

## Woodland Park Zoo 2018 Calendar of Events

(All events are free with zoo admission or membership unless noted otherwise. Information is subject to change.)



February 24

**Rose Pruning Demonstration at Woodland Park Rose Garden, noon–3:00 p.m.**

Need tips on pruning roses, using proper tools and more? Come to the Woodland Park Rose Garden for the annual rose pruning demonstration hosted by the Seattle Rose Society. Learn about roses and how to care for them, get answers to your questions by rosarians. Admission to demonstration and Rose Garden: Free. Zoo parking fee applies.

February 27

**2018 Thrive Leadership Awards, 6:00 p.m., Four Seasons Hotel Seattle**

Thrive Leadership Awards is an awards dinner and fundraiser that brings together more than 300 Puget Sound region business and community leaders, as well as conservation leaders and local philanthropists, giving them an “inside glimpse” in to what makes Woodland Park Zoo a valued community asset. During this exciting evening, Woodland Park Zoo will honor the local and international leaders who help make the zoo’s wildlife conservation mission possible. Event tickets begin at \$250. For information, visit [zoo.org/thrive](http://zoo.org/thrive).

February 28

**Thrive Day 2, 6:00 p.m., Hyatt Olive 8**

Woodland Park Zoo’s young professionals network, [Network for Nature \(NFN\)](http://Network for Nature (NFN)), hosts Thrive Day 2 at Hyatt Olive 8. The event includes a networking reception and a lightning talk featuring Woodland Park Zoo’s 2018 Conservation Leadership Award honorees K. Ullas Karanth, PhD, and Krithi K. Karanth, PhD. The lightning talk will be paired with a panel of leading experts shedding light on how technology and conservation are coming together to save species. Beer, wine, non-alcoholic beverages and appetizers will be served. Event tickets are \$25; Network for Nature members get in free. For more information, visit [zoo.org/thrive/day2](http://zoo.org/thrive/day2).

March 31

**Bunny Bounce and Easter Baskets for the Animals, 9:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.**

Hop, skip and jump to Woodland Park Zoo for the 17th annual Bunny Bounce, featuring amazing egg hunts for children ages 1–8, crafts, bunny encounters and eggs-citing zoo programs throughout the day. Space may be limited. Each egg hunt is open on a first-come, first-served basis. Orangutans, lemurs, grizzlies, and more nibble on specially made Easter baskets lined with flowers, berries and other favorite treats. The special

treats are part of the zoo's excellent animal care program to help enrich the lives of the zoo's animals. The safe activities help encourage natural animal behavior, keep animals mentally and physically stimulated and engage zoo guests.

- April 1                      Base zoo admission price begins through September 30.
- April 14                    **Spring Safari: African Wildlife Conservation Day, 9:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.**  
Celebrate the African Savanna and the amazing animals that live there during Spring Safari: African Wildlife Conservation Day. Attend educational keeper talks and special enrichment sessions to learn more about issues such as illegal wildlife poaching and habitat loss, and how your choices and actions can help save giraffe, lions, gorillas and other critical savanna animals.
- April 20–October 8      **\*\*\* NEW \*\*\* Photo Ark: Joel Sartore and National Geographic**  
Select photos from the National Geographic Photo Ark, led by photographer Joel Sartore, will be featured throughout the zoo. Over 25 kiosks exhibiting images captured by Sartore will be displayed throughout zoo grounds. For more information on the Photo Ark, visit:  
[www.nationalgeographic.org/projects/photo-ark/](http://www.nationalgeographic.org/projects/photo-ark/).
- May 1                      Summer hours begin: 9:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m. daily through September 30.
- May 12                    **Mom & Me at the Zoo, 9:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.**  
Celebrate Mother's Day with the 28th annual Mom & Me at the Zoo. Moms and families enjoy lots of fun activities on the North Meadow. Moms receive half-price admission to the zoo on the day of the event.
- May 5                      **\*\*\* NEW \*\*\* Assam Rhino Reserve**  
Inspired by the sweeping marshlands of northeast India, Woodland Park Zoo's newest exhibit, Assam Rhino Reserve, will feature greater one-horned rhinoceros, Asian brown tortoises and demoiselle cranes. This special exhibition marks the first time rhinos will be at the 92-acre conservation institution in its 118-year history. The new exhibit will give guests the opportunity to get up close to one of the world's largest mammals. During scheduled talks with animal keepers and special education programs and other activities, guests can learn about these magnificent species and how the zoo provides them the best care. The exhibit will also amplify attention on illegal wildlife trade and the turtle extinction crisis while inspiring and empowering guests to take action to save species threatened by the wildlife trafficking crisis.

May 25

**Molbak's Butterfly Garden, 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. Guests 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 Microsoft Pollinator Patio where guests can enjoy a beautiful stroll among pollinator-friendly plants while learning how to help pollinators in their own backyard. This garden, open year-round, is full of ideas and actions guests can take on behalf of native pollinators such as hummingbirds, beetles, bees and flies. Molbak's Butterfly Garden and Microsoft Pollinator Patio are free with zoo admission.

May 31

**Rhinos and Rosé**

Mix, mingle and toast to wildlife with Seattle's first-ever rhinos! Rhinos and Rosé will feature local culinary masters including Ethan Stowell Restaurants and Theo Chocolate, with rosé to enjoy. Guests will experience rhinos up close and learn what makes this critically endangered species so special. Guests will also get an exclusive preview of some of the one-of-a-kind Jungle Party auction items. Funds raised at the event will help support the zoo's rhinos as well as other wildlife conservation efforts. The evening will mark the kick-off to the zoo's Jungle Party auction. RSVP by emailing: [RSVP@zoo.org](mailto:RSVP@zoo.org). More details coming soon. #rhinosandrose.

June–August

**\*\*\* NEW \*\*\* Evening Zoo, 6:00–8:30 p.m.**

In order to enjoy the warm summer temperatures and beautiful Seattle evenings, the zoo is extending its hours for five special nights! On select Thursday nights between June and August, the entire zoo (except Molbak's Butterfly Garden and Bug World) will remain open until 8:30 p.m. Guests can enjoy free animal keeper talks and education programs at regular zoo admission price; delicious food and beverages will be available for purchase.

June–September

**BECU ZooTunes presented by Carter Subaru Concert Series**

The ever-popular summer concert series is back for its 35th year! Top artists and singer-songwriters perform outdoors in the zoo's North Meadow with festival seating. Blankets, low-backed chairs and picnic baskets are welcome. Proceeds from ZooTunes support the zoo's exemplary animal care, engaging education programs, and wildlife conservation projects in the

Pacific Northwest and around the world. ZooTunes concert tickets go on sale in early spring at [zoo.org/zootunes](http://zoo.org/zootunes).

June 2

**Bear Affair: Living Northwest Conservation Day, 9:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.**

What does it mean to live in the Pacific Northwest with wildlife in our own backyard? What happens when you don't store food properly or haphazardly leave garbage around while camping in bear country? Get a glimpse of the results as Woodland Park Zoo's popular grizzly bear brothers tear into a campsite, and learn what steps you can take to properly bear-proof your surroundings. Hear animal keeper talks for bears, wolves, raptors and more, and learn what these Pacific Northwest animals need in order to survive in the wild and peacefully co-exist with humans.

June 30 & July 1

**Red, White & Zoo, 10:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m.**

It's a Fourth of July picnic as Woodland Park Zoo's animals—orangutans, lemurs, pigs, gorillas and more—are treated to star-shaped popsicles, watermelons or corn on the cob in celebration of Red, White & Zoo. The special treats are part of the zoo's excellent animal care program to help enrich the lives of the zoo's animals. The safe activities help encourage natural animal behavior, keep animals mentally and physically stimulated and engage zoo guests.

July 5

**Zoo for All!**

The zoo will host evening activities in tandem with its Evening Zoo event, reaching out to and inviting families of those with special needs.

July 13

**Woodland Park Zoo's 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Jungle Party, 4:30–9:30 p.m.**

**(Zoo closes early at 3:00 p.m.)**

It's Woodland Park Zoo's 42nd Annual Jungle Party, WANDER INTO THE WILD! Nearly 1,000 of the Northwest's civic and philanthropic leaders come together on the zoo's North Meadow to indulge in an evening of festivities including fun-filled bidding on several hundred exciting auction items and experiences during the silent and live auctions, a colorful reception, live entertainment, up-close animal experiences for patron guests, a lavish sit-down dinner and open bars. All funds raised at Jungle Party help our zoo raise the levels of excellence in animal care and exhibit design, support wildlife conservation locally and globally, and provide education programs for people of all ages. For more information, visit [zoo.org/jungleparty](http://zoo.org/jungleparty).

July 27

**Tasting Flight presented by Delta Air Lines, 6:00–9:00 p.m.**

Uncork some of the Northwest's finest boutique wines at Woodland Park Zoo's Tasting Flight after hours, adults only

event. Winemakers will be on hand to answer questions and give tips to make the most of your tasting experiences. Additional tastings, full bottles of your favorite selections and small bites will also be available for purchase at the event. Must be 21 and over to attend. Proceeds from this fundraiser benefit the zoo. Visit [zoo.org/wine](http://zoo.org/wine) for ticket information.

August 2

**Honoring Those Who Serve**

They serve, they defend, they protect, they sacrifice—and Woodland Park Zoo proudly salutes them. The zoo is hosting a special all-day event in honor of those who put themselves at risk in service to their community and country. The event will be held in tandem with Evening Zoo.

August 11

**Wild Asia: Asian Wildlife Conservation Day, 9:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.**

Wild Asia: Asian Wildlife Conservation Day illustrates how the zoo's partnerships are helping to save the endangered wildlife of Asia and bringing life sustaining commerce to indigenous families. Learn more about issues such as poaching and palm oil, and how your choices and actions can help to save Malayan tigers, greater one-horned rhinos, orangutans, tree kangaroos and other endangered animals. The day is filled with activities including keeper talks, crafts, family activities and more.

October 1

Winter hours begin: 9:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. daily through April 30.

October 1

Winter discount zoo admission begins through March 31.

October 4

**Brew at the Zoo, 5:30–8:30 p.m.**

The fabulous tasting event features micro brews and ciders at this adults-only evening. Held in and outside the zoo's Rain Forest Food Pavilion and in Zoomazium, the event also features food and entertainment to "top off" your evening. Must be 21 and over to attend. Proceeds from this fundraiser benefit the zoo. Visit [zoo.org/brew](http://zoo.org/brew) for ticket information.

October 27 & 28

**Pumpkin Bash and Trick-or-Treating, 9:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.**

Pumpkins for the animals, trick-or-treating, and more are in store for little goblins and ghosts at Woodland Park Zoo's family-friendly Pumpkin Bash. Discover a repertoire of animal behavior as hippos, bears, Malayan tigers, lemurs, and other animals crunch, smash or stomp on pumpkins! The pumpkins are part of the zoo's excellent animal care program to help enrich the lives of the zoo's animals. The safe activities help encourage natural animal behavior, keep animals mentally and physically stimulated and engage zoo guests. Free with zoo admission or membership. During Pumpkin Bash, one child 12 years and under in costume is admitted into the zoo FREE with a paid adult.

- November 11 **Veterans Day Discount**  
They serve, they defend, they protect, they sacrifice, and Woodland Park Zoo salutes them. In honor of those who put themselves at risk in service to their community and country, the zoo extends free admission to all active, retired, and veteran U.S. military personnel and their spouses with valid service identification on Veterans Day. Veterans Day discounts cannot be combined with other offers or zoo discounts.
- November 17 **Turkey Toss, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.**  
The zoo's carnivores chow down on raw, store-prepared turkeys at the annual Turkey Toss. The turkeys are part of the zoo's excellent animal care program to help enrich the lives of the zoo's animals. The safe activities help encourage natural animal behavior, keep animals mentally and physically stimulated and engage zoo guests.
- November 23 **WildLights presented by Sound Credit Union, November 23 through January 1, 5:30–8:30 p.m.**  
Friends and families are invited to commemorate the holiday season at Woodland Park Zoo's seventh annual WildLights celebration. Guests will be transported to a festive winter wonderland complete with lights, treats, animals and more. Tickets will be available for purchase at [zoo.org/wildlights](http://zoo.org/wildlights).
- November **WildLights Community Access Program Nights**  
The zoo is pleased to invite several of its Community Access Program partners to attend the zoo's seventh annual WildLights presented by Sound Credit Union. Community Access program partner organizations serving homeless families, foster children, and at-risk families with young children will receive complimentary tickets to attend WildLights on select nights.
- December 15–17, **Winter Celebration, 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.**  
20–22 Some animals hibernate during the winter, but you don't have to! Celebrate winter by taking a wildlife trek at Woodland Park Zoo's Winter Celebration. Discover a repertoire of animal behavior as animals munch on holiday-themed treats such as wreaths with assorted fruit, evergreen trees with ornamental fruit, and boughs and wrapped boxes. Winter Celebration is part of the zoo's excellent animal care program to help enrich the lives of the zoo's animals. The safe activities help encourage natural animal behavior, keep animals mentally and physically stimulated and engage zoo guests.

### **General information**



**Hours:** October 1 through April 30: 9:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. daily. May 1 through September 30: 9:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m. daily. The zoo is open every day except Christmas Day.

**Admission:** October 1–March 31: Adult (13–64) \$14.95; Child (3–12) \$9.95. April 1–September 30: Adult (13–64) \$20.95; Child (3–12) \$12.95. Active, retired, and veteran U.S. military and their families, seniors and people with physical disabilities receive an admission discount. Zoo members receive free zoo admission year round. Admission prices subject to change.

**Parking:** \$6.00 plus applicable state and local taxes. Parking is limited.

**Conserve Resources:** Consider taking the bus, biking, walking or carpooling. Conserving resources is one more way to help animals. The zoo offers a \$2 discount to anyone who rides the bus to the zoo. Must show proof at ticket window; either bus transfer slip or orca card. For bus service to the zoo, visit: [www.metro.kingcounty.gov](http://www.metro.kingcounty.gov).

**Location:** Enter through the West Entrance on Phinney Ave. N. between N. 55<sup>th</sup> & N. 56<sup>th</sup> Sts. or South Entrance at N. 50<sup>th</sup> St. & Fremont Ave. N.

**Online ticketing:** avoid lines and buy your general admission tickets in advance at [www.zoo.org/visit](http://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.

**Wi-Fi:** 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 made possible through products donated by Cisco! The zoo's new Wi-Fi network is currently accessible by the zoo's West Entrance, South Entrance, North Meadow, Rain Forest Food Pavilion, Zoomazium and other popular, high traffic exhibits and staff areas.

**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 and support the conservation project of your choice. Together, your votes can have a big impact. Be sure to pick up your Quarters for Conservation tokens at admissions or any member or guest services location, and cast your vote for your favorite conservation project at the kiosks located at each entrance. Members that can't make it to the zoo have the opportunity to vote on-line through the zoo's membership page.

**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.

Woodland Park Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums and certified by the rigorous American Humane Conservation program. The Humane Certified™ seal of approval is another important validation of the zoo's long-standing tradition of meeting the highest standards in animal welfare. Woodland Park Zoo is helping to save animals and their habitats through more than 35 field projects in the Pacific Northwest and around the world. By inspiring people to care and act, Woodland Park Zoo is making a difference in our planet's future ecological health and sustainability. Free Wi-Fi is available for zoo guests, made possible through products donated by Cisco. Visit [www.zoo.org](http://www.zoo.org) and follow the zoo on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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