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Today, September 24, is World Gorilla Day!

SEATTLE—Celebrate **World Gorilla Day** today by helping the largest ape in the world! Woodland Park Zoo is home to eight western lowland gorillas, including the newest born in March, baby boy Kitoko (ki-TOE-koh).

All gorillas are endangered and need your help. Here are a few simple ways to help these gentle giants:

- Join the zoo by recycling old cell phones and other used handheld electronics through [ECO-CELL](#) to help preserve gorilla habitat. Reclaiming the minerals in electronics and diverting them from landfills help reduce demand for mining in gorilla habitat. Drop off used handheld electronics including cell phones, smartphones, iPods, iPads, tablets, adapters, chargers, MP3 players, handheld gaming systems and their accessories at drop boxes located at both zoo entrances or the gorilla overlook. Funds generated from ECO-CELL support the Mondika Gorilla Project and Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund.
- Adopt a baby gorilla or other animals with a digital adoption. See what Digital ZooParents receive: <https://www.zoo.org/zooparent/digital>. ZooParent adoptions also support gorillas in the wild through the Mondika Gorilla Project and Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund.
- Avoid buying products made from wild animal parts.

Be sure to visit Woodland Park Zoo and see amazing gorillas in the Tropical Rain Forest habitat. Two groups of gorillas currently live at the zoo. Group one: Kwame, Nadiri, Yola, Uzumma, Kitoko and Akenji. Group two: Vip and Jumoke.

Baby Kitoko reached a milestone this month by turning 6 months old. Visit <https://blog.zoo.org/2020/09/gorilla-family-update-kitoko-is-six.html> for an update on Kitoko and his family.

Woodland Park Zoo is open—visit now! Go to <https://www.zoo.org/visit> to purchase timed-entry tickets.

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