Plants and vines at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo's RainForest create exuberant jungle feeling

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The exhibit is one of the largest of its kind in the country and was built for $14.25. It features plants and vines that are native to various parts of the world, creating a lush and vibrant display that attracts visitors of all ages.

"The exhibit has really come to life," said Peters, who tends the exhibit with horticulturalist Pebbles Bush. "It's like being in a jungle." The exhibit features a variety of plants, including palms, ferns, and crotons, as well as a variety of vines and climbers.

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