

Case Study

Lincoln Children's Zoo



Details

Location: Lincoln, NE
Description: Safari Ultra, Carnival Ultra

Project Needs

Soft, safe surface for children to play
Easy to repair and/or replace, as needed
Wide variety of pattern and color options

Project Benefits

Attractive
Durable
Eco-logical

Monkey See, Monkey Do at the Lincoln Zoo



In operation for more than 45 years, the Lincoln Zoo in Lincoln, NE, sits on 10 acres, is privately funded, and features more than 300 animals. The mission of the Zoo is “to enrich lives through firsthand interaction with living things.”

So, when the Lincoln Zoo decided to make upgrades a few years ago, it wanted to live up to its mission and include unique experiences, such as the “Monkey See, Monkey Do” exhibit.

“Children can climb with squirrel monkeys climbing right next to them,” said John Chapo, President and CEO of the Zoo. “The monkeys can climb and watch the children, and the children can climb and watch the monkeys. It’s very popular.”

Since children are climbing alongside the monkeys, it was of paramount importance that the surfacing underneath them be safe, in case a child would fall. This is one of the reasons the Lincoln Zoo selected PlayGuard surfacing.

Manufactured in the U.S.A. by Ecore, a company that transforms reclaimed waste into performance surfaces, PlayGuard tiles are designed to reduce the risk of serious injury

associated with falls from playground equipment. Any design inspiration or playful color scheme can be implemented with PlayGuard’s custom color and logo capabilities.

“We went with the beige color because it’s never been done here before and because it blended so well with the exhibit,” said Chapo. “People love it, kids love it, and parents enjoy sitting with their children while they play for long periods. The monkeys adore the kids,” said Chapo.

The maintenance crew at the Zoo likes PlayGuard, because there is virtually no upkeep required. The surface can be cleaned with one of Ecore’s recommended cleaners and a microfiber mop. Ecore cleaners, a line of eco-friendly floor care products, simplifies the process even further. Featuring E-Cleaner, E-Strip, and E-Finish, the line has been developed as a system that cleans, strips, and finishes without harming floor surfaces or the environment. “My maintenance staff ignores it, it’s extremely durable, and we would definitely do it all over again,” said Chapo.

