

Elephant Enclosure Standards

The Edmonton Valley Zoo meets or exceeds the elephant enclosure standards set by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) and the Canadian Association of Zoos and Aquariums (CAZA).

	AZA Elephant Standard	CAZA Standard	Valley Zoo Dimensions
Indoor Space	Minimum 400 sq. ft. per elephant (37 sq. m.)	Must provide adequate room for elephants to move about and lie down without restriction	2,100 sq. ft. (195 sq. m.)
Outdoor Space	Minimum 1,800 sq. ft. per elephant (167 sq. m.)	Must have enough space for animals to get away from each other if they wish and be large enough for adequate exercise opportunities	11,000 sq. ft. (1,022 sq. m.)
Vertical Height	Minimum 20 ft. (6 m.)	Minimum 20 ft. (6 m.)	20 ft. (6 m.)
Containment Barriers	Must be in good condition and able to prevent elephant escapes	Must be in good condition and able to prevent elephant escapes	Steel post and rail, engineered specifically for the elephant