

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE MEMPHIS ZOO

THE MEMPHIS ZOO IS LOCATED IN MIDTOWN, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, AND IS PART OF OVERTON PARK. OVER 3,500 ANIMALS CALL MEMPHIS ZOO THEIR HOME.

1904

The first idea for the zoo occurred when Colonel Robert Galloway wanted to build a home for a Southern black bear named Natch who was chained to a tree in Overton Park.

The zoo was established for \$1,200.

1906

Galloway Hall, the first building built at the zoo, opened.

1907

1909

Carnivora for big cats (now Cat Country) and the original Elephant House opened.

1916

The Botanical Display Building (now the Tropical Bird House) opened.

1936

Monkey Island (now Primate Canyon) opened.

1959

The Aquarium opened.

The Herpetarium opened.

1960

The Design Consortium of New Orleans created a plan commissioned by the Memphis Zoological Society that upgraded the zoo into one of the best in the world.

1986

Animals of the Night, Once Upon a Farm, and Primate Canyon opened.

1995

1998

Dragon's Lair and the Animal Hospital opened.

2003

CHINA opened.

The Northwest Passage opened.

2006

Teton Trek and Birds and Bees opened.

2009

The Zambezi River Hippo Camp opened.

2016

