



Denver Zoo Garage Denver, Colorado

The garage is located in the zoo's main parking area. At first glance, visitors may not realize that they have 764 parking spaces available. Designed so as not to impede views of the mountains and Denver skyline, three of the four levels are sub-surface. Covered parking is a great benefit to visitors, whether on sunny or snowy days. Combining graphics, a sound system that challenges visitors to name the animal, and well-lit parking levels, the garage is secure and easy to navigate.

Many features have been incorporated to insure easy zoo access for all visitors. Pedestrian walkways are designed to route visitors with strollers or wheelchairs to the zoo entrance. Each level has been given a specific animal designation: Boa, Macaw, Tiger and Zebra. Graphics on each floor correspond to the animal name. Friendly two-way traffic flow is provided with many oversize spaces for vans and sport utility vehicles. An exterior speed ramp allows 100% flat floors for parking, an important feature for parents with strollers.



Photos extracted from the Denver Zoo website

Footprint	Spaces	SF/space	Superstructure
164' x 475'	764	339	Precast 4-Levels 3-Bays

"A visit to the zoo is a treat for parents and kids alike, unless there is no convenient place to park. When demand for parking was approaching the parking supply, the City built a garage close to the zoo entrance large enough to handle the crowds that turn out on free-days, with spaces to spare. The charge of City officials was to "Let the Zoo experience begin when visitors enter the parking area." The challenge was met with welcoming signage and graphics, animal sounds, whimsical art, and winding pathways to zoo destinations. We found Paul Mack, our parking consultant, to be an ideas guy who really got into the spirit of a fun-time for visitors. While his main project task was to provide friendly parking, he helped us with unusual displays and out-of-the-box thinking."

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