

Shortly after the ZOO was opened, the idea of arranging part of the exhibition as the Polar Land was born.

The animals were going to live in an area around the "valley" visible from here. It became possible after 1929, when it was attached to the ZOO as part of the previously operating Lunapark.

Soon, the implementation of the polar concept was initiated by the construction of a seal pool. After World War II, other buildings were gradually erected. The variety of shapes of their architecture corresponds to the following trends in animal housing. The "valley" with the accompanying buildings, as part of the ZOO area, remains under conservation protection.

Today, the ZOO plans to modernize and develop this area. New facilities for animals will be created in the spirit of the original concept.

The leading theme of the exhibition will be the fauna of the areas of the Northern Arctic Circle.

Legend

1. Seal Pool and building. A building from before World War II, in the style of early modernism. Protected by an entry in the Commune Register of Monuments. Preserved, stylish details of landscaping will be renovated, and new technology will take care of the quality of water in the pool.
2. Polar bear enclosure. An object from the 1950s, in a style characteristic of that period. An artist's vision of an icy landscape. Revitalization of the facility is also planned as part of the construction of a larger and modern bear enclosure.
3. "Dolinka" the "valley". The main area of the planned expansion of the facility for polar bears. Modern swimming pools and a vast, landscaped paddock will be built. On the other hand, significantly enlarged, comfortable animal housing will cover the area behind today's building.
4. The otter enclosure. Designed in the late 1950s for Humboldt penguins. The expressive form of the project corresponds to the trend set by the famous implementation of the penguin enclosure at the London ZOO. Unfortunately, today we cannot see the main forms of this arrangement. The facility is waiting for a new future as part of the planned investment.
5. The area of the black stork enclosure and the pre-war office building. Previously were designed for reindeers. Protected by an entry in the Commune Register of Monuments. In the future, an exhibition of polar birds will be created here. Forest reindeers will find ample space north of the seal pool.