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## The Daily Habits and Behaviors of Giraffes



Giraffes are fascinating animals known for their long necks and graceful movements. They are diurnal, which means they are most active during the day. Giraffes spend much of their time eating, resting, and socializing. During the day, they roam across the African savannah, searching for their favorite food, acacia leaves. Their long necks help them reach the leaves

high up in trees that other animals cannot reach.

Giraffes live in groups called towers. These groups are usually made up of females and their young, while adult males often live alone or in small bachelor groups. Living in groups helps giraffes stay safe from predators. They take turns keeping watch while others eat or rest. If a predator, such as a lion, approaches, giraffes can use their strong legs to kick as a defense. Giraffes interact with one another using body language and sounds. They may nuzzle each other to show affection or use their long necks to engage in gentle play. Males sometimes compete by "necking," where they swing their necks and heads to test strength. Despite their size, giraffes need very little sleep. They often rest for short periods while standing or lying down, and they sleep only a few hours each day.

The behavior of giraffes plays an important role in their ecosystem. By eating leaves from tall trees, they help shape the landscape and create space for new plants to grow. This makes giraffes important for keeping their habitats healthy and balanced.