

MONARTO  
ZOO



## RHINO ACTIVITIES JUNIOR PRIMARY



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# For the Teacher

## General Information

Welcome to Monarto Zoo!

Monarto Zoo is a fantastic educational resource. It is a 1450 hectare open range zoo located on former farming land. Large tracts of remnant mallee scrub exist in the areas between animal enclosures, and this natural scrub is being extended annually through an on-going revegetation program which involves many community and school groups. A huge variety of native fauna roams freely in the scrub areas.

Monarto Zoo is involved in many animal conservation programs and these include both native and exotic species, with a heavy focus on threatened species from desert and arid habitats.

Experiencing Monarto Zoo and learning about animals, ecosystems and conservation can be undertaken via

- Observing and handling the huge range of prepared skins, bones and other animal biofacts at the Visitor Centre.
- A safari bus tour of animal enclosures with a commentary provided by a trained host (for groups of 22 or more students in your own bus),
- Walking through the mallee scrub on signposted tracks,
- Taking as much time as you want to observe animals from viewing platforms around the Visitor Centre and at “Bus Stops”.

Activities and tasks in this resource relate only to the Rhino lookout. Unfortunately, Junior Primary classes are not permitted at the Cheetah lookout for animal management reasons. Classes can get to the Rhino lookout by stopping during the African Safari Tour or by walking there eg. From the Visitors’ Centre or from the Waterhole area.

In planning this excursion, please consider your schedule and how you would like to arrange the class’ activities on the day. Discuss this with the Monarto Education Officer at the time of booking your visit.

**Estimated time to complete the Rhino Activities: 10-15 minutes**

**Key:**



Observe carefully



Discuss and share ideas with your group



Write down your thoughts

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To Gate House  
2.5 km

Alfred James  
Memorial

Visitor's Centre

Mallee Fowl Track

Creek Track

The Bomas

Boma Track

Bretag Track

Windana

Bretag Scrub  
Future release site for native animals

Chimpanzee

Ridge Track

The Waterhole

J10	Addax		M11	Giraffe	
R4	African Lion		K13	Indian Antelope	
R2	African Painted Dog		E11	Meerkat	
K11	Barbary Sheep		J14	Mesopotamian Fallow Deer	
D17	Bison		G11	Ostrich	
H14	Black Rhinoceros		E13	Przewalski's Horse	
K13	Bongo		H11	Scimitar-horned Oryx	
L5	Cheetah		Q3	Spotted Hyaena	
G12	Chimpanzee		M6	White Rhinoceros	
J13	Chital Deer		F12	Yellow-footed Rock-wallaby	
N9	Eland		I14	Zebra	

### Legend

	Lookout
	Bus Stop
	Car Park
	Toilets
	First Aid
	Cafe
	Zu-loop route
	Walking Tracks
	Creek



Monarto Zoo is smoke free.

# Rhino Activities – Junior Primary

## At the Rhinoceros lookout



How many horns does this Rhino have? \_\_\_\_\_

Draw the shape of the horns.



What would they use them for?



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Look for the muddy pool in the enclosure. The Rhinos like to wallow in there and cover their bodies in mud. How would this help them?



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## At the transport box

Where did the Rhinoceros at Monarto travel from? \_\_\_\_\_



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What could you do to keep a Rhino calm and happy when it is travelling inside a box like this one?



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There are 5 different species of Rhinoceros and they are all Threatened Species. Explain what this means.



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How many students could fit comfortably (no squishing) inside the box that ONE rhinoceros traveled in?

