



DETROIT ZOO ARCTIC RING OF LIFE

ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN

DETROIT ZOOLOGICAL PARK



The Arctic Ring of Life presents the story of species adaptation in the extreme arctic landscape through the eyes of the Inuit people.

The exhibit features the biologically active zone found in the seasonally shifting changes between land, water and ice—with habitats ranging from the tundra and taiga to the icecap. Its most unique feature of the Arctic Ring of Life exhibit is a 70-foot-long clear tunnel that winds through an underwater marine environment. This Polar Passage takes visitors underneath diving and swimming polar bears and seals.

The Arctic Ring of Life embodies the concept of “cultural resonance,” showing the interdependence and connectedness between humans and wildlife.

FACTS

- \$14.9 million
- 4.2-acre interactive facility
- Polar bears, seals, arctic fox, owls
- Re-creation of early 1900s Inuit Village

BENEFITS

- Interprets relationship between nature and culture
- Leading-edge exhibition, management, and breeding of polar bears

Significant Achievement Award
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