

## Woodland Park Zoo's 2019-2020 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.

Play in the rain with us during **Gray Days**! Visit the zoo any time from October 1 through March 31 and enjoy **30% savings** on summer admission rates. Gray skies and rain never stop the animals from having fun, so why should it stop you? Visit [zoo.org/graydays](http://zoo.org/graydays) to learn more.



### What's coming (and going) this season

#### **New! Meet Seattle's tallest baby**

Come say hi to Woodland Park Zoo's adorable giraffe, Hasani! The baby boy was born in May, and immediately captured hearts around the world. Born with a deformity in his rear legs, zoo staff worked around the clock to come up with a solution to make sure Hasani could live a normal life. Giraffe lovers around the world followed along on Hasani's medical journey, from bandages to custom-made shoes, until Hasani's legs were strong enough to walk on his own. Now, Hasani gallops and frolics with ease across the zoo's African Savanna with his family. While you're at African Savanna, be sure to also check out the zoo's hippos, lions, patas monkeys, zebras and ostriches.

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

Tap into fall and raise your glass for wildlife at the ninth annual Brew at the Zoo! Woodland Park Zoo's after-hours, adults-only beer and cider tasting event is Thursday, October 3 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Nearly 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](http://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 on October 26 and 27. 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, one child 12 years and under in costume is admitted into the zoo FREE with a paid adult.

#### **Coming soon: WildLights: 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 wild and wonderful light displays throughout the zoo including a holiday light spectacular at the zoo's South Entrance. WildLights begins November 29 through January 5; closed December 2, 3, 9, 10, 24 and 25. Tickets go on sale October 29—buy your tickets early and receive an Early Bird discount! For more information, visit [zoo.org/wildlights](http://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 March 31: Adult (13–64) \$15.50; Child (3–12) \$10.50; 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](http://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. 50<sup>th</sup> St. & Fremont Ave. N.) and West Entrance (Phinney Ave. N. between N. 55<sup>th</sup> & N. 56<sup>th</sup> Sts.), and found at [www.zoo.org](http://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 the zoo's outstanding keepers and learn amazing things about Humboldt penguins on land and at sea. How do animal keepers care for this fascinating colony and conduct research in the wild? 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 outdoors in Zoomazium's backyard. For even more fun at the zoo, check out the zoo's new family science exploration backpacks!

### **Sensory Friendly Fridays in Zoomazium! — 9:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Fridays**

Fridays in Zoomazium are Sensory Friendly. On Fridays the Strangler Fig tree is closed to create a quieter and more comfortable environment for children with sensory sensitivities and their families. Soothing, exploratory sensory activities are also provided to support language development, motor skills, problem solving skills and social interactions.

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

Who will you meet today? Kids and their caregivers join puppets to participate in a fun story that leads up to a visit from a live zoo animal. Watch the animal visitor to learn more and maybe even gently touch them!

### **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 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**

#### **Geocaching at the Zoo**

Join the Global Scavenger Hunt here at the zoo! Can you find three geocaches? Go to [Geocaching.com](http://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 cart and indulge your curiosity!

#### **Bug Club (fee based)**

Do you think crickets are cool and ants are outrageous? Then join Bug Club! Bug Club is for children 5–12 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](http://zoo.org/bugclub).

### **General information**

**Online ticketing:** Avoid lines and buy your general admission tickets in advance at [www.zoo.org/visit](http://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](http://www.zoo.org) or call 206.548.2500.

To support Woodland Park Zoo's exemplary animal care and extraordinary experiences, please consider participating in **All for Animals Giving Day on Oct. 2, 2019**, to protect wildlife, inspire future generations and care for animals. Your donation matters, and for the zoo's first-ever Giving Day, eight campaigns give *you* the option of how you want to support your zoo. Visit **[givingday.zoo.org](http://givingday.zoo.org)** to make your gift and make a difference. Early giving is now open.

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