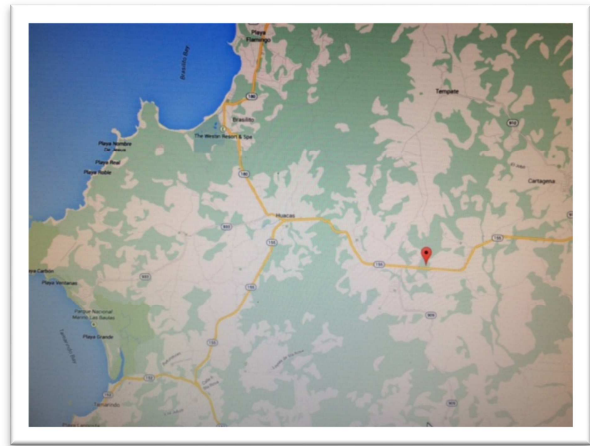


MONKEY PARK ANIMAL RESCUE CENTER - Guanacaste



Monkey Park Zoo and Animal Rescue Center is a non profit foundation located in the North Pacific area of Costa Rica. It is 200 kilometers from San Jose City, and 18 kilometers from Flamingo and Tamarindo beaches.

Has a temperate climate between 26 and 32 degrees Celsius. (78 to 80 Fahrenheit); the rainy season is from mid May to mid November during which time there is moderate rain most days. The forest flora transitions from dry tropical to wet.



The Guanacaste region in which Monkey Park is located has undergone great changes over the past 50 years. With a growing number of people migrating to this wonderful climate, increases in housing development and industry have greatly encroached on its native wildlife. Due to a greater need for transportation and its resulting infrastructure, in addition to the need to energize its neighborhoods, the Guanacaste region is witnessing a growing number of precious animals losing their lives trying to adapt in their new environments.

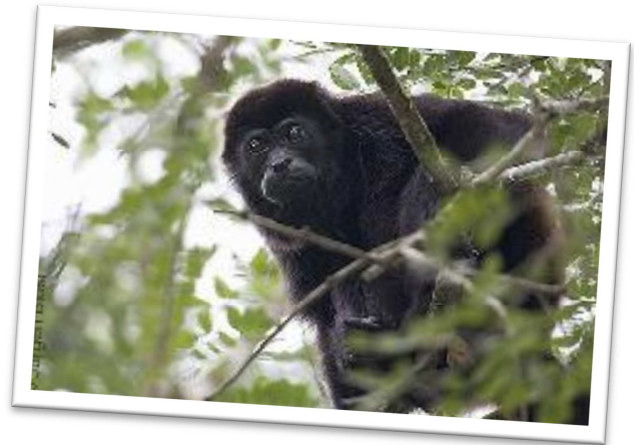


The staff at Monkey Park seeks to curtail such events by working with the government and

conservation groups to help discover new ways and techniques that will give its wildlife a fighting chance.

The Rescue Center's Natural Reserve covers 23 hectares, and was founded in the year 2000. Its mission is to rescue and protect wild animals that were captured and mistreated. They also provide environmental education to children and adults of nearby communities. This rescue center is legally registered with the Costa Rica Ministry of Environment and Energy – MINAE, and is regulated and supervised by this government institution.

Monkey Park is supported by donations received from public or private donors and corporations as well as donations from volunteers. These donations provide food, and medicine for the animals, pays for the veterinary services, materials to build new cages, the staff and more. Environmental educational programs educate people on the importance of nature, and the need to preserve it for the current and future generations.. And the impact that our nature resources have on the economy of nearby communities and the country.



The shelter team includes the General Director who is in charge of all administrative duties plus two staff members who handle visitors and feed the animals along with other duties. There is also a volunteer zoologist that comes three months per year (from Australia) and an on call veterinarian and biologist.

Volunteers are an important part of this center, since they perform many of the necessary duties required to park maintenance. Volunteers also share with the rest of society the importance of the care and preservation of our natural environment.

Monkey park is a rehabilitation center for injured and/or mistreated animals, to eventually to release them. This is why the amount and type of animals they have at the center may vary.

A new program is now in progress at Monkey Park, which is under the supervision of the MINAE called "Program of rehabilitation and liberation of the howler monkey".

This is a scientific research project in a 3 hectare area of the park, dedicated to increasing this particular species of monkey in captivity for later release into the wild. Individuals must wear camouflage at all times when in contact with these monkeys, which makes the release of the animals back into the wild an easier transition.

Work Requirements:

A basic level of Spanish is helpful, but not mandatory

A minimum stay of 2 weeks is required for this program

Desire to work

Love of animals

Responsible committed volunteers with a true desire to work for the animals' wellbeing.

Volunteer duties may include:



Cleaning animal cages

Collecting and recycling of non-biodegradable materials

Preparation of food, and feeding the animals

Providing assistance to the veterinarian upon request

Cleaning existing trails and making new ones.

Planting trees

Assisting with normal building maintenance

Providing tours of the park to visitors

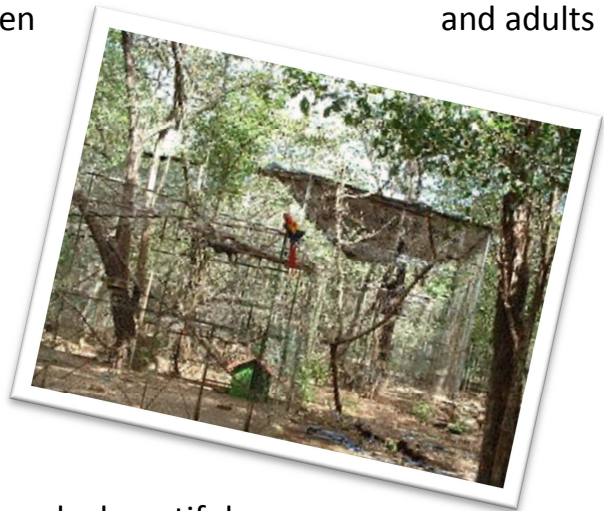
Teaching environmental education to children at nearby communities and schools.

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Work schedule

The volunteer work shift is five days a week, six to eight hours a day. All volunteers must respect the “Volunteer Guidelines”.

On free days, to relax, volunteers can visit nearby beautiful beaches with a bus which leaves from the entrance of the park.



Accommodations & Facilities:

Accommodations are provided for volunteers in a house within the project. There are 3 rooms with 2 bunk beds and private bathroom in each, and a small living area. Volunteers are responsible for keeping the house clean. A washing machine is available but each has to bring their own laundry detergent.



Available services include potable water, electricity, wired internet access, and a three- bedroom guest house with 2 bulk beds, bathroom and a closet in each room, plus a nice small pool, a gas stove, and a laundry area.

Meals:

Meals consist mainly of rice, beans, plantains, vegetable salads, chicken, beef or pork, eggs, fruits and occasionally corn flakes and milk for breakfast. Meals are provided in the park's restaurant at 8 am (breakfast), 12 noon (lunch), and 6 pm (dinner) Additional snacks and drinks are available for purchase at the restaurant.

If you are allergic to any foods, please notify us with in advance so we can adjust your menu accordingly.

What to bring:

Blanket, sheets, mosquito repellent, sun lotion, tooth paste and brush, soap, deodorant, comfortable casual clothing and closed shoes

