

OCAq Plan A

Outdoor Exhibit Experience

Final 8/6/20

Guests will spend an hour enjoying our outdoor exhibits while learning new bits of interesting and unique facts about our animals directly from our interpretive experts. It will be a personal experience with a small group where guests can ask questions and observe the animals without any crowds.

1. Turkey Vulture Exhibit

The vulture exhibit features a pair of turkey vulture siblings, Olive and Ichabod, who were taken as hatchlings into a human home and later turned over to wildlife rehabilitation specialists. However, they'd become acclimated to humans and were unable to be released into the wild, so they found a permanent home at the aquarium in 2009.

2. Sea Otter Exhibit

We have northern sea otters, and they like to frolic and play, and they're pretty attached to their adoring fans. They'll come right up to the window and follow and play with you.

3. Seals and Sea Lion Exhibit

The aquarium opened an expanded viewing area for the seals and sea lions a few years ago. Visitors can get up close and personal with the pinnipeds. They're pretty excited about anyone that walks by, even staff or grounds people — when we're walking by, they'll just come right over to the window. They're very imprinted by people.

4. Seabird Aviary Exhibit

The seabird aviary is the largest in North America, with two large pools hosting tufted puffins, horned puffins, rhinoceros auklets, pigeon guillemots and common murre.

5. Rocky Habitat Exhibit

The rocky habitat includes the intertidal life normally found in the aquarium's rocky shores exhibit, with the exception that the touch pool won't be accessible to touching due to COVID precautions.

1. Turkey Vulture Exhibit

Did you know turkey vultures stomach acid has a pH slightly above zero? This is lower than car battery acid and 100 times as concentrated as human gastric juice. Vultures can eat just about anything that is dead and rotten. They are the ultimate recyclers!

2. Sea Otter Exhibit

Sea Otters have the densest fur in the animal kingdom, with up to one million hairs per square inch of their body!

3. Seals and Sea Lion Exhibit

Seals are semiaquatic marine mammals. They have four flippers, so are in a category of animals known as pinnipedia which means 'fin-footed'.

4. Seabird Aviary Exhibit

Common murrelets are sometimes confused with penguins. They resemble penguins somewhat in shading with a white underbelly and dark head, neck, back, wings, and tail, and also in its upward posture.

5. Rocky Habitat Exhibit

Did you know a starfish is actually called a sea star or a star of the sea because they are not fish? They are echinoderms, closely related to sea urchins and sand dollars.