

## **Pepper Family Wildlife Center Fact Sheet**

- Pepper Family Wildlife Center, located at the heart of Main Mall at Lincoln Park Zoo, is home to African lions, snow leopards, Canada lynx, and red pandas.
- The outdoor habitat space for a pride of lions at Pepper Family Wildlife Center is 18,300 sq. ft. with an additional 2,400 sq. ft. of behind-the-scenes space. The habitat is also vertically complex, adding additional room to roam.
- The lion house is a designated Chicago Landmark and an exceptional 1912 Arts and Crafts structure. It features a rich material palette of patterned and glazed brickwork, terra cotta, clay tile roof, ornamental cast iron, and Guastavino vault ceiling, which were restored and enhanced as part of the building renovation.
- Design of the new lion habitat was informed by data collected over the last several years on lion behavior, space, use, and preference, using the Lincoln Park Zoo-created behavior monitoring app, ZooMonitor.
- The savanna-style lion habitat spans the full northern side of the building and includes intricate rockwork to increase vertical complexity and environmental choices for the lions while providing embedded heating and cooling elements for a climate controlled habitat.
- Tree structures and deadfall were made from Forest Stewardship Council-certified trees.
- Food zip lines, simulating prey, were installed for lion feeding as an enrichment opportunity.
- A unique indoor design element, known as the Lion Loop, enables guests to view the exhibit from the center of the habitat. This immersive experience includes views of the lions from the side and overhead in the center of the habitat.
- The new state-of-the-art lion habitat features immersive viewing opportunities from both inside and outside Pepper Family Wildlife Center.
- Pepper Family Wildlife Center includes a demonstration training wall where guests can view the lions participating in their own healthcare.

- To modernize and make the historic lion house accessible, air conditioning, automatic doors, universal pathways, and new LED fixtures and controls were installed. The washrooms were fully renovated.
- Pepper Family Wildlife Center features a meeting or private events room with views of the lion habitat and supporting spaces for catering.
- Pepper Family Wildlife Center is a \$41 million renovation and part of *The Pride of Chicago* capital campaign at Lincoln Park Zoo which began in 2012.