

CALENDAR ADVISORY

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Molbak's Butterfly Garden returns ***Seasonal exhibit reopens May 25***

WHAT: Fluttering wings of wonder will grace Woodland Park Zoo when its seasonal **Molbak's Butterfly Garden** reopens **Friday, May 25**. The last day to see the butterflies is **Sunday, September 30**.



Take a walk among nearly 500 free-flying butterflies representing at least 15 species native to North America. An arching tent structure encloses a landscape of approximately 3,000 square feet where the 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. Here, guests learn about the life cycle of butterflies while watching new butterflies emerge from chrysalises before flying free in the garden.

Behind the Garden is the year-round Microsoft Pollinator Patio, where guests can enjoy a beautiful stroll among pollinator-friendly plants. This garden is full of ideas and actions to inspire guests to help pollinators in their own backyard such as hummingbirds, beetles, bees and flies. The nearby Silverspot Butterfly Lab offers guests a peek into how the zoo's animal keepers and ZooCorps teen volunteers hatch and raise endangered Oregon silverspot butterflies for release into protected wild habitat.

Visit zoo.org/butterflygarden for more information.

WHEN: **Opens Friday, May 25, 9:30 a.m.**
Molbak's Butterfly Garden hours: 9:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m. daily from Friday, May 25 through Sunday, September 30. Microsoft Pollinator Patio is open daily during zoo hours year-round

WHERE: Woodland Park Zoo: Enter through West Entrance at Phinney Ave. N. between N. 55th & N. 56th Sts. or South Entrance at N. 50th St. & Fremont Ave. N.

COST: Molbak's Butterfly Garden and Microsoft Pollinator are free with zoo admission. April 1–September 30: Adult (13-64) \$20.95; Child (3-12) \$12.95; Toddler (0-2) Free. 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. Parking: \$6 plus applicable state and local taxes.

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

Spring/summer zoo hours: 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily through September 30.

Parking is limited. 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—bus

transfer or ORCA card—at ticket window. For bus service to the zoo, visit www.metro.kingcounty.gov.

Mobile app: Download the free Woodland Park Zoo mobile app for iPhone, iPad or Android from 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: Explore the ZooStores for unique gifts and souvenirs and the Rain Forest Food Pavilion to quench your thirst and appetite.

Founded in 1899, 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. Each year, the zoo engages more than a million visitors of all ages, backgrounds, abilities, and walks of life in extraordinary experiences with animals, inspiring them to make conservation a priority in their lives and a difference in our planet's future ecological health and sustainability. Visit www.zoo.org and follow the zoo on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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