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Under Water Excitement

Discovery World at Pier Wisconsin Unveils New Aquariums

A new architectural marvel sits on the shores of Lake Michigan. The building is part of the new Discovery World at Pier Wisconsin, a museum designed to focus on innovation and technology, as well as Great Lakes education and conservation. The new museum is filled with interactive exhibits, theaters, aquariums, and also features Wisconsin's official flagship, the Dennis Sullivan, a fully-functional sailing ship designed after a 19th century Great Lakes schooner. The exhibits and programs offered are meant for all ages. Major attractions inside include freshwater and saltwater aquariums, and a banquet room for a full circle view of the Lake Michigan shore.

Cost of Wisconsin, Inc, participated in work that included the fabrication of fresh water and saltwater aquariums at Discovery World. Work included the design and addition of beautiful coral, as well as decorative inserts for the remaining aquarium exhibits. The creation of two different types of water environments for various species of fish means that guests have the unique opportunity to compare and contrast the conditions in salt water versus those of fresh water environments.

New aquarium exhibits at Discovery World included:

- /// Lake Michigan Exhibit: 75,000 gallons/freshwater tank featuring native Wisconsin fish.
- /// Caribbean Reef Exhibit: 65,000 gallons/saltwater tank featuring a variety of Caribbean fish.
- /// Great Lakes Exhibit: 8,000 gallons/freshwater tank featuring native Great Lakes fish.
- /// Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) Exhibit: 8,000 gallons freshwater tank/Interactive ROV tank.
- /// Northeast Atlantic Exhibit: 8,000 gallons saltwater tank/featuring temperate Atlantic coastal fish and invertebrate.
- /// Florida Keys Exhibit: 6,000 gallons saltwater tank featuring tropical Atlantic fish and invertebrate.
- /// Touch Tanks: Freshwater and salt water species. Lake Sturgeon from freshwater lakes and salt water rays and sharks.

Discovery World at Pier Wisconsin opened to the public on September 9th, 2006, and is a non-profit organization committed to education, environmental, and cultural development.



Caribbean Tunnel at Discovery World Aquarium



Our Work



Achieving High Quality Worldwide

COST Middle East Refurbishes Exhibits at Al Ain Zoo

COST's branch in the Middle East completed recent work at the Al Ain Zoo in Al Ain, United Arab Emirates. COST Middle East assisted in the overall renovation and landscaping for several of the zoo's existing exhibits including the Bird House, Nocturnal House, and the penguin exhibits. COST was also tasked with redeveloping certain exhibits and added aesthetic rockwork, waterfalls, earth banks and murals to upgrade older habitats.

The exhibits are set to open to the public after Ramadan and on the first day of Eid. Mr. Mark Craig, Director of the Zoo and Aquarium Public Institution at Al Ain, commended COST for their exhibit fabrication work, and added that opening the renovated exhibits will attract more visitors. The zoo in fact, has seen a tremendous attendance increase, already doubling its admissions since he was hired 6 months ago.

Eng. Khalid Mahmoud, Civil Engineer at Al Ain Zoo, also noted that COST helped the zoo to achieve high quality environments, and also minimized maintenance, which was one of the requests made by the zoo. Throughout the process, COST worked closely with zoo officials to ensure that all maintenance and animal care issues would be taken into consideration throughout the development of the exhibits.

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Combining Natural and Architectural Components:

Water Features for an Aesthetically Pleasing Environment

Cascading waterfalls amidst natural rock creates the backdrop for a serene and luxurious scene at Del Webb's residential communities in Broomfield, Colorado. The project blends both natural and architectural components, including three concrete wing walls within the features. These walls were developed with numerous large stones, many weighing up to several tons each.

Developing aesthetically pleasing features such as those created for Del Webb is a company specialty. Typically, our water feature construction projects utilize natural stone, GFRC panels, PVC liners/EPDM, shotcrete applications, and fiberglass. We can also assist with mechanical calculations for proper water flow and aesthetics. Based on conceptual plans, our talented team will meticulously install waterfalls, ponds and streams for your commercial or private development.

Since 1957, Cost of Wisconsin, Inc. has developed exceptional quality water features for a variety of clientele. With 50 years of experience, construction knowledge, artistic skills, and our never ending commitment to client satisfaction, we will provide the perfect environment for success.



A cascading waterfall adds to the beauty of this Del Webb community.