

Historical Marker - S659 - Detroit Zoological Park (Marker ID#:S659)



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Detroit Zoological Park

When it opened on August 1, 1928, the Detroit Zoological Park was unique and progressive in its design. The Detroit Zoological Society commissioned Boston landscape architect Arthur Shurtleff to draw the plans for the park. Shurtleff did so according to the practices of landscape designer Carl Hagenback of Hamburg, Germany, who promoted the construction of zoo exhibits without bars. Rather than being caged, the animals roamed freely in outdoor habitats bounded by moats and "rocks" made of reinforced concrete. Carl's son Heinrich came here to supervise and build the exhibits. The Detroit Zoological Park is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Significant Date:

Two World Wars and the Depression (1915-1945)

Registry Year: 1997 ***Erected Date:*** 2000

Marker Location

Address: 8450 West Ten Mile Road

City: Royal Oak

State: MI ***ZipCode:***

County: Oakland

Township: Royal Oak

Lat: 42.47704700 / ***Long:*** -83.15039200

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