

## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### **WildLanterns to Feature Monthly Sensory Friendly Nights Program Provides Welcoming Landscape for People of all Abilities**

**WHAT:** Illuminate your holidays! Woodland Park Zoo invites you to Sensory Friendly Nights at WildLanterns. On these nights, WildLanterns will feature low sensory experiences to provide a comfortable holiday adventure for everyone. This low stimulating experience will be welcoming to all. Enjoy the beauty and magic of the holiday season at Woodland Park Zoo.

The Sensory Friendly Nights will feature low sensory experiences, activities and other resources to provide a comfortable holiday adventure for all. Zoomazium will transform into Zoomazium NightLights, a designated sensory friendly space with dimmed lighting and owls and wind hooting and howling softly in the background. Families and guests will find a giant light-bright set up in the back next to the tree and some shadowboxes where they can create their own scenes. Guests can check out other sensory items from Guest Services. Specialized docent carts and closed captioning will also be available. Additionally, the volume of the music and sound effects on the zoo's Historic Carousel will be lowered during the Sensory Friendly Nights.

**WHEN:** WildLanterns runs **November 10, 2023 through January 14, 2024**  
Closed Mondays (except 12/11/2023, 12/18/2023 and 1/1/2024),  
Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Beginning in **January**,  
WildLanterns will change to a **Thursday – Sunday weekly opening** and will  
be closed Mondays through Wednesdays.

#### **Sensory Friendly Nights:**

- Wednesday, November 15
- Wednesday, December 6
- Thursday, January 11

Hours: 4:00 to 9:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Enter WildLanterns through Woodland Park Zoo's West or South Entrance:

West Entrance: 5500 Phinney Ave. N., Seattle, WA 98103  
Cross streets: Phinney Ave. N. between N. 55th and N. 56th Sts.

South Entrance: 750 N. 50th St., Seattle, WA 98103  
Located on N. 50<sup>th</sup> St. & Fremont Ave. N. and accessed by the Hippo parking lot.

**TICKETS:** Visit [www.zoo.org/wildlanterns](http://www.zoo.org/wildlanterns) to purchase.

Tickets will be sold with a specific entrance time.

#### **All Sensory Friendly Nights are Nonpeak Weekday Pricing:**

- Adult: \$31.95 (ages 13+)
- Child: \$27.95 (ages 3 to 12 years old)
- Ages 2 and under are free

Members receive 20% off General Admission ticket prices.



WildLanterns will be a rain or shine event and there will be no ticket refunds.

Parking: \$6 flat rate.

**INFO:** This year's WildLanterns features brand-new lanterns, themed zones and some returning fan favorites that will "wow" anyone, no matter their age!

Begin your breathtaking journey through a world of themed lanterns at the Land of Winter Wonders. Here, witness a magical snow world with glistening ice and picture yourself in one of the world's polar regions. Continue to the family-favorite Interactive Zone where illusions and games galore are sure to cause excitement. Journey on to the Fine Feathered Friends where birds are the theme; giant illuminated species include parrots and toucans! Giant spiders and a corridor of vibrant flowers are two highlights of the next display, Bugs and Blooms. Linger in the Giant Panda Parkway where you'll observe numerous lanterns of the iconic Chinese species in a display of stunning cherry. Finally marvel at the mythical animals of Fantastic Folklore Realm, where you can find the White Dragon or the Pegasus.

As if it could get any better, each and every ticket sold directly will support excellent care for the hundreds of animals who call the zoo home, as well as more than 35 wildlife conservation projects in the Pacific Northwest and around the world.

Woodland Park Zoo offers a safe, outdoor experience for all. Visit [www.zoo.org](http://www.zoo.org) for information. Zoo hours: 9:30 a.m.–4:00 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 [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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