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1. Open Turf areas with Picnic Tables
2. Nature play areas
3. Large Fig Trees
4. Shade canopies
5. Kiosks and amenities
Australian Habitat walk

The Australian habitat walk will comprise of a large open plain style exhibit where people and animals will roam freely together. The exhibit will include a collection of native Australian animals and a socialised Koala and Echidna viewing zone.

A feature of this area will be the Nocturnal and Insect houses which will double as habitat for the rock-wallaby species. A Koala viewing and holding area, kiosks to purchase animal feed and meandering gravel pathways will create an exciting and unique close experience with the animals.

A selection of endemic Cumberland Woodland Plain tree species such as Eucalyptus amlifolia, Melaleuca styphelioides and Heakea sericea will be planted along with native bushfood and bird attracting species. A specialised aboriginal education and heritage trail will be run as an educational program for both school students and other visitors who will learn about the native animals and plants living within the Australian Habitat Walk.
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1. Open range exhibit with gravel paths and seating
2. Rocky ledge habitat mounded over architecture
3. Native grasses with narrow meandering paths
4. Sections of elevated board-walk
5. Native bushfood and bird attracting plants
Pedestrian Walkways

The pedestrian walkways are designed give visitors prime viewing experiences as they progress through the zoo. Generous in width, the paths are a minimum of 4m wide at all points, providing enough room to accommodate crowds and provide comfortable viewing experiences.

Animal exhibits will be designed to ensure that visitors can view animals at eye level, there will also be a focus on creating ‘retiring’ spaces where animals can be viewed from hide structures to reduce stress on animals and create more interesting viewing opportunities.

Materiality of the walkways will be a combination of both hard wearing insitu concrete with heavy aggregate and granitic sandstone. Comfortable timber seating will be located at numerous points along the walkway to provide necessary resting areas.

Planting will be integrated into the walkways with species selected changing to reflect animal habitat zones. Tree species will be chosen for their style as well as their potential to provide shade for seating zones.

Shade structures and misting stations will be located at strategic points to provide relief from the sun on hot days. Providing shade is an important design consideration in the Sydney Zoo masterplan.