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## Two Hogs Rooting Around at the Zoo

Two Red River Hogs, Frodo and Yoda, just joined the Jackson Zoo family. The two male hogs are brothers and are on exhibit along the African Rainforest Boardwalk.

Red River Hogs are native to western and central Sub-Saharan Africa and also on the island of Madagascar. They are red brown in color and with a distinctive white stripe running down the middle of their backs. They also have white whiskers and long pointed ears with tufts on the end that they shake to make them appear to be larger than they are to intimidate predators.

Red River Hogs also have two overgrown teeth that protrude out of their mouths as tusks, ideal for upturning soil and searching for soil. Red River hogs are omnivores. In the wild they eat a wide variety of foods including roots, fruit, seeds, grasses, nuts, fungi, and insects, as well as some small mammals.

***Frodo and Yoda are available for adoption. Please call 601-352-2582 for more information!***

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The Jackson Zoo is open year round, except Christmas Day. The Zoo's hours are 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday through Sunday.

For more information about Jackson Zoo, please call 601-352-2581 or visit [www.jacksonzoo.org](http://www.jacksonzoo.org).

