



SELF-GUIDED BACKPACK TOUR

TEXAS WILD!
3rd through 5th Grade
Pre and Post Zoo Activity



Objectives:

- Observe the different types of animals in different habitats
- Observe and compare the descriptions to find the right animal

TEKS:

3rd Grade– Science – Students can:

- 3.3: C
- 3.8: A, B, C, D

4th Grade – Science – Students can:

- 4.3: C
- 4.8: B

5th Grade – Science – Students can:

- 5.3: C
- 5.9: A, B, C

Essential Question?:

Who am I?

What is my habitat?

Vocabulary:

Habitat	Map	Hill Country	Plains and Prairies
Pineywoods	Swamps	Gulf Coasts	Deserts
Mountains	Predator	Prey	

Materials:

- Texas map (one per student)
- Crayons
- Pictures of various habitats
- Habitat definitions
- Index cards (one or two per student for animal drawings)

Pre-Zoo Activity:

Have each student create a map of Texas with the each outlined on the map. Define the word habitat. Discuss the plant-life, weather and unique characteristics of each habitat. Students then name and define each on their map.

In-Zoo Activity:

Texas WILD! Backpack - Photo Scavenger Hunt– Available at the Fort Worth Zoo Education Center by registering your group at www.fortworthzoo.org.



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Post Zoo Activity:

Have students draw pictures of animals seen while at the Texas WILD! exhibit and attach them to appropriate habitat on their maps. Have students come up with one animal for each habitat.

Extension:

1. Develop the pictures taken in the Zoo. Have students each take a picture. Cut out the animal and then each student will create a diorama habitat for that animal using a shoe box.
2. Using the pictures of each animal, have students create a short story about that animal in their habitat. The story should include specific vocabulary words.