A Bug's Eye View: Be a Bug Hero!

Woodland Park Zoo's new giant bug exhibit opens May 1

WHAT:

Explore the wonderful world of bugs at Woodland Park Zoo's new temporary exhibit, A Bug's Eye View, opening May 1 through Labor Day! Enjoy this immersive experience that promises to excite and highlight the importance of pollinators and what makes many bug species the superheroes of the planet.

The journey will bring visitors face to face with 14 massive animatronic insects representing species from all over the world. The giant bugs include a sprawling Mexican red-knee tarantula with legs extending 38 feet, an emperor scorpion with a 15-foot-high tail, a praying mantis that mimics flowers and much more! Guests will also want to snag the perfect photo on the brightly colored giant spicebush swallowtail caterpillar.

These larger-than-life animals are perfect for discovering what makes bugs superheroes and the critical role they play in our everyday lives. Like, did you know that insects are the planet's most efficient decomposers, breaking down everything from carcasses to dung to fallen logs? Yes, they're nature's recyclers! They control weeds, kill crop pests, and are powerful pollinators when it comes to crops and other flowering plants. They even provide food for other animals which all contribute to a healthy ecosystem...superheroes.

Bugs inhabit nearly every corner of the globe so come experience the world from their perspective at A Bug's Eye View and learn how you can help support these tiny, amazing creatures.

WHEN: A Bug's Eye View opens May 1 and runs through September 4, 2023.

Hours: 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. daily

WHERE: A Bug's Eve View is inside Woodland Park Zoo in the Discovery Loop. To

visit, first purchase a ticket to Woodland Park Zoo, then head to A Bug's Eye

View exhibit to purchase a separate ticket.

TICKETS: Tickets for A Bug's Eye View will be available for advance purchase online at

> tickets.zoo.org beginning April 17. Starting May 1, tickets will also be available at any zoo entrance or at the entrance to the exhibit. Capacity may be limited so advance purchase is encouraged. Prices below do not include

zoo admission.

General Admission Tickets: \$5

Member Tickets: \$4

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

See bugs, support wildlife

Proceeds from each ticket sold to A Bug's Eye View help support excellent animal care for the hundreds of animals that call the zoo home, education, and wildlife conservation in the Pacific Northwest and around the world.



For more information about Woodland Park Zoo, visit <u>www.zoo.org</u> and follow the zoo on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Instagram</u>.

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