

Meet Otto the Otter

OTTO THE OTTER IS THE OFFICIAL MASCOT OF THE 2002 PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES. Otto was selected as the mascot of the 2002 Paralympic Winter Games because of his fun loving spirit.

Otto's Personality Profile

- ▶ **WORDS THAT DESCRIBE ME:** Active, cute, playful, graceful, speedy, slender, sleek, clean, agile, resilient, energetic
- ▶ **MY FAVORITE FOODS:** Fish, frogs, crayfish
- ▶ **WHERE I LIVE:** On a river. My favorite Utah locations are the Green River, Colorado River and Flaming Gorge!
- ▶ **MY FAVORITE HOBBIES:** I love diving into the water and speeding towards the bottom of the rivers. (I can hold my breath for up to eight minutes underwater.) I also like to run around on the land. (And I'm very fast!) When I'm tired of playing, I like to wrap myself in kelp to rest.
- ▶ **OTHER THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT ME:** I'm very clean and always wash myself after every meal.
- ▶ **OBSTACLES OVERCOME:** Otters were almost extinct in Utah due to trapping and pollution in the early 1900's. Otters have now rebounded and show strength and resourcefulness.
- ▶ **OTHER FAVORITE THINGS:** I love watching all of the Paralympic sports. I love children and will be visiting them all over the state, sharing the excitement of the Paralympic Games, that will take place March 7-16, 2002. I appreciate the National Park Service for making recreational areas easier for people with disabilities to visit.

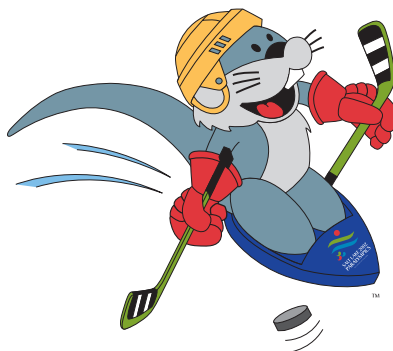


Otter Facts:

Otto is an American River Otter. These otters are three to four feet long and weigh 15 to 25 pounds. Otters have webbed and clawed feet that are good for running and swimming. The whiskers of otters are very sensitive and are used for hunting. Fish is his favorite food, and sometimes, Otto uses tools to help him get his meals. Otters were reintroduced in Utah in 1990 and are found in several rivers in Utah.

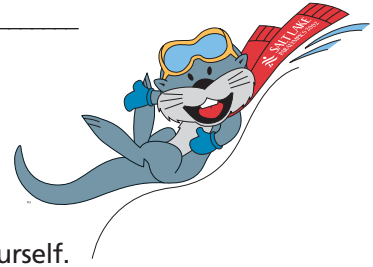
Extensions:

- ▶ Locate the Green River, Colorado River and Flaming Gorge on a Utah map.
- ▶ Learn about other plants and animals that are part of a river habitat.
- ▶ Draw a picture of Otto in his habitat.



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Comparing Otto



After reading Otto's Personality Profile write a personality profile about yourself.

HOW I AM LIKE OTTO: _____

MY FAVORITE FOODS: _____

WHERE I LIVE: _____

MY FAVORITE HOBBIES: _____

OTHER THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT ME: _____

WHAT I AM AFRAID OF: _____

▶ What words that describe Otto also describe the athletes of the Paralympics?



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Write a poem about Otto the Otter using the words Otto used to describe himself.

The word "Otto" means eight in Italian, and Salt Lake City hosts the eighth Paralympic Winter Games.

Paralympic Symbols - Color by Number

Otto the Otter is the mascot of the 2002 Paralympic Winter Games.

He likes to be active and has lots of energy! His name means eight in Italian. This is a good name since Salt Lake City hosts the eighth Paralympic Winter Games.



- 1 - Red
- 2 - Dark gray
- 3 - Light gray
- 4 - Green
- 5 - Dark blue
- 6 - Yellow
- 7 - Light blue

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Let's Learn From Otto

Otto, the mascot for the 2002 Paralympic Winter Games, wants everyone to know and enjoy the Paralympics Games as much as he does.

Pretend that you are Otto. Write a short speech telling what you know about the Paralympics. (Review history, sports and venues.) You may use the back of the page to finish your speech.

