

LION ENCLOSURE PICTURES

DARTMOOR ZOOLOGICAL PARK

Overview

The lion facility at Dartmoor Zoological Park comprises of the following areas.

- Main lion enclosure which is approximately 0.4 acre in size with an attached house with three indoor dens.
- Temporary lion (cat enclosure) which is approximately 0.2 acre in size with an attached house with two indoor dens.
- A small link enclosure (small yard size) connects the two enclosures allowing for soft introductions to be implemented between the two enclosures.



These two pictures above and below show the main lion enclosure





The two pictures above show the temporary lion enclosure. This has been used for a variety of different cat species over the years and also home to the most recently built cat house at the zoo.

All of the enclosures are home to many mature trees, rocks, fallen logs and vantage points. This temporary enclosure has been built around an old quarry which has different resting areas built into it at various different levels. The main enclosure features an old land rover which has been made safe for the lions to use as a resting platform.



The two pictures above show the link enclosure between the two main enclosures.

This has been used to allow the lions movement between the two enclosures that wasn't able to happen before. It has also been used for soft introductions between mature individuals, the space means that both individuals can swap scents in the area and have exposure to them prior to being mixed in a larger enclosure.

The fence posts have mostly been replaced with metal posts with only a small amount of wooden posts still remaining. The fence posts are approximately 15 ft high with a 3ft overhang all covered in wire chain-link. All of the enclosure perimeter is surrounded by concrete paving in all three enclosures. Electric wires are present in both enclosures with three strands at different levels and one strand on the overhang.