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Disney+'s "Magic of Disney's Animal Kingdom," from National Geographic and narrated by the award-winning, fan-favorite Josh Gad, gives viewers a backstage pass to explore the magic of nature within Disney's Animal Kingdom® Theme Park, Disney's Animal Kingdom Lodge and The Seas with Nemo & Friends at EPCOT. Each of the eight episodes dives into the details, unveiling the multifaceted aspects of animal care, conservation and Disney Imagineering and showcases the parks' magnificent array of more than 300 species and 5,000-plus animals and the herculean tasks their animal care experts undertake to keep things running day and night.



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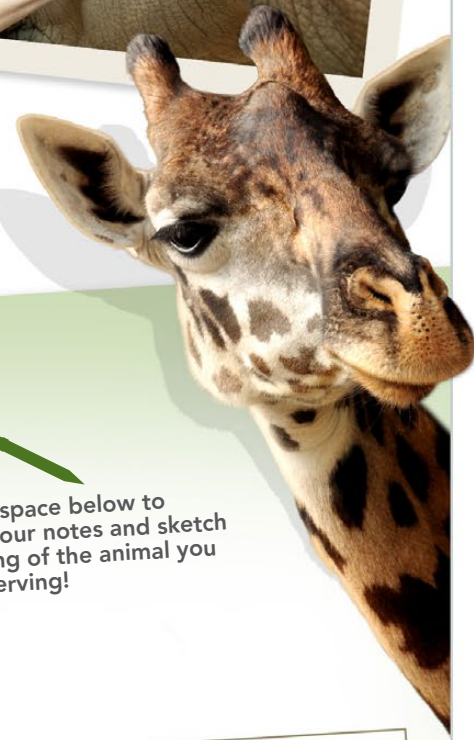
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# A KEEN EYE FOR OBSERVATION

**W**hen it comes to caring for the animals at Disney's Animal Kingdom Theme Park, animal keepers must always keep a constant watch over species big and small, ensuring they are safe, healthy and stimulated. One of the most important skills an animal keeper needs in order to be successful is a keen eye for observation. By keeping a watchful eye on each animal, keepers are able to learn an individual animal's behavior and provide them with the care, food or medicine they may need.



## ACTIVITY

You can hone your animal observation skills by practicing in your own backyard or by visiting a local AZA\*-accredited zoo or aquarium.

\*Association of Zoos and Aquariums



Once you've chosen a location, find an animal and identify what it is:

- What do you know about that animal already? Is it a mammal, reptile or insect?
- If you are at a zoo or aquarium, is there anyone around to ask questions to learn more about their behavior?



Watch the chosen animal for a few minutes and take notes on their behaviors.

- What did you observe the animal doing? How does the animal move throughout its habitat?
- Does the animal have any unique physical characteristic to help you identify that individual?

Use the space below to fill out your notes and sketch a drawing of the animal you are observing!

### MY OBSERVATION NOTES:

Lined area for writing observation notes.

Large blank area for sketching a drawing of the animal.



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# AN APPRECIATION OF THE SEAS

The Seas with Nemo & Friends at EPCOT is home to 60 different types of aquatic animals including sharks, sting rays, sea turtles and a wide variety of tropical fish. To care for all of these animals a dedicated team of aquarists, marine mammal specialists and veterinarians complete daily animal observations, aquarium cleanings and husbandry training. For many on the team, the dedication to care for aquatic animals stems from an appreciation of the ocean that was first made when they visited the beach as a young child.

## ACTIVITY

Think about a time when you visited the ocean or watched something about marine life on television. Were you inspired by the natural beauty of the deep blue sea? In the bubbles below, write out or draw your own appreciation of the ocean and marine animals that you care about.

1

An animal I want to help protect:

I will protect them by:

2



This will make a positive impact because:

3



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# IDENTIFYING INDIVIDUALS

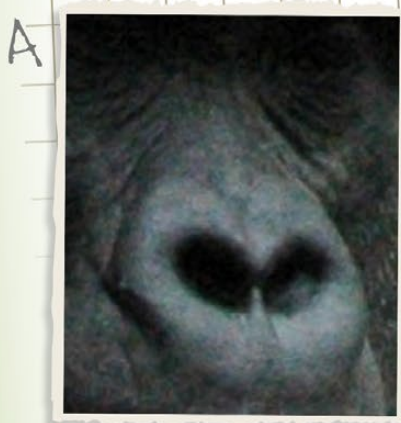


Located at Disney's Animal Kingdom Theme Park, the Gorilla Falls Exploration Trail provides Guests the opportunity to explore a lush tropical forest inhabited by native African wildlife including hippos, okapi and meerkats. Perhaps the most impressive animals on the trail are the western lowland gorillas, often spotted on a grassy hillsides and as curious to see the Guests as the Guests are to see them.

Looking at all of these incredible animals, it can be hard to tell individuals apart from one another. However, for the animal keepers who care for

these gorillas, it is an important aspect of their daily role to know who is who. How do you identify a gorilla? You can look at their size, hair coloring or unique physical features, but to be sure, keepers can always look at their nose. A gorilla's nose shape and wrinkles are as unique to them as fingerprints are to us. Go on and give it a try below to see if you have what it takes to identify a few of the gorillas found on the Gorilla Falls Exploration Trail!

**ACTIVITY** In the columns below, match the illustration of the gorilla noseprint by drawing a line to the correct individual in the bottom photos.



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Answers: 1B, 2C, 3A

# ENRICHMENT ADVENTURE

For the animal care teams featured in “Magic of Disney’s Animal Kingdom,” enrichment is an integral part of the day-to-day animal management. Enrichment provides opportunities for animals to make choices and display species-appropriate behaviors. How many types of enrichment items have you seen in the series so far? Assemble this conservation catcher to learn more about the types of enrichment items for specific species!

**TIGER**  
scent spray

**RHINO**  
mud wallow

**GORILLA**  
sweet potato cake

**MANDRILL**  
pumpkin

**ELEPHANTS**  
water pool

**VULTURES**  
ice treats

**GIRAFFE**  
browse wreaths

**HORNBILL**  
puzzle feeder

**ABYSSINIAN GROUND**

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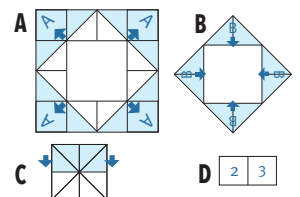
**1**

**2**

**3**

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Fold back the four triangular corners. (Diagram A.)
2. Fold the four triangles forward, covering center square. (Diagram B.)
3. Fold in half with numbers facing out. (Diagram C + D.)
4. Slide your thumbs and forefingers under the four flaps.
5. Choose a number from the four corners, then open and close your fingers that number of times.
6. Pick an animal/enrichment that you are most interested in.
7. Open the flap to that see that animal enjoying their enrichment activity.



# THE MAGIC OF ANIMAL ART

Share some of your favorite animals you've seen on "Magic of Disney's Animal Kingdom" with your family and friends by using your imagination and inspiration to create your own animal leaf art. Step outdoors and collect fallen leaves or other natural items to create the unique animals seen on the show. Whether it's a black rhino, crocodile or an aardvark, let your imagination and talent run wild. You can even create an animal keeper who helps care for the species you've created.

## ACTIVITY

1. Grab a reusable bag and go on a leaf collecting adventure!
2. Arrange leaves in the shape of your animal. Use different leaf shapes and colors to add more detail.
4. Carefully glue your animal leaf body in place on construction paper.
5. Glue smaller leaves and other natural items to add details to your animal. For example, you might want to add eyes, nose, a beak or antennae!
6. After the glue is dry, use the back side of your paper to craft a story about your special creature. Does it have a name? Where does it live and what is its favorite food? Describe one of your animal's adventures.
7. Share your animal's adventure with your friends and family. Invite them to create their own so they can join the adventure with you!



## SUPPLIES

- Leaves and other natural items such as twigs, pine cones, bark or pebbles
- Colored construction paper, recycled or repurposed if you can
- Reusable bag
- Glue stick



**NATURE NOTE:**  
Avoid picking items from living plants and instead look for already fallen leaves, twigs, etc.

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# ANIMAL MATCHING

## ACTIVITY

Cut out the fact and animal cards below, featuring some of the most unique animals from "Magic of Disney's Animal Kingdom." Turn over the cards so they are facing down and mix them up.

Flip two cards over at a time and try to match the correct animal card with its fact card. If the two cards do not match, flip them back over and try two new cards. If the cards do match leave them face up. Play until you can match them all!

1 Often portrayed as **SCAVENGERS**, this animal hunts most of its prey by picking off weak members in a herd which helps strengthen the overall health of the herd.

2 This animal spends **6-8 HOURS** a day foraging for aquatic plants in shallow waters.

3 The name of this animal comes from an Afrikaans word that translates to "**EARTH PIG**" in English.

4 The unique pattern of paint-like **SLOTCHES** on this animal's fur coat allows each individual to be identified by using its coat pattern just like a human fingerprint.

5 This small antelope relies on an acute sense of **HEARING** to stay safe from predators.

6 This animal has a type of camouflage called **COUNTERSHADING**, which keeps it hidden from view from either above or below.



STEENBOK



SPOTTED EAGLE RAY



HYENA



MANATEE



AFRICAN PAINTED DOG



AARDVARK



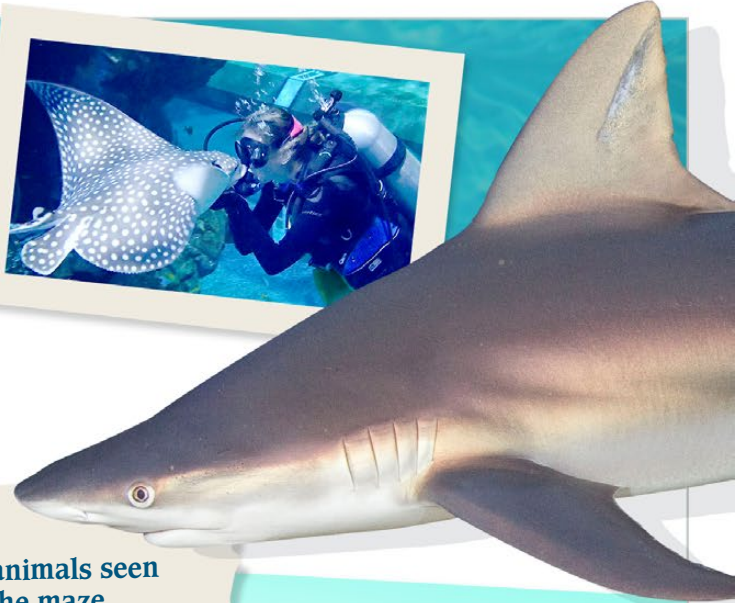
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Answers: 1. Hyena, 2. Manatee, 3. Aardvark, 4. African Painted Dog, 5. Steenbok, 6. Spotted Eagle Ray

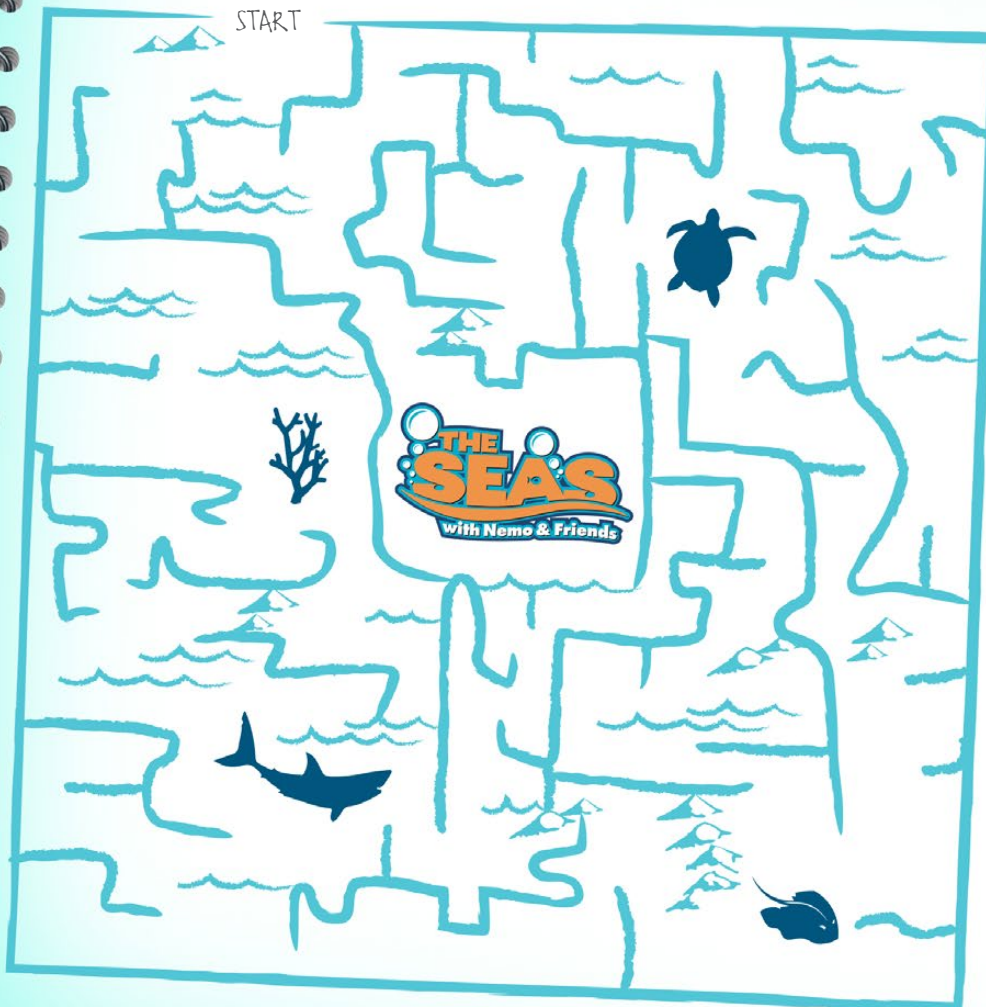
# NAVIGATE THE SEAS

**A**t The Seas with Nemo & Friends, a team of animal experts, aquarists, veterinarians and conservationists utilize their talents to care for the animals at EPCOT and help protect ocean habitats around the world.



## ACTIVITY

Use your knowledge of some of the incredible ocean animals seen in "Magic of Disney's Animal Kingdom" to complete the maze below. When you reach an image in the maze, find the corresponding icon on the right and decide which of the statements is true. Then, use the arrows as a hint to find your way to the middle.



**GO THIS WAY**

Corals are groups of animals that grow up to a few inches every year.

**OR**

**GO THIS WAY**

Corals are rocks carved by centuries of ocean currents.



**GO THIS WAY**

All sharks are over 15 feet and instinctively hunt large prey.

**OR**

**GO THIS WAY**

Some sharks are as tiny as 7 inches and prey on tiny zooplankton and krill.



**GO THIS WAY**

Some species of stingrays are migratory, following a pattern of moving from one area of the ocean to another during certain times of the year.

**OR**

**GO THIS WAY**

Stingrays can only be found in saltwater habitats.



**GO THIS WAY**

Seagrasses are an important source of food for sea turtles and turn the fat inside their bodies green.

**OR**

**GO THIS WAY**

Sea turtles stay away from seagrasses to avoid predators that could be lurking within.



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# SHARE A WILDLIFE STORY

**A**s the final episode of “Magic of Disney’s Animal Kingdom” comes to a close, your entry into the world of animals is just beginning.

Can you continue telling the story of nature? Look around you—incredible moments are happening outside your own door. Head outdoors with family and friends and see what unique nature stories are unfolding in your backyard or nearby park. Use the storyboards below to create a short story of your observations before capturing your own magic of nature series.

## ACTIVITY

Storyboards are used by filmmakers to tell stories. Use the boxes below to sketch out a unique nature moment happening near you and try to capture it with a camera once you’re ready!



1

2

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4

5

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# YOU CAN PROTECT THESE ANIMALS!



**B**y watching nature shows like “Magic of Disney’s Animal Kingdom” and learning more about these species, you are on your way towards helping protect animals in your own backyard and beyond! Knowledge creates awareness, which can lead to action. A positive attitude towards all animals can help make a conservation impact when combined with actions that benefit the world around us. Think about ways you can help these animals.



## CREATE WILDLIFE-FRIENDLY HABITATS.

Consider creating a place for wildlife to thrive in your yard. Provide a water source, a place for animals to live and plants that provide food. Before you know it, your backyard could be home to all kinds of insects, plants, and animals.



## BECOME AN OCEAN EXPERT.

To expand your knowledge of wildlife in the world around you, visit the ocean or your local AZA-accredited aquarium or zoo. You can also learn more about ocean animals like sharks, rays, coral reefs and sea turtles by visiting [DisneyAnimals.com](http://DisneyAnimals.com). Don’t forget to share your ocean knowledge with family and friends by celebrating World Oceans Day each year on June 8th!



## MAKE WISE CONSERVATION CHOICES.

Finding alternative ways to travel such as carpooling, biking and walking are all great options to lessen your impact on the environment. Think sustainably! When shopping at the store, before you toss an item into your cart ask yourself, is this sustainably sourced?



## CHOOSE PETS WISELY.

Though many regulations exist around the world to protect wild animals, the illegal pet trade still takes many wild animals directly from their natural habitats. When the time comes to add a furry, feathery or scaly addition to your family, be sure you know where it came from and consider adopting a pet from your local animal shelter.



## REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE AND REPLENISH.

Reduce your consumption to achieve a smaller “footprint.” Reuse items that normally are just tossed into the trash and recycle everything you can. Replenish the earth by planting a tree that will provide food and a home for many animals.

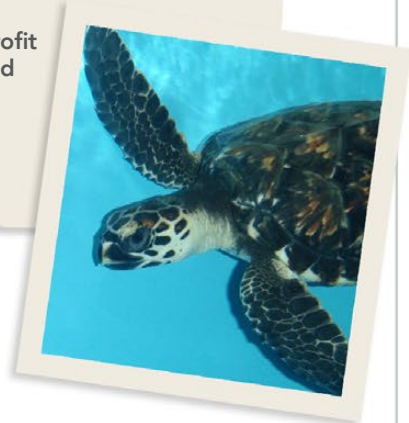


## CONNECT WITH NATURE.

Explore the natural world around you. Take a nature walk or hike with your family and friends to learn more about wildlife in your community. Explore the beach and spend time watching wildlife near the shore. You might find that you have quite the ecosystem in your own backyard!



Disney Conservation is committed to saving wildlife and building a global community inspired to protect the magic of nature together. Since 1995, the Disney Conservation Fund has directed \$100 million to support nonprofit organizations working with communities to save wildlife, inspire action and protect the planet. Disney Conservation Team Wildlife leads best-in-class scientific programs to conserve wildlife in Disney’s backyard and beyond, connects people to build a network for nature, and cares for the planet through everyday actions. To learn more visit [Disney.com/conservation](http://Disney.com/conservation)



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