

CALENDAR ADVISORY

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#ThisIsHowWeZoo: Summer fun happenings and exhibit reopenings

May 1 means more fun at Woodland Park Zoo—free-flying butterflies, engaging animal keeper talks, up-close animal encounters, carousel rides, extended hours and so much more—happening all summer long for everyone of all ages, backgrounds and abilities!

Seasonal hours and admission fees

Summer hours starting May 1: 9:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m. daily

Admission fees May 1–September 30: Adult (13–64) \$26.25; Senior (65+) \$24.25; Child (3–12) \$16.25; Toddler (0–2) Free. Discount for people with disabilities: \$2 off regular admission; 1:1 aides are complimentary. Active, retired, and veteran U.S. military and their families receive an admission discount of \$3 off zoo admission for themselves and up to six (6) family members. Zoo members receive free zoo admission year round.



Exhibit reopenings

Seasonal Molbak's Butterfly Garden, opens May 27, 9:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m. daily

Molbak's Butterfly Garden is a magical experience where guests of all ages, backgrounds and abilities can experience the wondrous world of "flying flowers." Stroll among hundreds of free-flying butterflies inside an enclosed space, all while surrounded by a display of beautiful flowers. Learn about the life cycle of these colorful, winged insects while watching larvae undergo a miraculous metamorphosis as they emerge as butterflies before flying. Behind the butterfly garden is the year-round Microsoft Pollinator Patio, a glorious garden complete with ideas and actions to take on behalf of native pollinators such as butterflies, hummingbirds, beetles, bees and flies. Free with zoo admission.

Tropical Rain Forest: Open during zoo hours

Get ready for a warm, humid environment and trek along the forest floor to the understory and to the canopy where a diversity of animal and plant life await including poison dart frogs, snakes, and birds representing Asian, African, and Central and South American rain forests. Walk along the outdoor loop and encounter jaguars, lemurs, monkeys and western lowland gorillas.

Historic Carousel: 9:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m. daily

Take a whirl on Woodland Park Zoo's Historic Carousel of classic, hand-carved wooden carousel horses. Cost: \$3 a ride, in addition to zoo admission.

Zoomazium: 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Tuesdays–Fridays starting May 17; 9:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m. daily except Tuesdays starting July 1

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. Here, kids can connect with animals and habitats through the natural language of childhood—play! Explore, climb and play. Enjoy daily activities for toddlers and children. Free with zoo admission.

Summer programs

Programs are offered May 1 through September 30, 2022, and are free with zoo admission except as noted. Locations of programs are posted at the zoo's South Entrance (N. 50th St. & Fremont Ave. N.), West Entrance (Phinney Ave. N. between N. 55th & N. 56th Sts.) and www.zoo.org. All programs are subject to cancellation due to weather, staffing or animal needs.

Animal Keeper Talks: 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. daily, times vary

Animal keepers provide exceptional care to all the animals at the zoo, making sure they have everything they need to be healthy and happy. Hear great stories about the individual animals that call Woodland Park Zoo home.

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

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

Tiger Training Demonstration: 11:00 a.m. Fridays, Saturdays

How do animal keepers safely work with large powerful predators? Learn how training allows tigers to participate in their own care and discover what Woodland Park Zoo is doing to protect these iconic cats.

Sloth Bear Talk: 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays

Meet the sloth bears and discover the most unique feeding strategy in the animal kingdom! Learn about the newest cubs born New Year's Day and what the zoo is doing to save this vulnerable species.

Zooventure: A Hero's Tail at Wildlife Theater: 11:15 a.m., 2:45 p.m. daily except Wednesdays

Come on an adventure with the ambassador animals' team. Meet the zoo's cast of animal keepers and creatures, and join them as they set out on a quest! Trot, jump and flap over to Wildlife Theater for this fun show.

*****New*** Critter Connections: 10:30 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 2:00 pm. daily except Wednesdays (fee based)**

Beginning Memorial Day weekend, enjoy an immersive, up-close experience with your favorite ambassador animals! Experience Critter Connections to meet Skyâana the porcupine, Harry the skunk, Buddy the owl, Freckles the bearded dragon and other fascinating animals. Located in former Willawong Station, pre-purchased tickets are available online only starting May 13 at [zoo.org/critterconnections](https://www.zoo.org/critterconnections).

Ask a Master Gardener Clinics: 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Sundays, Thursdays

Master Gardener volunteers provide engaging gardening information that is research-based and focused on environmentally friendly practices. Free advice is available on gardening, plant problems, plant identification, pest management and soil improvement. People of all ages are encouraged to get outdoors and learn about gardening. Bring your questions Sundays starting May 1 and Thursdays starting May 26.

Horticulture Talks: 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays

Plenty of carnivores live at Woodland Park Zoo, but did you know the zoo also has carnivorous plants? Hear incredible floral stories from the zoo's talented horticulture team.

Animal feeding experiences and encounter opportunities**Family Farm Contact Area: 10:00 a.m.–noon and 1:00–4:00 p.m. daily, closed noon-1:00**

Is a goat soft? How does a sheep want to be touched? Pet a selection of domestic farm animals and learn more about them in supervised areas at the Family Farm.

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

Enjoy an up-close meet and greet with rhinos Glenn and Taj. 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. Cost: \$10 per person, children 5 and under free with paying adult.

Giraffe Experience: 10:00–11:00 a.m., 3:00–4:00 p.m. daily except Tuesdays

Get up close and personal with the tallest animals on the African Savanna and learn about what makes these animals so magnificent! If you're lucky, the giraffe will take a leafy snack from your hand! Cost: \$10 per person, children 5 and under free with paying adult.

More fun...**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. Pursue your questions and passions through hands-on activities including bio-facts, fun stories and games. Plus, discover how you can help save wildlife through a few simple actions. Swing by a discovery station and see where it leads!

Senior Programs (fee based)

Join the zoo for programs designed especially for seniors! Senior Zoo Walkers is back. The self-guided social walking program promotes fitness and well-being among adults ages 55 and up. Participants spend time socializing with peers in a beautiful natural setting while learning more about wildlife and the natural world while engaging in a healthy activity at the zoo. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.zoo.org/seniorzoo walkers>

General information

Parking: \$6 first two hours, \$2 each additional hour plus applicable state and local taxes.

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.

Accessibility: Information about accessibility and resources, one-to-one aides, sighted guides, mobility equipment rentals, and a sensory map and tools, can be found at www.zoo.org/access. For questions or to request disability accommodations for zoo programs or events, contact zooinfo@zoo.org.

For more information or to become a zoo member, visit www.zoo.org or call 206.548.2500. Follow the zoo on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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