Terwilliger Discovery Center WildCare Bay Area, California, USA

Total Area: 1,500 sf

Animal: Native California reptiles

Budget: \$1 million

Time frame: December 2015 - present



Design and Construction Documents for Live and Interpretive Exhibits

Discovery Center serves as an intruduction to work and mission of WildCare. It is a gate to area of courtyard with ambasador amimals' habitats, as well as a center of play and education. It features activities such as animal play hospital and a reselase forest where children role-play the activities that WildCare staff uses to rehabilitate animals such as x-raying, examining, treating, feeding and training. Opposite the animal hospital is an California habitats diorama featuring jewel box exhibit of live animals as well as taxadermy. Intermingled throughout the Discovery Center are other interpretive features such coyote pinball, an augmented reality kiosk and a climb and play mother oak tree.

Special Feature

The unique habitats diorama combines live reptile habitats with wildlife taxidermy scenes, separated by glass, to create a seamless landscape bursting with wildlife. The combination of stationary and dynamic environments allows for the display of interactions and narratives between animals not possible with either living or taxidermy exhibits alone.



Diorama combining live animal habitats and wildlife taxidermy scenes

