

Asia Trail
Smithsonian National Zoological Park
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The National Zoo's Asia Trail consists of a network of walkways winding down through a valley. LED lighting is integrated into handrails, fence posts, and stone walls to create a rhythm of light throughout the site while in-grade metal halide and fluorescent sources provide accents at key exhibit features. Conservation Plaza, a partially underground exhibit space utilizes custom fixtures for general and display lighting. The lighting design provides egress lighting for late-day visitors and adds to the strong identity of the exhibit once the sun begins to set.

