

# Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo - Desert Dome

Omaha, Nebraska

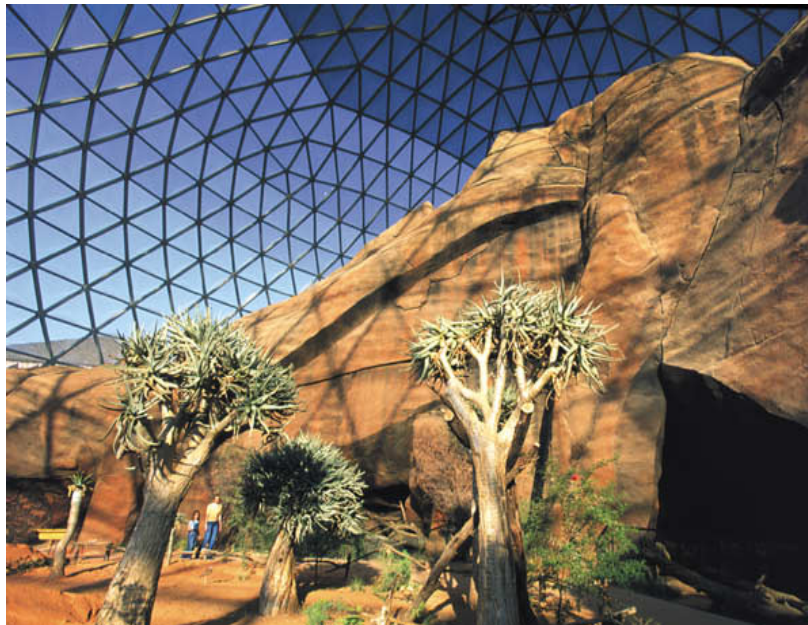
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The Desert Dome is the latest exhibit of visionary, Dr. Lee Simmons, Director of Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha, Nebraska. Following the zoo's world famous model of intensive immersion exhibits, the Desert Dome is on a scale with no equal in the world.

The exhibit is housed in the world's largest glazed geodesic dome, measuring 120' from slab to top and 250' across. With more than 160,000 square feet of rockwork, the Desert Dome features environments from three of the world's most spectacular desert environments - Australia's Simpson Desert, Africa's Namib Desert and the Sonoran Desert of the southwestern United States.



Larson artists created all the exhibitry including GFRC panels and hand carved rockwork in the African and Australian desert environments. The Simpson Desert exhibit contains a re-creation of Ayers Rock and Wave Rock, complete with Aboriginal pictographs, wallaby's, Namib wallaroos, reptiles and insects. The Namib Desert exhibit showcases a 60-foot African rock wall and the spectacular Kuiseb Canyon. The Sonoran desert exhibit is home to javelina and mountain lion, and features concrete mesquite trees. In addition, the exhibit is anchored by Hummingbird Canyon, replicating various natural Sonoran Desert environments that attract hummingbirds.

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