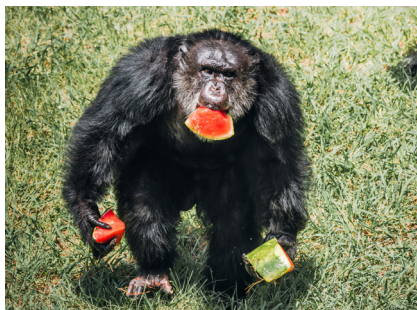


# Chimpanzee Enrichment- Foraging



## What is chimpanzee enrichment?

- Enrichment is something that keeps the chimpanzees busy. It can be toys to play with or play on, new things to try, or things like food puzzles that they have to spend time doing or figure out.
- Enrichment can use all five senses.
- Chimpanzees need enrichment to live happy, healthy lives.
- Chimpanzees at Chimp Haven get enrichment every day, 365 days a year!
- Many of the enrichment activities at Chimp Haven help the chimpanzees practice things that they would naturally do in the wild.
- Enrichment can be food based, like popsicles and frozen peanut butter treats.
- Enrichment can be non-food based, like listening to music or painting.
- Chimpanzees sometimes use tools with enrichment, like finding sticks to search for ants.
- Humans need enrichment too – puzzles, toys, cooking, and playing with friends are all types of enrichment.

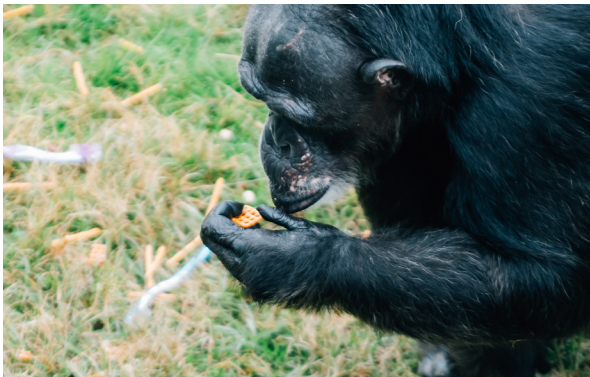


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## What is forage?

- To forage is to search for food.
- Forage is also a type of food.
- Forage is one type of chimpanzee enrichment.
- Forage at Chimp Haven may consist of plants, nuts, popcorn, dry pasta, and dried fruits.
- Chimpanzees in the wild spend up to eight hours each day foraging for their food. Chimp Haven creates enrichment to mimic that behavior and keep the chimps mentally and physically active.
- Chimpanzees at the sanctuary forage for browse in their forested habitats.
- Forage is spread out over a surface instead of being clumped together.
- To find forage chimpanzees have to search a wide area and may need to dig or shuffle things around to get to their treat.
- Chimpanzees at the sanctuary get forage both inside of their bedrooms and outside in their habitats.
- Indoor forage may be covered in hay and outdoor forage may be hidden in the grass. Both types create a challenge for the chimpanzees!
- A piece of forage is typically no bigger than a quarter – like finding a needle in a haystack!



## What is Chimp Haven?

- Chimp Haven is a big sanctuary where chimpanzees live together in family groups, also known as troops.
- Chimp Haven is located in Louisiana.
- More than 300 chimpanzees live at Chimp Haven today!

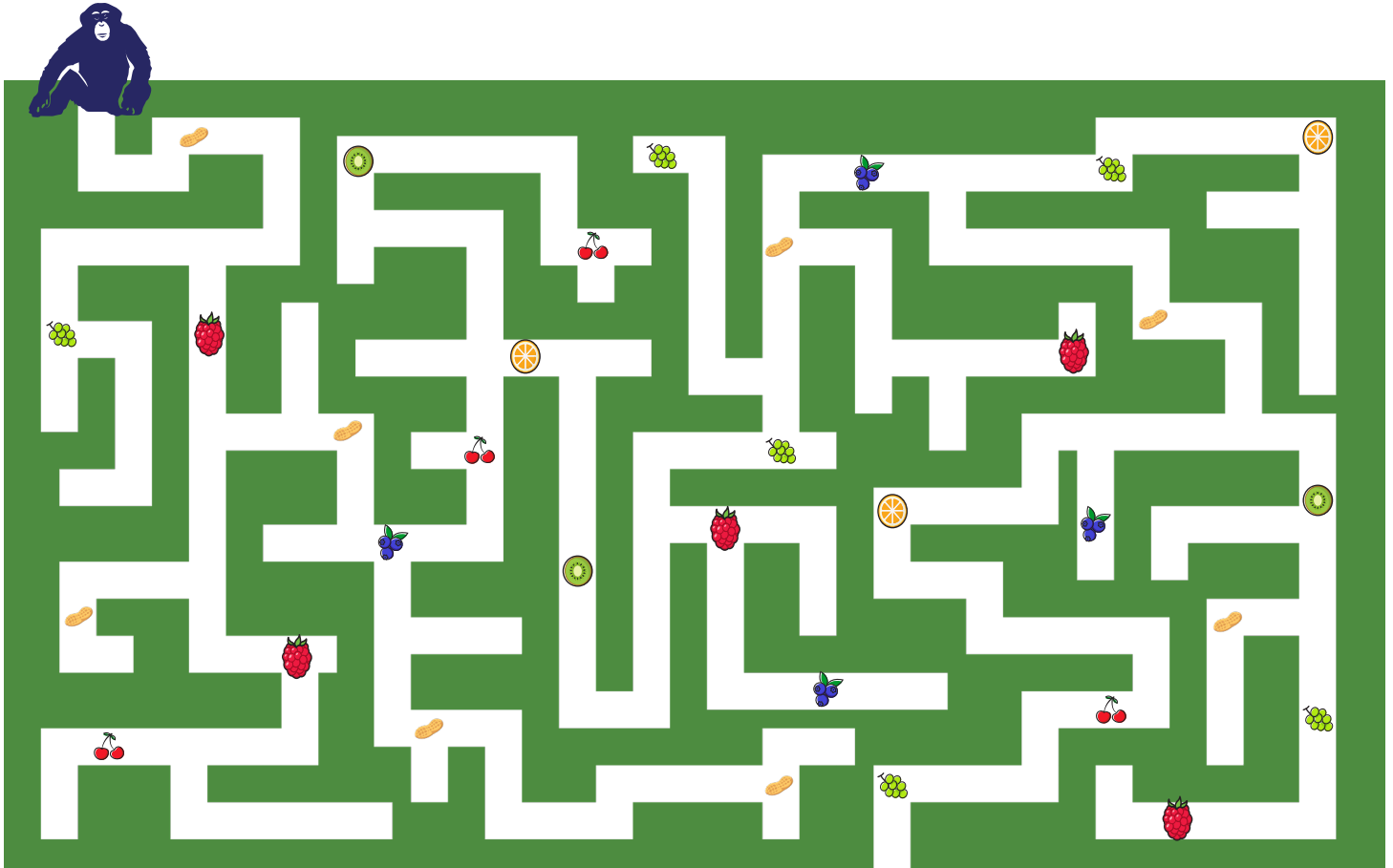


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# Flora's Forage Journey

Flora is going on a journey through her forested habitat! Take Flora through the forest and pick up as many enrichment items as you can. Make a mark by each item as you collect them while you forage or look for food!



**You made it!** Draw all of the items you collected in the basket.

-  Raspberry
-  Kiwi
-  Blueberries
-  Cherries
-  Orange
-  Peanut
-  Grapes



# DIY Forage Necklace

Chimpanzees like to snack on dried treats in their bedrooms and in the forest. This activity is called foraging. What types of forage do you have in your home? Create your own forage necklace to snack on or simply wear! This activity can be adapted to what you have on hand. Ask a grown up for help!

## Suggested Materials

String or yarn

Needle or other tool to string items

Cereal

Nuts

Dried fruit (like apples, apricots, or cherries)

Other dried snacks

### Step 1

Gather your materials!

### Step 2

Tie your string to the needle – have a grown help you get started!

### Step 3

String your items onto your necklace.

### Step 4

Make it as short or as long as you want!

### Step 5

You created a forage mixture! What will you do with your necklace?

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# Nature Forage

Chimpanzees spend a big part of their day foraging, or searching for snacks in their habitats. Forage like a chimpanzee in your own yard, but for collecting and not for eating! Collect forage like a chimpanzee or one of your local wildlife. Glue or tape your findings on the sheet and label the items with your pencil. Name the type of animal that would snack on this forage.

**Suggested Materials:** A basket or bucket, a notepad, glue or tape, a writing tool




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# Enrichment Activity

Enrichment is something that keeps the chimpanzees busy like toys to play with or play on, new things to try, or even new foods to eat! Enrichment categories are food, environmental, sensory and social. Enrichment is very important for the chimps to live happy and healthy lives!

What types of enrichment do you use in your life? What types of things make you excited? What type of new things have you tried that you didn't like so much? Even that is enrichment because it was new! Think about how important enrichment is in your life. Think of some examples of types of enrichment you've had or types of enrichment you'd like to try.

**Fill out the sheet and then explain why each item is important. Think about the chimps and the types of things they experience too!**

## Food

Example: Taco Tuesday

## Environmental

Example: putting a new poster on the wall

## Sensory

Example: smelling a new soap

## Social

Example: taking a walk with a friend



# Key Terms



- **Enrichment** (en·rich·ment) – something that keeps the chimpanzees busy like toys to play with or play on, new things to try, or things that they have to spend time doing or figure out
- **Senses** – sight, hearing, smell, taste, and touch
- **Forage** (noun) (for·age) – mixture of different things the chimpanzees like so they can collect the items as they are moving around
- **Forage** (verb) (for·age) – to collect items around indoor and outdoor spaces
- **Browse** – in the world of chimpanzees browse can be leaves, flowers, and sometimes the bark of plants



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