Press Preview: #WoodlandJurassicPark!

Media invited to tour Woodland Park Zoo's new Dinosaur Discovery exhibit

WHAT: The media is invited to a special photo opportunity at Woodland Park Zoo's brand new, immersive <u>Dinosaur Discovery</u> exhibit on April 29, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Bring your camera and travel back to a time when massive dinosaurs roamed Earth!

Walk alongside the mighty *T. Rex*, stretch like the 23-foot-tall *Brachiosaurus* and learn more about all of your favorite prehistoric reptiles at Dinosaur Discovery! Guests will also enjoy some of the more unique Cretaceous creatures like the robot Stegosaurus that gives an inside look into how these massive dinos operate.

During the preview the zoo will also unveil a custom Baryonyx designed by a local child who is a patient at Seattle Children's. The zoo accepted designs from several local children ages 1-17 as part of its "Design-a-Dinosaur Coloring Contest." The contest was promoted on the zoo's website and with several non-profits and organizations participating in the zoo's Community Access Program. The contest winner will be available for interviews with the media.

Dinosaur Discovery is sure to be a fully immersive experience thanks, in part, to Woodland Park Zoo's talented horticulture team that transformed the landscape into a prehistoric forest with live plants, expertly chosen to take guests back in time.

WHEN:Press Preview: April 29, 11:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.
Custom Dinosaur Unveiling: 11:15 a.m. (Please arrive promptly at 11:00
a.m. to not miss unveiling)
Dinosaur Discovery opens to the public May 1 and runs through September
1, 2025.

- WHERE: Meet PR staff at the zoo's West Entrance. 5500 Phinney Ave. N., Seattle, WA 98103
- **TICKETS:** On-duty media attending the photo opportunity on April 29 do not need to purchase admission tickets or RSVP.

The preview is also open with RSVP to off-duty reporters who would like to attend, and they may bring children and/or an adult guest. Please RSVP to woodlandparkzoopr@zoo.org by Thursday, April 24.

Starting May 1: Tickets for Dinosaur Discovery will be available at the entrance to the exhibit within the zoo. Prices do not include zoo admission: General Admission Tickets: \$10 Member Tickets: \$8

Guests are strongly encouraged to purchase zoo tickets online in advance of their visit. Timed tickets are available at www.zoo.org/visit.



INFO: Proceeds from each ticket sold to Dinosaur Discovery help support excellent animal care for the hundreds of animals that call the zoo home and the zoo's wildlife conservation in the Pacific Northwest and around the world.

The exhibition is created by Billings Productions, also known as The Dinosaur Company and The Giant Bug Company. Billings Productions is a world leader in the design and development of animatronic exhibits for zoos, museums and theme parks. Learn more about the company by visiting www.billingsproductions.com.

For more information about Dinosaur Discovery, visit <u>www.zoo.org/dinosaurs</u>.

Zoo hours: 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. daily. Starting May 1: 9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. daily.

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 <u>www.zoo.org/access</u>. ADA ramp access for Historic Carousel. For questions or to request disability accommodations for zoo programs or events, contact <u>zooinfo@zoo.org</u>.

To learn more about Woodland Park Zoo or to become a zoo member, visit <u>www.zoo.org</u> and follow the zoo on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, <u>BlueSky</u> and <u>TikTok</u>.

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