

## PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

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### Rhinos Taj and Glenn turn 2 years old over Veterans Day weekend and will celebrate with an early birthday cake!

**WHAT:** Woodland Park Zoo's male rhinos, Taj and Glenn, will turn 2 years old over Veterans Day weekend. The press is invited to watch the best buds eat a specially made birthday cake on **Friday, November 9**. The special treat will be a tiered hay cake adorned with carrots for candles and apples and yams—favorite edibles of Taj and Glenn.



The pair of greater one-horned rhinos happen to be the same age and were born only a day apart. Taj (pronounced like *Taj Mahal*) means “crown” or “jewel” in Hindi. He was born November 10, 2016 at San Diego Zoo Safari Park. Glenn was born on Veterans Day, November 11, 2016 at The Wilds, a 10,000-acre conservation center and safari park located in Cumberland, Ohio and operated by the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium. He was named in honor of the late astronaut and Senator John Glenn. The rhinos currently weigh between 2,165 and 2,300 pounds each; when fully grown, Glenn and Taj will weigh between 5,000 and 6,000 pounds.

The rhinos live in the new special exhibition, [Assam Rhino Reserve](#), which opened in May. They are the very first rhinos to live at Woodland Park Zoo in the zoo's 118-year history.

**WHEN:** **Birthday cake for rhinos: Friday, November 9, 11:30 a.m.–noon**

**WHERE:** Assam Rhino Reserve. Meet PR staff at the West Entrance at Phinney Ave. N. between N. 55th & N. 56th Sts. Park in the Penguin Lot at N. 55th St. & Phinney Ave. N. or Otter Lot off N. 59th St. & Phinney Ave. N.

**INFO:** Rhinos are iconic symbols of the wildlife trafficking crisis and Woodland Park Zoo is helping to save rhinos in the wild. Assam Rhino Reserve showcases greater one-horned rhinos, Asian brown tortoises and demoiselle cranes. The exhibit highlights the amazing adaptations of these three species and brings to life the impact of poaching, the illegal wildlife trade and the turtle extinction crisis. Visit [www.zoo.org/rhinos](http://www.zoo.org/rhinos)

Woodland Park Zoo supports the International Rhino Foundation's [Indian Rhino Vision 2020](#) project, which aims to see a wild population of at least 3,000 greater one-horned rhinos in seven protected areas in India's state of Assam by the year 2020.

Fall/winter zoo hours: 9:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. daily through April 30.

**On Veterans Day, Sunday, November 11, 2018**, active, retired, and veteran U.S. military personnel and their spouses with valid service identification receive free admission to the zoo. In addition, up to six family members accompanying heroes with valid ID receive \$4 off admission on Veterans Day.

For more information or to become a zoo member, visit [www.zoo.org](http://www.zoo.org) or call 206.548.2500.

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