



ALAMEDA PARK ZOO

Zoo Opens New Black Bear and Mountain Lion Exhibit

The Alameda Park Zoo opened the new "Cougar Canyon" exhibit on 21 November 1999. The Bear and Mountain Lion exhibits incorporates 1,600 square feet of naturalistic environment, to include ponds, trees, plus shrubs, enhancing both the physical and psychological well being of the animals. Four enclosed, climate-controlled back quarters allow tremendous flexibility in managing both species. Viewing is enhanced in four areas in which view mesh is utilized rather than chain link, giving patrons a rich visual experience.



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Ellen Trout Zoo Opens New Giraffe and Rhinoceros Exhibits

On 31 July 1999, the Ellen Trout Zoo opened a new exhibit area for Masai giraffes and southern white rhinoceroses. Five acres were developed for the exhibit, public areas and off-exhibit holding. The spacious exhibit spaces represent habitat along a river in Africa. Visitors are separated from the animals by a winding, slow moving river complete with waterfalls. Along the path, shelters provide places to view the animals. Lush tropical landscaping is incorporated along the visitor pathway and the riverbanks. Friends of Ellen Trout Zoo, T.L.L. Temple Foundation, E.L. Kurth Jr., Charitable Foundation and zoo admission fees provided funding. The project cost \$550,000 with the City of Lufkin providing utility and dirt work.