



SAN DIEGO WILD ANIMAL PARK CONDOR RIDGE

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Condor Ridge celebrates the efforts of the San Diego Zoo in breeding and release programs which have saved the California Condor from extinction.

The condors are highlighted in a lofty mesh flight cage constructed above an existing boulder formation. The aviary is located to take advantage of daily updrafts from the valley, which allows condors to spread their wings and soar within the confines of the lightweight mesh.

Along a curved boardwalk, the visitor also encounters other endangered North American species which are part of reintroduction programs supported by the Zoo. Thick-billed parrots and Aplomado falcons are set among an existing pine grove. Further on, black-tailed prairie dogs and black-footed ferrets can be viewed side by side behind glass in simulated earth-bank burrows. Harris hawks and burrowing owls also share the spotlight in the arid desert setting.

FACTS

Reintroduction programs for endangered North American species

Natural display of endangered species rarely seen in wild

BENEFITS

Recovery for endangered species in the wild

Support and public education for conservation

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