



# ADVENTURE LAGOON AT COLUMBUS ZOO Columbus, OH

## CHALLENGE

With a partnership dating back for over a decade, Columbus Zoo turned to long-time partner Aquatic Development Group when it came time to expand their Zoombezi Bay Waterpark for the third time. The challenge: develop a new ride that would increase in and out of water capacity by providing more deck space, new thrills, and a way to keep guests off lines and spending more time in the water.

## SOLUTION

Designed and built around ADG's Adventure Lagoon® water ride, "Otter Banks" was created to feature 2,500 sqft of active water with three separate play areas including an activity pool with basketball, 3 waterfalls and in-water seating; an 1,800 sqft action pool that holds a Wibit® inflatable obstacle course; and a slide complex featuring two 30 ft drop slides.

Otter Banks has the capacity to accommodate approximately 500 guests at a time specifically designed to help alleviate congestion within the park. In addition to these thrilling water attractions, Otter Banks features expanded lounge seating and additional cabana areas spread across 15,000 sqft of decking, providing guests with the opportunity to relax along the shores of the three new pools and to slip into a tropical oasis without ever leaving town. Otter Banks also features all-new cabanas, which are the perfect place to gather with friends and family for a special occasion or just for a fun day in the sun.

## RESULT

The Otter Banks expansion allowed Columbus Zoo and Zoombezi Day to accommodate their busiest day in park operating history of over 11,700 guests.

"Not only was it completed in an amazing time frame, the Otter Banks expansion looks outstanding. Otter Banks helped us achieve the busiest day in our eleven year history on June 30th - 11,746 guests. We could not have done it without the additional space the Otter Banks allowed. This was the fourth significant project that we have worked on with ADG, it surely will not be the last."

*-John Gannon, GM*



