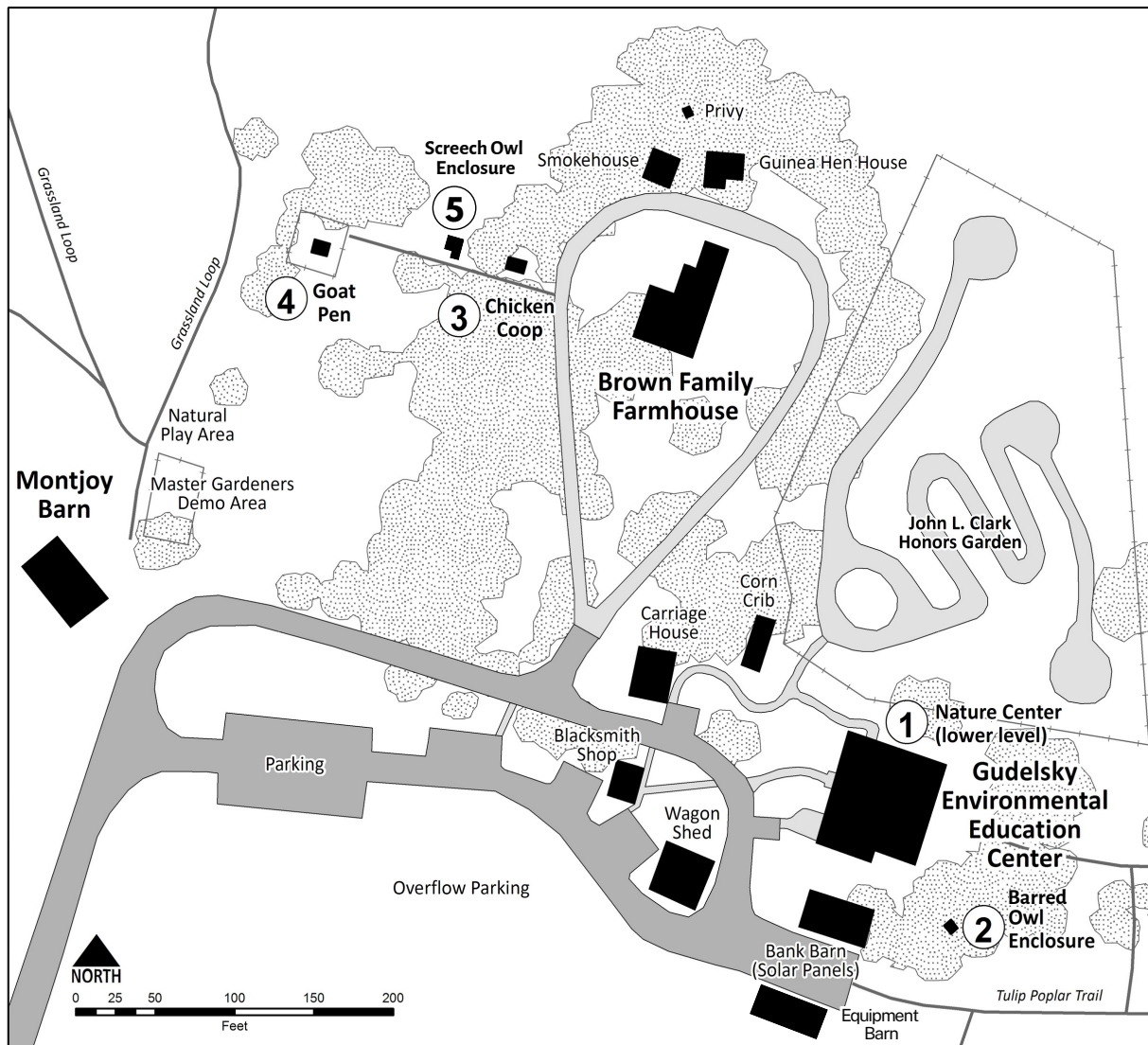


# Visit our Animal Residents



**1 Nature Center (Gudelsky Center):**  
Dawn the gray tree frog,  
Torope the diamondback terrapin &  
Onyx the black rat snake

**2 Barred Owl Enclosure:**  
Ranger the barred owl

**3 Chicken Coop:**  
A variety of chicken breeds live  
here, but they are all girls.

**4 Goat Pen:**  
Buddy and Pumpkin (darker brown, less  
white) are both African Pygmy goats.

**5 Screech Owl Enclosure:**  
Belle the screech owl

*Answers to questions on other side: 1:b;  
2:d; 3:c; 4:a; 5:e; 6: a.2, b.1, c.3; 7: a.5, b.2,  
c.4, d.1, e.3; 8: all True*



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1. What animal can see better at night than any other animal and can hear better than most, too?

- A. Goat
- B. Owl
- C. Chicken

2. What animals partially hibernate in the winter?

- A. Frogs
- B. Turtles
- C. Snakes
- D. All of the above

3. What is the most common bird in the world?

- A. Owls
- B. Ducks
- C. Chickens

4. What animal can't move its eyes but can turn its head 270 degrees?

- A. Owl
- B. Goat
- C. Chicken

5. Which animals are awake at night (nocturnal)?

- A. Owls
- B. Goats
- C. Tree Frogs
- D. Chickens
- E. Owls and Tree Frogs

6. Match the animal with the number of eggs it lays at one time and the amount of time it takes them to hatch.

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| A. Owl    | 1. 2,000 eggs, 6 days |
| B. Frog   | 2. 2-4 eggs, 30 days  |
| C. Turtle | 3. 4-22 eggs, 60 days |

7. Match the animal with the food it likes to eat.

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| A. Owls       | 1. Hay, grass, weeds (herbivore)                   |
| B. Turtles    | 2. Crabs, shrimp, veggies (omnivore)               |
| C. Chickens   | 3. Insects & worms (carnivore)                     |
| D. Goats      | 4. Cracked corn, greens, insects, worms (omnivore) |
| E. Tree frogs | 5. Mice (carnivore)                                |

8. True or false

- \_\_\_\_\_ The Terrapin is the mascot for the University of Maryland. Fear the Turtle!
- \_\_\_\_\_ Female chickens (hens) don't crow, only male chickens (roosters) do.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Goats are playful and enjoy climbing on rocks.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tree frogs avoid predators by staying very still and changing colors to blend in with their environment.

9. Ranger the owl injured his wing and can't fly, but which of these activities did you see him do?

- \_\_\_\_\_ Hop up or down from his perch.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Click his beak
- \_\_\_\_\_ Puff up his feathers
- \_\_\_\_\_ Turn his head
- \_\_\_\_\_ Flap his wings

10 What were the goats doing when you visited?

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## FUN FACTS ABOUT OUR ANIMALS

**Ranger the barred owl** puffs up his feathers when strangers come near so he looks bigger and scarier (but he's actually frightened of you). He also eats mice, then spits out little round pellet of the bones and fur, which he cannot digest.

**Dawn the gray tree frog** has inside thighs that are bright yellow! In winter, tree frogs produce antifreeze in their blood, like your car, so they don't freeze.

**Torope the diamondback terrapin** has a name derived from the Algonquian word torope, meaning "good to eat." These turtles almost became extinct because turtle soup was so popular.

**Onyx the black rat snake** is a member of the largest snake species in Maryland. Black rat snakes can grow over 6 feet long, with the largest recorded being 8 feet. When they are hatchlings, their pattern is gray with black spots, similar to a milk snake.

**Buddy & Pumpkin the goats** have rectangular pupils in their eyes. They are good pets and will even go for walks on leashes.

**Belle the screech owl:** Screech owls come in three color variations (known as morphs): red, gray and brown/intermediate. Belle is of the brown/intermediate morph which is very rare!

**Chickens:** There are more chickens in the world than any other bird and they live all over the globe except Antarctica.