Woodland Park Zoo's 2016-17 fall and winter programs

Hours and admission fees

Woodland Park Zoo is open daily except Christmas Day. Zoo hours September 26 through April 30: 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. daily. Zoo admission fees October 1 through March 31: Adult (13-64) \$13.75; Child (3-12) \$9.25; Free for children 2 and under year round. Active, retired, and veteran U.S. military and their families, seniors and people with disabilities receive a discount and zoo members receive free zoo admission year round. The zoo is open every day except Christmas Day. *Hours and rates are subject to change.*

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 <u>www.metro.kingcounty.gov</u>.

See 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 through October and 12:30-4:00 p.m. daily November-February. Follow #GrowWithYola for updates and to share your own photos and stories.

Come see where the Banyan Wilds things are

The 2-acre exhibit complex takes guests on an immersive journey into the world of Malayan tigers, sloth bears, Asian small-clawed otters and tropical birds. The three Malayan tiger brothers Eko, Liem, and Olan can be seen playing and pouncing, scratching and climbing trees, splashing in their pool, or napping under the shade of an impressive banyan tree. Monolithic rock formations evocative of Southern India draw guests to sloth bears lounging on a log or searching for honey and insects. Through hands-on activities and digital media, a conservation action center gives life to stories of local communities and the zoo's field conservation partners working together to help save wildlife and the forest.

While exploring the exhibit, guests can sign up for the Show Your Stripes Tiger Team: a call to action to support tiger and habitat conservation. By signing up for the Show Your Stripes Tiger Team, zoo visitors can get updates on tiger conservation news from the field and learn how to help from home or in their community. Visit www.zoo.org/tigers for information.

Rainy Day Discount



Before you head to the zoo, go to zoo.org/rainyday and check if a Rainy Day Discount coupon has been posted for the day. Rainy Day Discounts are available on select days, depending upon weather forecasts and projected attendance. When offered, discount coupons are good for 50% off on all regular admissions to the zoo, limit four admissions per coupon. Discounts cannot be combined with other discounts or offers, and are good only for the day indicated on the coupon. Offer *not* valid for WildLights admission. Present a printed coupon or show the coupon on your phone at the gate.

Zoo Experiences

Programs are offered October 1 through April 30 and are free with zoo admission, except as noted. Locations of programs are posted at the zoo's South Entrance (N. 50th St. & Fremont Ave. N.) and West Entrance (Phinney Ave. N. between N. 55th & N. 56th Sts.), and found at <u>www.zoo.org.</u> *All programs are subject to cancellation due to weather or animal availability.*

Penguin Keeper Talk – 2:00 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays

Desert penguins? Visit with our outstanding keepers and learn amazing things about Humboldt penguins on land and at sea. How do zookeepers care for our fascinating colony and conduct research in the wild? Join us and find out at this popular program.

Raptors In Flight – 2:00 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays, Nov. 1-March 31

Here's your chance to learn more about birds of prey. Keepers will introduce you to our resident raptors while demonstrating the birds' impressive flying and hunting skills.

Zoomazium programs

Zoomazium – 9:30 a.m.-4:00 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. Families can connect with animals, habitats and more, indoors and out in Zoomazium's Backyard. For even more fun at the zoo, check out our new family science exploration backpacks too!

Creature Feature in Zoomazium – 10:30 a.m. daily

Get up close to live, furred, feathered or scaly animals. Morning programs are geared toward toddlers and afternoon programs are suited for preschool and older.

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

Join our toddler dance party in Zoomazium! Toddlers and caregivers are invited to sing, dance, and play instruments to animal and nature-themed music.

Animal feeding experiences and contact opportunities

Penguin Feeding Experience – 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. – or until the fish run out! daily beginning Oct. 1

Feed our tuxedo-clad birds! For \$5, feed the zoo's Humboldt penguins a handful of tasty fish and experience these endangered birds hand to beak. Feeding is subject to cancellation due to weather or penguins' appetites.

Animal Encounters

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

Willawong Station - The Bird Feeding Experience – 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. daily

Travel 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 in a controlled, safe environment. On weekends, holidays and school breaks, seed sticks are available to feed the birds for \$1 each. The aviary includes approximately 70 free-flying birds, primarily small colorful Australian parrots.

Ambassador Animals Program – schedule varies

Ever wonder what a porcupine's favorite food is, or what a raccoon does for fun? Check out our Ambassador Animals program, like *Wild City*, and get a chance to meet some of our animal stars and their trainers.

Additional Zoo Experiences

Geocache at the Zoo

Join the Global Scavenger Hunt here at the zoo! Can you find our three geocaches? Go to Geocaching.com to learn more and start caching today!

Historic Carousel – 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Monday-Friday; 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. weekends, holidays

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

Discover! - Hours vary depending on docent availability

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 funfilled 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!

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 inside Zoomazium or Education Center while you enjoy a night out on the town. Supervised activities for kids include games, an educational film, and a live animal encounter, plus a tasty pizza dinner! For information or to register, go to zoo.org/education/parentsnightout or call 206.548.2424 (extension 4). 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. Bring your class, troop, group or family and join us for an Evening or Overnight Adventure. Enjoy a light dinner, themed activities, guided tours, and the opportunity to meet one of our smaller animal residents up close! For more information and to register, visit <u>zoo.org/overnights</u> or call 206.548.2424 (extension 4).

Bug Club (fee based)

Do you think crickets are cool and ants are outrageous? Then join Bug Club! Bug Club is for children 5-11 years old who love bugs! Bug Club meets one Sunday per month. For information or to register, call 206.548.2424 (extension 4), or visit <u>zoo.org/education/bug-club</u>.

Senior Classes (fee based)

Join us for a monthly class just for seniors! Each class includes an educational presentation and a short zoo tour. This fall we will explore the worlds of Chilean flamingos, grazers of Africa, snow leopards and animals of the taiga. For information or to register, call 206.548.2424 (extension 4), or visit <u>zoo.org/seniorprograms</u>.

Early Childhood Classes (fee based)

Need some time to socialize with other parents? Why not come to the zoo and bring your wee ones along for an amazing zoo adventure. Check out our Walkin' and Rollin' class for 0-18 month olds, Tiny Tyke Time for 18-36 month olds and Zoo Sprouts classes for 3-5 year olds at <u>zoo.org/education/earlychildhood</u>, or call 206.548.2424 (extension 4).

General information

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

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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. Plus there's no need to use personal cell data thanks to the installation of Woodland Park Zoo's fast, reliable public Wi-Fi network that is free for guests! The zoo's new Wi-Fi network is currently accessible by the zoo's West Entrance, South Entrance, North Meadow, Rain Forest Food Pavilion and Zoomazium. It will also be available at other popular, high traffic exhibits and staff areas by the end of the year.

Quarters for Conservation: See animals, save wildlife. It's that simple with Quarters for Conservation. Every time you visit the zoo, you have the chance to vote for the conservation project you want to support. Together, your votes can have a big impact. Be sure to pick up your Quarters for Conservation coin and cast your vote for your favorite conservation project at the Quarters for Conservation kiosks located at each entrance every time you visit the zoo.

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 more information, or to become a zoo member, visit <u>www.zoo.org</u> or call 206.548.2500.

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