

CALENDAR ADVISORY

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Summer happenings at Woodland Park Zoo

Visit the new Molbak's Butterfly Garden: last day is Sept. 13

Stroll among a variety of Pacific Northwest gardens and experience North American butterflies in the new, immersive **Molbak's Butterfly Garden**. Woodland Park Zoo's newest exhibit emphasizes both the fragility and resilience of nature through the display of what many consider to be among the most beautiful of natural expressions: butterflies and flowers.



An arching tent structure encloses a landscape of approximately 3,000 square feet and features more than 500 butterflies of at least 15 species native to North America. Learn about the biology, behavior, and threats facing these winged beauties, and be inspired to take local and global conservation action for butterflies and other pollinators during an immersive journey through the varying habitats where these North American species are found. The seasonal Butterfly Garden is free with zoo admission and is open through Sept. 13, 2016.

Don't miss baby gorilla Yola

Don't forget to stop by the gorilla exhibit to see baby gorilla Yola growing and exploring the outdoors with mom. The female western lowland gorilla was born at the zoo last November and met the community for the first time in June. Yola, mom Nadiri, and the other two members who live with her, Leonel and Akenji, are in the outdoor exhibit 12:30–4:30 p.m. daily. Follow #GrowWithYola for updates and to share your own photos and stories.

Take a Banyan Wilds Trek and join the Tiger Team

Fewer than 350 Malayan tigers survive in the heart of the wild, but there is still hope. The **Banyan Wilds Trek**, offered 1:30 p.m. daily, leads you into the forests of Malayan tigers, sloth bears, Asian small-clawed otters and more. Hear how Woodland Park Zoo and Panthera work with on-the-ground partners in Malaysia to protect tigers and their forest homes. Be inspired to show your stripes for tigers and join the zoo's [Tiger Team](#)!

Roof construction at Adaptations Building

Roof work is underway in the Adaptations Building, which means meerkats, bats and sloths are off exhibit until early October. The keas at the north end of the building have been moved and can be seen at Australasia.

Summer experience 2016 programs

Enjoy a variety of engaging programs through September 30. Find locations of programs posted at the zoo's West Entrance (Phinney Ave. N. between N. 55th & N. 56th Sts.) and South Entrance (N. 50th St. & Fremont Ave. N.), or at www.zoo.org. Programs are free with zoo admission except as noted. *All programs are subject to cancellation due to weather or animal availability.*

New Ambassador Animal Program at the Alvord Broadleaf Theater – 1:00 p.m. daily

Meet some of Woodland Park Zoo's new ambassador animals at the new Alvord Broadleaf Theater behind Zoomazium! Animals and keepers work together on trading a tasty treat for a natural behavior. You never know who you might meet—look for prickly Skyáana the

porcupine scampering up a tree, dexterous Lucy the raccoon showing off how clever she is and many more. You won't want to miss this new experience!

Keeper Talk – 11:30 a.m. daily

Meet a zookeeper and learn more about animal care at Woodland Park Zoo.

Tropical Rain Forest Primate Talk – 1:30 p.m. Mondays–Fridays

Meet a keeper to learn about lemurs or colobus monkeys! How do zookeepers check a monkey's teeth? Tails? Tummies? How are lemurs adapted to life in the trees? Come and find out!

Penguin Keeper Talk – 1:30 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays

Meet a zookeeper taking care of the zoo's dynamic Humboldt penguins, and learn how these endangered birds live at the zoo—and in the wild.

Banyan Wilds programs

Enter the tropical forests of Asia and visit the land of sloth bears and Malayan tigers. Watch keepers engage these rare animals and offer enrichment items such as toys or treats.

Tiger Gate Experience – 11:00 a.m. daily except Tuesdays

How do keepers safely work with big powerful animals? How do you get tigers to move over? Check their teeth and belly? Training is fun for animals and keepers alike, and keeps them both safe and healthy—come and see how it works!

Banyan Wilds Trek – 1:30 p.m. daily

Come to Banyan Wilds and join a zoo staff member on a guided walk through the exhibit. Look for details of how people research and protect tigers in the forests of Malaysia, and how the zoo—and you—can help.

Sloth Bear Snack – 2:00 p.m. daily except Thursdays

Sloth bears love to eat insects, and they have a unique way of catching them—they suck the bugs out of their nest! How strong is that suction? Come and find out!

Raptor programs

Raptors In Flight – 11:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m. daily except Wednesdays

Here's your chance to learn more about birds of prey. Keepers will introduce you to the zoo's resident raptors while demonstrating their impressive flying and hunting skills. A must see!

Zoomazium programs

Zoomazium – 9:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m. daily

Kids 8 and under and their caregivers love Zoomazium! The indoor, nature play space offers play and learning in a fun, safe and stimulating environment all year long. Here, kids can connect with animals, habitats and more through the natural language of childhood—play! Crawl through a hidden cave. Climb a giant strangler fig tree. Enjoy daily programs for toddlers and older children. Free with zoo admission.

Creature Feature – 10:30 a.m. daily

Children can get up close with live, furred, feathered or scaly animals. Meet the star from a puppet story. Practice observation skills to discover who's in the Mystery Box. Design a play space for a curious creature and watch as it explores.

Shake, Rattle & Roar – 11:30 a.m. daily

Join the toddler dance party with fun animal music and shakers of all kinds.

Animal feeding experiences and contact opportunities**Family Farm Contact Area – 11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. daily**

Touch domestic farm animals and learn more about them in supervised areas at the Family Farm. Free with zoo admission.

Willawong Station – The Bird Feeding Experience – 9:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m. daily

This popular walk-through bird feeding experience transports you to the world of the Australian parrot and the Australian grasslands habitat. Willawong Station is a fun opportunity for the whole family to get up close and feed birds in a controlled, safe environment while learning about responsible care for birds both in the wild and at home. The aviary includes approximately 100 free-flying birds, primarily small colorful Australian parrots. Free with zoo admission. Bird sticks: \$1 each, cash only.

Giraffe Up Close – 10:00–11:00 a.m. and 3:00–4:00 p.m. daily except Tuesdays

Get close to giraffes on a raised platform in the African Savanna and learn how you are helping to save wild giraffes. Cost: \$5 per person, cash only; children 5 and under free with paying adult.

Animal Encounters

Want a close encounter with the animal kind? Here's your chance to meet a lizard, snake or other small zoo animal up close and personal. Look for the Animal Encounters cart!

More fun...**Historic Carousel – 9:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m. daily**

Enjoy rides on the classic, hand-carved wooden carousel horses. Cost: \$2 a ride, in addition to zoo admission.

Discover!

The call of discovery beckons! Join docents in an exploration of nature's balance and tools of survival. In these hands-on programs featuring exhibits, biofacts, and fun-filled games, you'll have an opportunity to pursue questions and passions. Plus, discover how you can help save wildlife by taking some simple steps. Swing by a discovery station and indulge your scientific side!

Bug Club (fee based) – All About Arthropods

Did you know that four out of five animal species that exist on earth today are arthropods? The arthropod group of animals includes insects, arachnids, crustaceans and millipedes and centipedes. This year, Bug Club topics will focus on each group of arthropods, exploring their life cycles and adaptations through buggy crafts, snacks and outdoor explorations. You and your Bug Club friends will also connect and share with Bug Clubs at other zoos. Bug Club meets 10:00 a.m.–noon generally on the fourth Sunday of every month year round.

Parents' Night Out (fee based)

Dinner reservation? Check. Verified movie times? Check. Babysitter? Uh oh. Don't fret—let Woodland Park Zoo handle childcare for you. Kids ages 4–11 will enjoy a fun-filled evening with zoo staff while you enjoy a night out on the town. Supervised activities for kids include games, a fun, educational film and a live animal encounter, plus a tasty pizza dinner! For information or to register, go to <http://www.zoo.org/education/childrens-programs> or call 206.548.2424. All children must be fully potty trained.

Zoo Overnight and Evening Adventures (fee based)

Grab your gear and head to Woodland Park Zoo for a fun-filled, after-hours adventure. Enjoy a light dinner, themed activities, guided tours and the opportunity to meet a small zoo animal resident up close! Join the zoo just for the evening or stay the night! Adventures are available for large groups, small groups and scout groups. For more information and how to register, visit www.zoo.org/overnights or call 206-548-2424.

General information

Zoo hours through September 30: 9:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m. daily. Admission through September 30: Adult (13-64) \$19.95; Child (3-12) \$12.25; Toddler (0-2) Free. Active, retired, and veteran U.S. military and their families, seniors and people with disabilities receive a discount. Zoo members receive free admission year round.

Parking: \$6. Parking is limited. Consider taking the bus, biking, walking or carpooling. Conserving resources is one more way to help animals. For bus service to the zoo, visit www.metro.kingcounty.gov.

Online ticketing: avoid lines and buy your general admission tickets in advance at www.zoo.org/visit. Discounts and coupons are not applicable for online ticket purchases.

Mobile app: search for the free Woodland Park Zoo mobile app for iPhone, iPad or Android in your app store. Use it to track your location on zoo grounds with GPS, discover more about animals and daily zoo activities, and share the highlights of your visit with friends.

Quarters for Conservation: Part of zoo admission and membership has always gone to fund conservation programs in the wild. Cast your vote for your favorite conservation project at the Quarters for Conservation kiosks located at each entrance.

Gifts/food: Visit the ZooStores for extraordinary gifts and zoo souvenirs. Stop by the Rain Forest Food Pavilion or other concessionaire locations to quench your thirst or appetite. Open daily during regular zoo hours.

For information or to become a zoo member, visit www.zoo.org or call 206.548.2500.

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