



WHITE OAK  
CONSERVATION

A YEAR OF

# Elephants

2022



## A Year of New Experiences

The year has been full of milestones and new experiences for the White Oak team and the elephants, starting with the completion of the first elephant habitat at the beginning of 2021. Along the way, we welcomed the elephants' arrival, watched them as they explored their new habitat, and observed their progress as they settled in. This report is a brief update on the elephants at White Oak over the last twelve months. As construction begins on the new and expanded elephant habitat, we look forward to what the coming months will bring.





**Time for  
a bath!**



**Breakfast  
with the herd  
at the Barn**

## A Day in the Life of an Elephant

As the elephants have become acclimated to their surroundings, they spend much of their time exploring their habitat, sometimes walking several miles a day.

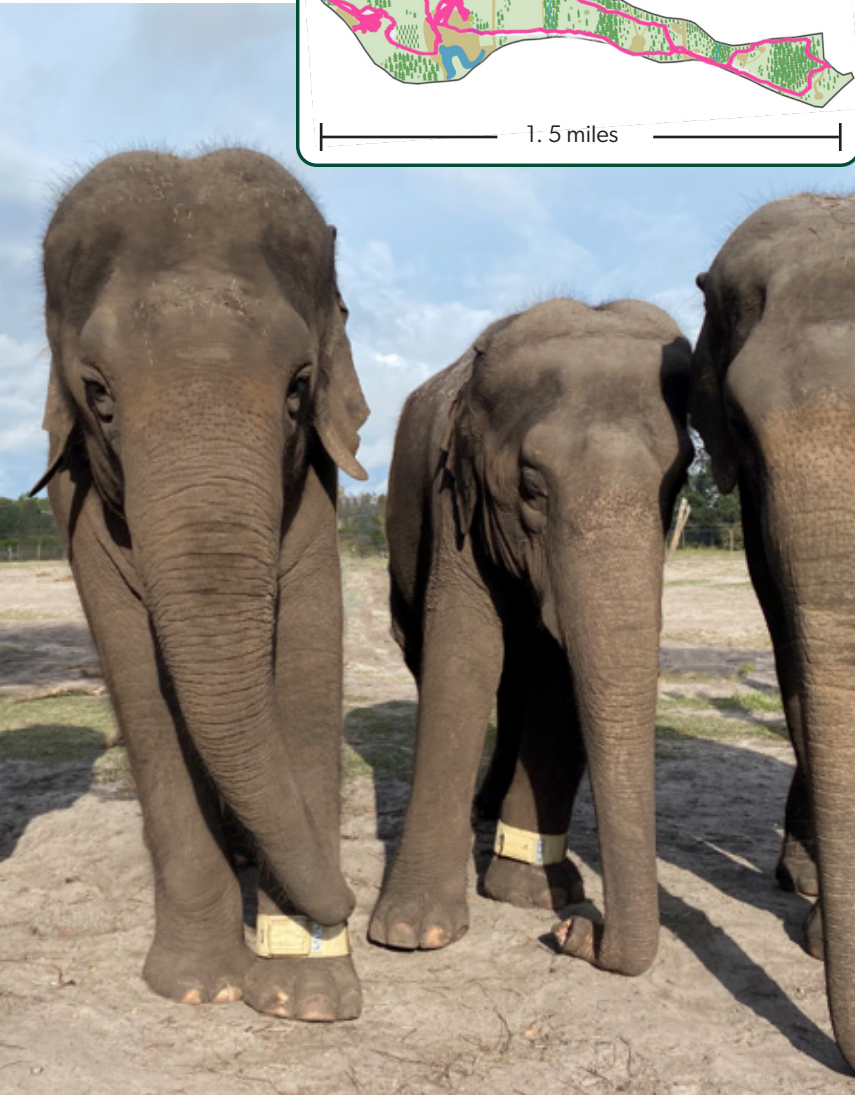
**Snack  
time in the  
woods**



**The diverse  
habitat of woods,  
open savannas, and  
waterways is 1.5 miles  
long with a 3-mile  
perimeter.**

## On the Move: Meet the Power Walkers.

These female elephants are sporting their 'exercise watches' and are ready to hit the trail. The GPS and accelerometers located in the canvas bracelets allow our elephant team to study how the elephants are using their habitat. The bracelets are removed after 24 hours and the information downloaded. After several months, it is obvious that these hikers are taking advantage of the space and are looking pretty fit! Just check out the map of the travels of the elephant, Sara!

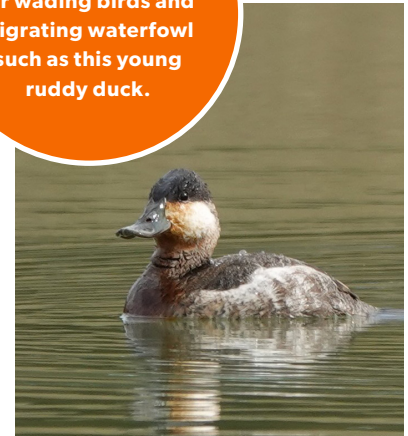


## Elephant Behavior + Elephant Wellness

Monitoring elephant behavior allows us to evaluate elephant wellness. Observing individual and herd behavior provides information on how an elephant is adapting to its environment and others in the herd. White Oak's spacious habitat and large herd give the elephants a choice of who to interact with and allows them to make choices and control the types of interactions that occur with herd mates.



The elephants' lake has become a draw for wading birds and migrating waterfowl such as this young ruddy duck.





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