

Where Are The Wild Things?



The National Zoo's Asia Trail opens today, giving modern new homes to some of the zoo's most popular animals. Tai Shan and his parents are the star attraction, of course, but the whole exhibit is great and full of fascinating things to see. Whatever you do, don't miss the adorable otters!

To make sure you see the entire Asia Trail, KidsPost's **Margaret Webb Pressler** has put together a list of cool things to find and fun facts to know — but you have to do the work. Take this page and a pencil to the zoo with you, and see how good a sleuth you are.

1 Sloth bears love to get honey from bees' nests. What protects them from being stung?



2 Find the sloth bear claw and the device that scientists use to measure one.

3 List the six ways that sloth bears make sound.

4 A python has slithered nearby! Find the evidence.

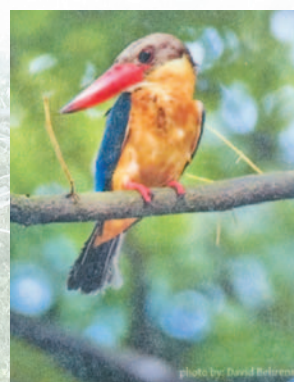


5 Find the Latin name for the clouded leopard. Try to pronounce it!



6 What helps clouded leopards balance on narrow tree branches?

7 Listen closely to hear the call of the endangered kingfisher bird.



8 Snap! Was your picture just taken? Find the camera trap and maybe you will see yourself.



9 Not all nests are made of twigs. Indian cliff swallows use mud. Check them out — if you can find them.



10 How many cute Asian small-clawed otters do you see? Be careful not to double count. They all look the same and move really fast.



11 A tiger has been here! Find its footprint.



12 Poaching is a problem for some animals. There's a poacher's trap hidden here. Watch out!

13 If you were a stick of bamboo, how old would you be?

- Three days
- Four days
- Five days

14 Are you older or younger than Tian Tian?

- Older
- Younger
- We have the same birthday!



15 Is your hand bigger or smaller than a panda's paw?

- Bigger
- Smaller
- Same



16 Find the yellow line that shows what used to be the pandas' habitat in China. Now find the purple line. What does it represent?



17 Check out the giant salamander. How does she breathe?



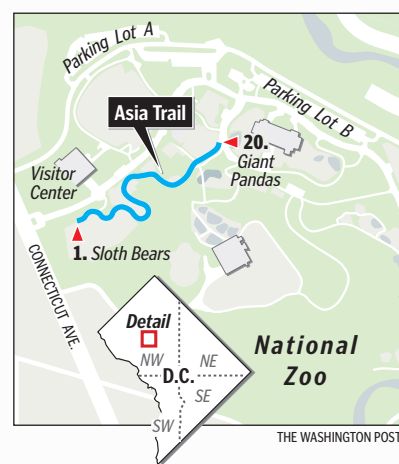
18 Find a newborn panda cub you can touch.

19 Name two of Tai Shan's grandparents.



20 Find the panda poop — and pick it up!

If you enter Asia Trail at the sloth bears, start the scavenger hunt with question 1. If you start at the giant panda exhibit, start with question 20 and end at question 1.



Pets aren't allowed in the zoo. There goes my chance to see Tai Shan!

