



BEAR HOLLOW ZOO SELF-GUIDED TOUR

Welcome to Bear Hollow Zoo! We are a small zoo home to native, non-releasable Georgia Wildlife. We are committed to conservation through education. Please use this guide during your visit to learn about our resident animals! Please return guide after your visit.

NORTH AMERICAN RIVER OTTER

Otterbee came to BHZ in March 2015 from CROW Wildlife Rehab in Florida. He was orphaned in the wild and brought into their care. Although he was raised for release into the wild, he did not acclimate. He was placed with us after two unsuccessful attempts at release. Bobbles came to BHZ in January 2020 from all the way from Alaska Zoo. He was orphaned in the wild.
FUN FACT: When otters swim, they close their nostrils and ears. They can stay underwater for up to 8 minutes!

GRAY SQUIRREL AND QUAIL

Rustle the squirrel came to BHZ in 2016 and the quail arrived in 2019.
FUN FACT: Squirrels communicate with each other by making sounds and body movements such as tail flicks. A group of quail are called a covey!

AMERICAN ALLIGATOR

Mazie came to BHZ in March 2009 from UGA's Savannah River Ecology Lab.
FUN FACT: Alligators have 74-84 teeth, which are replaced once they are worn down. They can go through 2,000 teeth in their lifetime!

GREAT HORNED OWL

Eeyore (smaller, male) came to BHZ in 2000 after an injury damaged his left wing and left him blind in his right eye. Winnie the Hoo (larger, female) came to BHZ in 2008 after she was hit by a car.
FUN FACT: If our eyes were as large as an owl's in proportion to the skull, we'd have eyes the size of grapefruits!

TURKEY VULTURE

Hialeah came to BHZ in 2013 from the UGA Veterinary School due to a left wing injury.
FUN FACT: Vultures have an incredibly tough digestive system; they can digest anthrax, botulism, cholera, and salmonella!

WHITE-TAILED DEER

Rocky (male) came to BHZ from the Georgia DNR in June 2013. He is reliant on people to fulfill his survival needs. Rose (female) came from the UGA Veterinary School as an orphan in 2015.
FUN FACT: Deer have four stomachs!

WILD TURKEY

Our turkeys came from the UGA Veterinary School. We have one female and one male.
FUN FACT: Turkeys have about 5,000 feathers!

GOPHER TORTOISE

Shrek (male) came in 2005. Fiona (female) came in 2015.
FUN FACT: Gopher tortoises are a keystone species, meaning many other species rely on them for survival!

AMERICAN BLACK BEAR

DJ (male, largest) came to BHZ in January 2006 as an orphan. Athena and Yonah (females) were also orphaned and came to BHZ in 2010.
FUN FACT: Most of their diet consists of grasses, roots, berries, and insects. They will also eat fish and mammals.

BALD EAGLE

Honovi (smaller, male) came to BHZ in 2005. Hania, a juvenile female, came in June 2017 from the Maitlands, Fla. Audobon Society. Both have wing injuries that prevents them from flying.
FUN FACT: They do not grow in white head feathers until they are about 4-5 years old.

VIRGINIA OPOSSUM

Stella and Luna came to BHZ in 2018 after being orphaned in the wild.
FUN FACT: Opossums are the only marsupial native to North America!



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