

Woodland Park Zoo's 2018–19 fall and winter programs

Summer may be over, but the fun at the zoo is year round! The fall and winter season brings less crowds, making it the perfect chance for you and your family to leisurely explore the zoo, enjoy extraordinary experiences, and connect with wildlife and nature.

What's coming (and going) this season



Last chance! National Geographic Photo Ark exhibition

There are just a few weeks left to see the [National Geographic Photo Ark](#) – the last day for the traveling exhibition at the zoo is **October 7**. The National Geographic Photo Ark is an ambitious project committed to documenting every species in zoos, aquariums and animal rescue centers. The breathtaking and captivating photos aim to inspire people not only to care, but also to help save these animals from extinction.

New! Assam Rhino Reserve

At the newly-opened Assam Rhino Reserve, you will encounter two rhinos up close and some of their native neighbors: Asian brown tortoises, demoiselle cranes and roaming peacocks. Taj and Glenn are two juvenile male greater one-horned rhinos that are a blast to watch – the best buds love to share dips in the pool, roll in the mud, wallow together and snack on bamboo.

Last chance! Rhino Lookout

iPhone users have through the end of November to experience [Rhino Lookout](#), a tech feature located at the new Assam Rhino Reserve that lets users experience the exhibit in a unique, fun and immersive way. Bluetooth beacons send videos, quizzes (Are you more of a Taj or a Glenn?), facts and action tips right at your fingertips.

New! Check out the new *kid* on the block

Come say hi to Woodland Park Zoo's newest kid, Daisy! This baby female mountain goat is turning 3 months old, and is the first mountain goat born at the zoo in 23 years! Zoo-goers can see Daisy (along with her mom Bluebelle and aunt Atlin) living in high rocky crags and ledges in the zoo's award-winning Northern Trail exhibit along with other animals that have adapted to the cold, rugged regions of the north including grizzlies, snowy owls, wolves, elk and Steller's sea eagles.

Coming soon: Sip suds and save wildlife at Brew at the Zoo

Tap into fall and raise your glass for wildlife at the eighth annual Brew at the Zoo! Woodland Park Zoo's after-hours, adults-only beer and cider tasting event is Thursday, October 4 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. More than 60 breweries will be on site, serving up ice-cold imports, domestics, microbrews, and ciders at several indoor and outdoor sampling stations around the zoo. It's sure to be one ale of a night! Brew at the Zoo is for adults 21 and over only—valid ID is required for entry, no exceptions. Tickets are on sale now at zoo.org/brew.

Coming soon: Halloween comes to Woodland Park Zoo at Pumpkin Bash

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 presented by CLIF Kid on October 27 and October 28. 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. Free

with zoo admission or membership. During Pumpkin Bash presented by CLIF Kid, one child 12 years and under in costume is admitted into the zoo FREE with a paid adult.

Coming soon: WildLights presented by Sound Credit Union: Let it glow, let it glow, let it glow!

Seattle's wildest holiday lights festival returns with sparkling lights, faux snowball fights, up-close animal encounters, hot chocolate and family delights. Experience brand new wild and wonderful light displays that will be featured throughout the zoo including a holiday light spectacular at the zoo's South Entrance which will now be open throughout the run of WildLights. WildLights begins November 23 through January 5, closed December 24 and 25. Tickets go on sale November 1—buy your tickets early and receive an Early Bird discount! For more information, visit zoo.org/wildlights.

Hours and admission fees

Woodland Park Zoo is open daily except Christmas Day. Zoo hours October 1 through April 30: 9:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. daily. Zoo admission fees October 1 through December 31: Adult (13–64) \$14.95; Child (3–12) \$9.95; 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. Hours and rates are subject to change.

Parking: \$6 plus applicable state and local taxes. 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.

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 www.zoo.org. *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 animal keepers care for our fascinating colony and conduct research in the wild? Join us and find out at this popular program.

Ambassador Animal Training Demonstrations at Wildlife Theater — 2:00 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays from November 1 through March 31

Watch birds such as hawks and owls fly closely over your head, or see one of the zoo's furrier critters work on their recycling skills! Get a firsthand look at how the zoo's animals and trainers prepare for new programs and see some of the new behaviors the animals are learning.

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 the zoo's new family science exploration backpacks!

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

Which creature is being featured today? Whether it's a puppet story, a game, or helping to make an animal habitat, it's fun for young children and their caregivers—and you'll meet an ambassador animal!

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

Join a 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

Feed the zoo's 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 Encounter carts!

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

Travel down under 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 to birds in a controlled, safe environment. On weekends, holidays and school breaks, seed sticks are available to feed the birds for \$2 each (cash only). The aviary includes approximately 70 free-flying birds, primarily small colorful Australian parrots.

Additional zoo experiences

Ambassador Animals Program at PACCAR Auditorium — 10:30 Thursday and Friday (October 4 – November 16)

The Nature of Growing Up: Whether you're a kit or a pup, a kid or a porcupette, everybody has to grow up. While it's something everyone does, not everyone grows and learns the same way. Meet ambassador animals and learn the incredible ways animals help their young find food, stay safe and make new friends. The animal keepers will share stories about how raccoons solve puzzles, how some birds have to babysit their siblings and even how snakes protect their young!

Ambassador Animals Program at PACCAR Auditorium — 10:30 Tuesday, Thursday and Friday (March 1 – April 30)

Small Creatures, Big Tales: In with a swoosh—out with a scurry! Meet the ambassador animals and hear stories from animal keepers about incredible adaptations that are sometimes weird and often wonderful. You might discover how birds grow their own food, what makes a rat laugh, or which reptile ignores all rules and gives birth to her young!

Geocaching at the Zoo

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

Historic Carousel — 9:30 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: \$3, 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 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!

Parents' Night Out — until November 2 (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 tasty pizza dinner! For information or to register, go to zoo.org/parentsnightout or call 206.548.2424 (extension 4). All children must be fully potty trained.

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 zoo.org/bugclub.

General information

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

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: 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.

Refillable water stations: The sale of single-use plastics for beverages has been eliminated at the zoo. Find refillable water stations throughout the zoo and bring your own reusable bottle or purchase a stainless steel bottle at the ZooStores.

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

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