



DUBLIN GORILLA

DUBLIN, IRELAND

DUBLIN ZOO



Following the Dublin Zoo Master Plan developed by Jones & Jones, the Director of the zoo charged us with creating a new habitat for the zoo's family of Western Lowland Gorillas.

The design for this new tropical forest habitat is based on the swamp forests of the Lac-Tele Reserve in the Congo, giving the zoo's gorillas plenty of space with over an acre of diverse habitats similar to the grassland, forest and river matrix of their ancestral home.

With several formal viewing areas, a continuous viewing boardwalk, play area, overnight camp area, and other educational opportunities to experience these majestic animals, visitors are immersed in this tropical biome as they explore the landscape. Visitors ford cascading streams and enjoying distant views and borrowed landscapes across the lake to other animal habitats.

The new Gorilla House where the family spends their nights, includes a large common area with climbing trees, natural daylighting, an indoor viewing gallery and state of the art husbandry facilities, including maternity areas and a quarantine area.

FACTS

2.3 million euros budgeted (3.3 million USD)

1 acre of animal habitat

Total area of 3 acres

Opened in 2011

