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Get your flutter on! Molbak's Butterfly Garden returns soon

Pollinator-friendly oasis teeming with butterflies opens May 24

WHAT:

Woodland Park Zoo has butterflies! The seasonal Molbak's Butterfly Garden is back at the zoo starting Friday, May 24. But catch them while you can, because the last day to see the butterflies is Monday, September 2.

Molbak's Butterfly Garden is nothing short of a magical experience — guests can take a walk among hundreds of free-flying butterflies inside an enclosed space measuring nearly 3,000 square feet, all while surrounded by beautiful flowers. Here, guests learn about the life cycle of butterflies while watching new butterflies emerge from chrysalises before flying free in the garden.

Take a few steps behind Molbak's Butterfly Garden to enjoy the year-round Microsoft Pollinator Patio. This garden is full of ideas and actions to take on behalf of native pollinators such as hummingbirds, beetles, bees and flies.

WHEN: Opens Friday, May 24, 9:30 a.m.

> Molbak's Butterfly Garden is open daily during zoo hours through September 2. 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.

TICKETS: Molbak's Butterfly Garden is free with zoo admission. Admission fees through

> September 30: Adult (13-64) \$22.95: Child (3-12) \$13.95: Free for children 2 and under year round. Zoo members receive free zoo admission year-round.

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

206.548.2500.

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.

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.

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 wildlife conservation 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 $\underline{www.zoo.org}$ and follow the zoo on $\underline{Facebook}$, $\underline{Twitter}$ and $\underline{Instagram}$.

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