

Summer happenings at Woodland Park Zoo

Seasonal hours and admission fees

Summer programming and seasonal hours begin Monday, May 1. Stop by the zoo and be one of the first to enjoy the zoo's summer offerings!



Hours begin May 1 through September 30: 9:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m. daily. Admission fees, April 1 through September 30: Adult (13–64) \$20.95; Child (3–12) \$12.95; Free for children 2 and under year round. Active, retired, and veteran U.S. military and their families, seniors and people with disabilities are eligible to receive a discount and zoo members receive free zoo admission year round.

NEW! Ambassador Animals Program, Friends by Nature, at the Alvord Broadleaf Theater: 11:00 a.m., 2:30 p.m. daily

Since opening the Alvord Broadleaf Theater last summer, several new animals have joined Woodland Park Zoo's Ambassador Animals. Who will be on stage today? Lucy the raccoon? Calvin the opossum? Blueberry the hornbill or Amarillo the nine-banded armadillo? Learn how Woodland Park Zoo works hard to create a great home for the animals here at the zoo and what visitors can do to help wildlife in their own backyard! Stop by the stage behind Zoomazium and meet some of the zoo's Friends by Nature.

NEW! Ambassador Animals Program, Earn Your Wings, at Wildlife Theater: 11:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m. daily, OPENS MAY 21

A newcomer wants to join the raptor flight program. The problem? She doesn't fly! Visit the newly renovated Wildlife Theater (formerly raptor flight yard) for the new program, Earn Your Wings. Watch birds such as hawks, owls and vultures fly closely overhead while learning about their natural history and conservation status. As for the newcomer, watch as she runs right by—will she earn her wings?

Seasonal Molbak's Butterfly Garden and [NEW] Microsoft Pollinator Patio opens Memorial Day weekend: 9:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m. daily

Take a walk among a variety of North American butterfly species in the zoo's immersive Molbak's Butterfly Garden exhibit. An arching tent structure encloses a landscape of approximately 3,000 square feet, and nearly 500 free-flying butterflies will represent at least 15 species native to North America. Woodland Park Zoo's seasonal Butterfly Garden 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. Visitors will learn about the butterfly's life cycle while watching new butterflies emerge from their chrysalises before flying free in the garden.

Behind the Garden is the new Microsoft Pollinator Patio, where visitors can enjoy a beautiful stroll among pollinator-friendly plants while learning how to help pollinators in their own backyard. This garden is full of ideas and actions visitors can take on behalf of native pollinators such as hummingbirds, beetles, bees and flies. Before leaving, visitors can also take a sneak peek at the zoo's Silverspot Butterfly Lab, where zookeepers and teen volunteers hatch and raise endangered Oregon silverspot butterflies for release into protected wild habitat. Molbak's Butterfly Garden and Pollinator Patio are free with zoo admission.

Summer experience 2017 programs

Programs are offered May 1 through September 30, 2017, and are free with zoo admission, except as noted. Locations of programs are posted on signage 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 www.zoo.org. *All programs are subject to cancellation due to weather or animal availability.*

Keeper Talks: 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. daily

Zookeepers provide exceptional care to all of the animals at the zoo, making sure they have everything they need to be healthy and happy. They also help save animals in the wild. Which zookeepers can you meet? See signage at either zoo entrance for daily locations.

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. Programs are offered daily throughout the day.

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!

Sloth Bear Snack: 1:00 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!

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 adventure and learning in a fun, safe and stimulating environment all year long. Here, kids can connect with animals and habitats 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

Help our puppets tell a fun animal story! Who's hatching out of that egg? Which animal friends get together to share breakfast? What animal wants to swap scales for feathers or fur? At the end of the story, meet a real, live zoo animal!

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

Join a 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

Is a goat soft? How does a sheep want to be touched? Pet some 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 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. Entrance free with zoo admission. Seed sticks: \$2 each, cash only at the exhibit. Punch cards available at West and South Entrances: \$10.00 for 6 sticks.

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

Meet Woodland Park Zoo's giraffes up close on a raised platform in the African Savanna, hear from giraffe keepers about how they care for the zoo's tallest residents and how you are saving wild giraffes by visiting the zoo and participating in this activity. Photography encouraged. 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

In Bug Club, we explore the world of insects and other arthropods and share our appreciation for these fascinating animals! This year, Bug Club will focus on caring about bugs! We will explore how bugs care for each other, how zoos and conservation scientists care for bugs and how we can all help bugs every day. We'll choose some of our favorite bugs and take conservation action to help them. Join other bug enthusiasts to learn and share about bugs through buggy crafts, snacks and outdoor explorations. 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 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 one of our smaller animal residents up close! Join us 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.

Senior Programs (fee based)

Join us for programs designed especially for seniors! Senior Zoo Walkers program gets you out onto zoo grounds and moving, as often as twice a week! Monthly classes are also offered providing an inside scoop on our animals, plants and exhibits followed by a zoo tour. For more information and to register, visit <http://www.zoo.org/education/adult> or call 206-548-2424.

General information

Parking: \$6.00. 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.

Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the zoo for zoo guests, made possible through products donated by Cisco.

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: A portion of your zoo admission and membership is dedicated to funding 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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