

## CALENDAR ADVISORY

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### **#ThisIsHowWeZoo: Summer fun happenings and exhibit openings**

May 1 means more fun at Woodland Park Zoo—a new summer exhibit, 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 start May 1: 9:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m. daily

Go online at [www.zoo.org/visit](http://www.zoo.org/visit) to save time at the zoo and avoid lines! Full-priced general admission tickets purchased four or more days in advance receive a 10% discount. (Restrictions apply: may not be combined with military discounts.) Discount for persons with disabilities: \$2 off regular admission, 1:1 aides are complimentary. For information about disability accommodations and other safety protocols, see the Guest FAQ at [www.zoo.org/visit/faq](http://www.zoo.org/visit/faq).

#### **Exhibit openings**

**A Bug's Eye View: Be a Bug Hero! Opens May 1 through Labor Day, 10:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m. daily.**

Explore the wonderful world of bugs at Woodland Park Zoo's new temporary exhibit, A Bug's Eye View. 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.

A Bug's Eye View 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! These larger-than-life animals are perfect for discovering what makes bugs superheroes and the critical role they play in everyday lives.

Tickets to A Bug's Eye View will be available at the entrance to the exhibit within the zoo. Prices do not include admission to the zoo. General admission tickets: \$5; member tickets: \$4.

**Seasonal Molbak's Butterfly Garden, opens May 27 through Labor Day , 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 or membership.

#### **Summer programs**

Programs are offered May 1 through September 4, 2023, 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](http://www.zoo.org). All programs are subject to cancellation due to weather, staffing or animal needs.

**Animal Keeper Talks: 10:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. daily, every half hour**



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.

**Penguin Snack Time: 10:30 a.m. Saturdays, Sundays**

The zoo's Humboldt penguin colony has more than 40 individuals all with different personalities. Come and hear about all the recent action, drama, and comedy between the penguins while watching them receive their morning snacks.

**Live Trout Feeding at Penguins: 11:00 a.m. Fridays**

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: 11:30 a.m. Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays**

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.

**Make Enrichment for Animals – Kea: 11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays**

Animals like to solve puzzles, explore, sniff, play and tear apart. Learn what it takes to provide fun opportunities for animals to show off their natural skills and build enrichment for the zoo's keas. Head to Alvord Broadleaf Theater for this hands-on building experience.

**Orangutan Training: 1:30 p.m. Sundays, Thursdays**

Swing through the Trail of Vines and watch the orangutans training session. Training animals as smart as orangutans allows their animal keepers to check on their health and provide learning opportunities for the animals. Learn what the zoo does to help these amazing animals in the wild.

**Sloth Bear Talk: Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, times vary**

Meet the sloth bears and discover the most unique feeding strategy in the animal kingdom! Learn about the sloth bears living here at the zoo and what the zoo is doing to save this vulnerable species.

**Keeping It Wild at Wildlife Theater presented by First Tech Federal Credit Union: 11:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m. daily except Wednesdays**

Meet the zoo's ambassador animals and their amazing animal keepers! Discover their stories, learn about their special relationships and personalities, and find out how you can help "keep it wild."

**Ask a Master Gardener Clinics: 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Sundays, various 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 21 and every other Thursday starting June 15.

**Horticulture Talks: 10:00 a.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.

**For the kiddies**

**Zoomazium: 9:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m. daily except Tuesdays**

With different play areas for children from birth to 8 is an indoor place to explore, play and have fun! What could be more fun than exploring a mountain cave, crossing a rope bridge in

the tree canopy, discovering what lies beneath a savanna water hole or even climbing a 20-foot tree?! All this and more are awaiting discovery for young children interested in nature.

**Creature Feature: 10:30 a.m. Mondays, Thursdays in Zoomazium**

A great opportunity for young children to meet an animal up close and personal. Join a puppet show and then meet a scaled, sleek or shelled animal friend animal in person!

**Look Listen Feel Storytime: 10:30. a.m. Wednesdays**

Join story time and a hands-on activity at Alvord Broadleaf Theater. Designed for young guests, this summer's story time will feature stories of bugs and pollinators to coincide with A Bug's Eye View experience.

**Animal 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, closed 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, one child under 5 free with one paying adult.

**Giraffe Experience: 11:00 a.m.–noon daily, closed 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, one child under 5 free with one 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 biofacts, 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**

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 [www.zoo.org/seniorzoowalkers](http://www.zoo.org/seniorzoowalkers).

**General information**

Parking: \$6 first two hours, \$2 each additional hour, daily maximum of \$12, plus applicable state and local taxes. Parking fees do not apply for any vehicle displaying a valid disabled parking placard.

Location: Enter through the West Entrance on Phinney Ave. N. between N. 55<sup>th</sup> & N. 56<sup>th</sup> Sts. or South Entrance at N. 50<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.zoo.org/access). For questions or to request disability accommodations for zoo programs or events, contact [zooinfo@zoo.org](mailto:zooinfo@zoo.org).

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