters, tapirs and squirrel monkeys, with a look behind the scenes and information from animal keepers.

(📄 zoo.ch/erlebnisgutschein)

Guided tours & events: Custom private and business events and guided tours.

(📄 zoo.ch/event)

📄 **Overview of the enclosure:** zoo.ch/anlagen-pantanal

📄 **Media releases, documentations:** zoo.ch/medien-pantanal