Different kinds of primates live at the zoo. There is a path that leads to Gibbon Ridge. Gibbons and siamangs, two types of apes, live here.
I may see large exhibits and interesting signs. I may see other people looking at the primates. I can sit on a bench if I want to take a break.
White-cheeked gibbons live at Gibbon Ridge. Adult females are mostly blond in color. Adult males are black with white cheeks. I may hear them make very loud sounds. I can hold my adult’s hand if the calls become too loud.
Siamangs live at Gibbon Ridge. The males and females are black and look alike. I may hear the siamangs make loud sounds. I may see their throats extend, much like a bullfrog, when they call.
The white-cheeked gibbons and siamangs live in large exhibits. I may see trees, ropes and structures for the apes to swing on. I may see ladders, too. There are many places for the primates to hide. I may not see them when I visit Gibbon Ridge.
I may see hammocks and platforms. The gibbons and siamangs like to sleep there.
I may see many different kinds of toys in the exhibits. Apes like to play with crates and balls. These items and others help to keep the primates active.
I may see signs that tell me about gibbons. I can touch the model hand on the sign. This sign tells about the long arms and hands of gibbons and how they use them to swing through trees.
I may see a large sign with a mirror that I can stand in front of to see myself. Gibbons and siamangs have long arms to help them swing with ease. I can put my hands in the air and pretend to walk like the siamang on the sign.
I may see a sign that has buttons to push. I can push the buttons to hear the calls of white-cheeked gibbons and siamangs.
There are other signs at Gibbon Ridge that I may see. I can look at the pictures and learn about white-cheeked gibbons and siamangs. I can learn about their diets, where they live and other interesting information.
I may see a sign that has photographs of white-cheeked gibbons. I can look at each picture and try to guess who is a male and who is a female, based on the coat color.
White-cheeked gibbons and siamangs live at Gibbon Ridge. I may see other kinds of primates at the Smithsonian’s National Zoo.