

Sensory Safari

“A journey of sight through touch”

An exciting partnership of the Northwest Chapter of Safari Club International, Washington State School for the Blind, Washington School for the Blind Foundation, with special collaboration and involvement from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has brought this new museum to Southwest Washington. A unique opportunity in the form of a rare wildlife safari through the sense of touch, called the “Sensory Safari” Tactile Museum of Natural History, brings a new world of discovery not only to the blind, but

to our full community. All animals are donated to enhance the education of wildlife conservation and are on permanent display providing a unique way to see wildlife through the sense of touch.

The Tactile Museum of Natural History’s permanent display located on the Washington State School for the Blind (WSSB)

campus at 2214 E. 13th St., Vancouver, Wash., is a one-of-a kind museum within the U.S. which incorporates sense of touch, Braille, large print and audio to provide an invigorating learning environment that can be enjoyed by all individuals.

Upon entering the museum you will be greeted by an 8 by 30 foot brilliant mural depicting a wildlife scene and the enchanting sounds of wildlife. You will be absolutely amazed by this mural which was painted by Nov Gnik, a legally blind student who graduated from WSSB in 1994.



Partners:

Safari Club International (SCI): Established in 1971, SCI currently has 179 chapters and a membership exceeding 52,000 (in 20 different countries) SCI is a strong presence in the community. Besides protecting the tradition of hunting, it offers a wide variety of humanitarian services. SCI is pleased to be part of this Tactile Museum.

Washington School for the Blind Foundation

(WSBF): Established in 1995 to assist the School for the Blind in enhancing educational opportunities for blind and visually impaired students from throughout Washington. WSBF is a 501(c)(3) whose programs and services are dependent on support from donors from throughout the country.

Washington State School for the Blind (WSSB):

Established in 1886, three years before statehood, the school has a long history of providing quality services to blind and visually impaired children throughout the state of Washington. The school serves as a hub of service delivery for the state and provides a wide variety of services to approximately 600 individuals per month.

If you would like to donate to the preservation of the Sensory Safari, please contact the Washington School for the Blind Foundation.

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2214 E. 13th St., Vancouver, Wash. 98661

List of animal mounts on display

(in no particular order)

1. Common Nyala-Male standing, female laying down, Southern Africa
2. Reedbuck-African Continent south of the Sahara
3. Gemsbok-Kalahari Desert and Southern Africa
4. Steenbok & Duiker-Southern Africa and parts of Central Africa
5. Ibex-Central Asia and Europe
6. Zebra-African Continent South of the Sahara Desert
7. Kudu-Eastern and Southern Africa
8. Water Buck-Africa
9. Cape Buffalo-African Continent South of the Equator
10. Caribou-North America, Canada and Alaska
11. Stone Sheep-Canada, Northern British Columbia and Yukon Territories
12. Grizzly Bear-North America, Canada, Alaska and some regions of Montana, Wyoming and Idaho
13. Grizzly Bear
14. Blesbok-South Africa
15. Sable Antelope-Southern and Eastern Africa
16. Bushbuck-Africa
17. Wildebeest-Africa
18. Red Hartebeest-South Africa, Zimbabwe
19. Wart Hog-Africa
20. Pronghorn Antelope-Western United States and Southwest Canada
21. Rocky Mountain Goat-Western North America
22. Mule Deer-Western United States and Canada
23. Impala-Eastern and Southern Africa
24. Springbok-head mount on pedestal.
25. Black Bear-North America
26. Eland-Africa South of the Equator
27. Lion and Sable Antelope-Africa
28. Polar Bear-Arctic Regions of Canada, Alaska, Russia

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