

CALENDAR ADVISORY

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Summer happenings and programs at Woodland Park Zoo

Seasonal hours and admission fees

Bring on the fun in the sun! Woodland Park Zoo's summer programming and seasonal hours begin Wednesday, May 1. Visit the zoo for exciting experiences the whole family can enjoy, all summer long!

Summer hours May 1 through September 2: 9:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m. daily; September 3 through September 30: Open Monday through Friday 9:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday open 9:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m. Admission fees April 1 through September 30: Adult (13–64) \$22.95; Child (3–12) \$13.95; 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.

Special exhibitions and experiences

WildNights presented by Virginia Mason, held every Friday evening in August

Experience Woodland Park Zoo after hours until 8:30 p.m. at WildNights, held every Friday night in August: August 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. Take a stroll throughout the zoo's rich botanical grounds and enjoy magical encounters with animals, ambassador animal presentations, animal keeper talks, storytelling, and discovery stations with cool biofacts and nature-inspired activities. An assortment of food and beverages will be available for purchase. Make it a date night or a special evening for the family! WildNights costs regular zoo admission or is free for zoo members.

Assam Rhino Reserve, open daily during zoo hours

Visit Assam Rhino Reserve to say hi to Woodland Park Zoo's two young rhinos Taj and Glenn! The best buds are a treat to watch while they beat the heat and take a dip in their pool, and visitors can even get up close and personal with the pair during Rhino Encounter, held 1:30–2:30 p.m. daily except Wednesdays. Alongside the two greater one-horned rhinoceroses, Assam Rhino Reserve also showcases Asian brown tortoises and demoiselle cranes in a habitat that tells a powerful conservation story about saving wildlife endangered by poaching, the illegal trade and the turtle extinction crisis. Visitors will learn how to take action in their own lives to protect all rhino species, turtles and crane species.

Seasonal Molbak's Butterfly Garden and Microsoft Pollinator Patio, opens May 24, 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. An arching tent structure encloses a landscape of approximately 3,000 square feet, and nearly 500 free-flying butterflies represent at least 15 species native to North America. The seasonal 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. The patio, open year-round, is full of ideas and actions guests can take on behalf of native pollinators such as hummingbirds, beetles, bees and flies. Free with zoo admission.

Summer experience 2019 programs

Programs are offered May 1 through September 30, 2019, and are free with zoo admission, except as noted. Locations of programs are posted at the zoo's South Entrance (N. 50th St. & 5500 Phinney Ave. N., Seattle, WA 98103 | [ph 206.548.2550](tel:2065482550) [fax 206.548.1536](tel:2065481536) | www.zoo.org



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 needs.*

Keeper Talks: 10:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m. daily, times vary

Animal keepers 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 animal keepers can you meet? See the kiosks for daily times and locations.

Live Trout Feeding at Penguins: 11:00 a.m. Fridays

Penguins may not look fast on the ground, but they are swift and agile swimmers. Watch as our penguins demonstrate their expert fish-hunting abilities when keepers add buckets of live trout to their pool!

Tiger Gate Experience: 11:00 a.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays

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: 1:30 p.m. Thursday through Monday

Sloth bears are experts at finding bugs and other tasty goodies, and animal keepers are experts at preparing treats for bears. What kind of fun treats will the bears have today? Come and find out!

Ambassador Animals

Flights! Camera! Action! at Wildlife Theater: 11:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m. daily except Wednesdays

There's wildlife all around us! Come discover how Woodland Park Zoo is working hard to better understand urban wildlife, so animals and people can thrive side-by-side. You'll marvel as raptors fly and show off their natural skills. Native mammals and pigs will make an appearance, too! Come hear inspiring stories of how Woodland Park Zoo saves animals and how you can help, too!

Zoomazium

Zoomazium: open during zoo hours

Kids 8 and under and their caregivers love Zoomazium! The nature-themed indoor 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! Explore, climb and play. 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 one of our animal guests!

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

Seattle's wildest toddler dance party! Join the fun with music and shakers of all kinds.

Animal feeding experiences and encounter opportunities

Family Farm Contact Area: 10:00 a.m.–4:00 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: open during zoo hours

This popular walk-through bird feeding experience transports you to the world of the Australian parrot and 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. 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.

Rhino Encounter: 1:30–2:30 p.m. daily except Wednesdays

Meet the zoo's rhinos Glenn and Taj up close in Assam Rhino Reserve, hear from rhino keepers about how they care for one of the zoo's largest residents and learn how you can help save rhinos in the wild. Photography encouraged. Cost: \$10 per person, cash or card; children 5 and under are free with paying adult.

Animal Encounters

Want to meet a new friend? Here's your chance to meet a lizard, snake or other small animal up close and personal. Look for the Animal Encounters cart and discover more about them!

More fun...**Historic Carousel: open during zoo hours**

Enjoy rides on Woodland Park Zoo's Historic Carousel with classic, hand-carved wooden carousel horses. Cost: \$3 a ride (cash or card) in addition to zoo admission.

Discover!

The call of discovery beckons! Join volunteers in an exploration of the zoo, diving into conversations about the balance of nature and the tools animals use to survive. Enjoy hands-on programs highlighting animals and their habitats. Through hands-on activities with bio-facts, fun stories and games, you'll have an opportunity to pursue your questions and passions. Plus, discover how you can help save wildlife through a few simple actions. Swing by a discovery station and see where it leads!

Bug Club 2019: Bugs Are Everywhere! (fee-based)

Where in the world do bugs live? Everywhere! The arthropod group of animals includes insects, arachnids, crustaceans, and millipedes and centipedes. This year, Bug Club topics will focus on the different places bugs live (in the air, on the ground, in the water), their adaptations for living in a variety of environments they inhabit (from deserts, to forests, to mountains), and what types of homes bugs make or use for shelter and to raise their young. At each Bug Club, we explore insects and other arthropods through lively conversations, buggy crafts, snacks and outdoor explorations. Bug Club meets 10:00 a.m.–noon generally on the fourth Sunday of every month year round. For more information, call 206.548.2424 ext 4, or visit <https://www.zoo.org/camps>.

Summer Camp (fee based)

Woodland Park Zoo's summer camps are a wonderful blend of learning and fun for ages 3–14. Limited spaces are available. For the schedule, more information and to register, visit <https://www.zoo.org/camps>.

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. For more information and to register, visit <http://www.zoo.org/education/adult> or call 206.548.2424.

General information

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. 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. The zoo also offers a \$2 admission discount for visitors who ride their bikes to the zoo. Must show helmet or "Bicycle Benefits" program sticker to receive discount.

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

Online ticketing: Avoid lines and get your tickets in advance at www.zoo.org/visit. Discounts and coupons are not applicable for online ticket purchases.

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.

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.

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

Gifts/food: Explore 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.

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

Founded in 1899, Woodland Park 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. The zoo is helping to save animals and their habitats in the wild through more than 35 field projects in the Pacific Northwest and around the world. 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. Visit www.zoo.org and follow the zoo on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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