Why do big cats, bears and other survivors of the exotic animal trade need your help?

Until recently, exotic cat ownership legislation varied from state to state. Passage of the Big Cat Public Safety Act in 2022 prohibits private ownership or public handling of the big cats, yet smaller species like bobcats and servals remain unregulated at the federal level. As the Big Cat Public Safety Act is enacted, more and more animals will need to be rehomed to legitimate sanctuaries like Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge and the smaller species continue to be at risk of exploitation.

As a nonprofit organization, your admission, lodging fees, retail purchases and donations allow us to be a strong voice for animals who would otherwise have none. Because of your support, we can provide lifetime care to so many animals in need.

Memberships Available

Save money and enjoy unlimited visits and access to special events and other benefits throughout the year by becoming a Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge member today! Signing up for one of our membership options helps the rescued animals that call Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge home. We have membership levels designed for every budget; choose the one that best fits your needs and make a BIG difference!

7 miles south of Eureka Springs on Highway 23

Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge
239 Turpentine Creek Lane
Eureka Springs, AR 72632
Federal Tax/EIN: 71-0721742

Contact us for current admission rates and other info:
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In the Ozark Mountains, on 459 acres and home to various exotic and native animals, Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge (TCWR) is a “top three” Northwest Arkansas attraction and one of the most popular in Eureka Springs. As an ethical animal tourism destination, we provide compassionate care and lifetime sanctuary to survivors of the exotic animal trade. We offer a fun, educational experience to all animal lovers.

At the Refuge, you’ll learn about our mission and efforts, get the opportunity to hear exotic and native animal vocalizations, view natural predatory behaviors, and watch our animals as they enjoy their spacious, grassy habitats.

Each of our residents has a unique story to tell. So plan your visit, share your experience and become a voice for animals who would otherwise have none.

Visit our website for current rates and tour times.

Open Air Guided Tram Tours

Learn about our animal residents from a knowledgeable guide on our open-air trolley tour. Visit our website for current rates, hours of operation and to reserve your tour in advance, ensuring your seat(s). The open-air tram tour is included in the cost of admission.

Virtual Tours

Visit with your favorite animals from the comfort of your own home! Support the big cats and bears by spending time with your favorite animals while our animal care team answers your questions. Three days advance notice is required.

Behind-the-Scenes Tours

Enjoy an exclusive behind-the-scenes experience. Visit areas closed to the public including the large natural bear enclosures; see the Jackson Memorial Veterinary Hospital and the commissary where all the food and supplements are prepared. Two options available, advance notice/reservation required. See website for details.

Africa in the Ozarks Lodging

With accommodations ranging from RV sites to comfortable Safari Suites and Lodges, we offer various unique options to all overnight adventurers.

Educational Programming

With programming ranging from weekend talks and activities, special wildlife holidays and extended day camps, we offer a variety of immersive learning options for all ages.

Gift Shops

A wide variety of cruelty-free, eco-friendly merchandise and apparel is available in our gift shop and online stores. You’re sure to find the perfect souvenir or unique gift for you and your family or friends.