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Bear Hollow Zoo: Self-Guided Tour

Welcome to Bear Hollow! We are a small zoo exhibiting 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 and consider how lucky we are to share space with these amazing species!

North American River Otter (1)

Our otter arrived as a juvenile in the fall of 2015 from CROW wildlife rehab in Florida. He was orphaned in the wild and luckily brought into their care. Although he was raised for release into the wild, when the time came, he did not acclimate. He was placed with us after two unsuccessful attempts at release. **Fun Fact:** *When otters swim, they close their nostrils and ears. They can stay underwater for up to 8 minutes!*

American Alligator (1)

Our alligator arrived at Bear Hollow in March of 2009. She hatched at UGA's Savannah River Ecology Lab. As she's been cared for by people her entire life, she's not a good candidate for release into the wild. She is very comfortable in the company of people. **Fun Fact:** *The largest gator on record weighed 727 lbs.!*

Barred Owl (1)

This Barred Owl was hatched in the wild and brought to Bear Hollow in January of 2012. He was found in the wild, injured, after being hit by a car. Preferring mature open forests, Barred Owls prey on small mammals, fish, birds, and insects. **Fun Fact:** *Their call is very distinctive and sounds like someone saying "Who cooks for you, who cooks for you all?"*

Great Horned Owl (2)

These Great Horned Owls are named Eeyore and Winnie the Hoo. Eeyore was brought to Bear Hollow in 2000, after having surgery on his left wing. He is also blind in his right eye. Winnie the Hoo arrived in 2008 after being struck and caught in a car's grill. **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 (1)

This vulture was brought to Bear Hollow in summer 2013 with an injury to its left wing. Found standing in a garage, this bird was brought to the UGA Wildlife Treatment Crew at the UGA Veterinary Hospital. X-rays revealed that the injury had healed in a position that will permanently hinder flight. **Fun Fact:** *Vultures have incredibly tough digestive systems, they can digest anthrax, botulism, cholera and salmonella! This protects US from these deadly pathogens!*

Wild Turkey (3)

Wild Turkey are native to the southeastern United States and Central America. They were originally domesticated by the Native Americans in Mexico. Our flock came from UGA. **Fun Fact:** *Turkeys have about 5,000 feathers!*

White-tailed Deer (2)

Our male White-tailed Deer (a.k.a. Rocky) came to us from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources in June 2013. He cannot be released back into the wild because he was raised by people, and has become reliant on people to fulfill his survival needs. He is not able to fend for himself. His enclosure mate we call Rose, she was orphaned in the spring of 2015 at a very young age and needed lots of care. **Fun Fact:** *Deer have 4 stomachs!*

Bobcat (1)

We call our bobcat Katie. She was born in 2000 and came to Bear Hollow from a wildlife rehabilitator in 2006. Bobcats can live up to 16 years in the wild and up to 32 years in captivity. **Fun Fact:** *Their population is estimated to be surprisingly large in North America—it's likely to be around 1 million cats!*

Red-tailed Hawk (1)

This Red-tailed hawk was hatched in the spring of 2002. Found injured in the wild, the hawk was brought to a wildlife rehabilitator in Lithonia, GA. The right eye needed to be removed. It was brought to Bear Hollow in 2003. **Fun Fact:** *The Red-tailed Hawk mates for life, laying a clutch of 1 to 3 eggs at a time.*

Eastern Screech Owl (1)

Our owl came to us from the UGA Wildlife Treatment Crew at the UGA Vet School. The owl is full grown and suffered a wing injury that could not be repaired. **Fun Fact:** *Screech Owls don't hoot, they whinny!*

Gopher Tortoise (3)

Our three Gopher Tortoises are named Faith, Shrek, and Fiona. Faith was hatched in the wild and came to Bear Hollow in 1997. Shrek and Fiona were hatched in captivity in 2005. They are known for their burrowing abilities and can eat over 300 different plant and mushroom species. **Fun Fact:** *They can live for around 40 years with some reaching up to 70 years.*

Bald Eagle (1)

Our Bald Eagle goes by the name Honovi. He arrived in 2005 with an injury to a joint in his wing. He cannot fly, so we are able to keep the top of his enclosure open. **Fun Fact:** *Bald Eagles mates for life and lay up to 7 eggs per season.*

Black Bear (3)

Brought to Bear Hollow in January 2006, D.J. was orphaned at 8 weeks old and is the oldest and largest of the 3. The smaller bears are sisters, Athena and Yonah. They were orphaned at 2 weeks old and were brought to Bear Hollow in April 2010. **Fun Fact:** *Athena and Yonah love to climb the trees in their enclosure!*

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