

## CALENDAR ADVISORY

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### #ThisIsHowWeZoo: Summer fun is all happening at the zoo

Summer at Woodland Park Zoo means longer hours and more fun at Woodland Park Zoo! Butterfly Garden reopening, fascinating animal keeper talks, up-close animal encounters, carousel rides with ADA ramp, new baby animals and so much more!

#### Seasonal hours

Summer hours through September 2: 9:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m. daily

#### Seasonal Butterfly Garden, opens May 25 through Labor Day, 9:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m. daily

The 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 25 through September 2, 2024, and are free with zoo admission or membership except as noted. Daily schedules and locations will be 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.–3:30 p.m. daily, times vary

Animal keepers provide exceptional care for all the animals at the zoo, ensuring they have everything they need to be healthy and happy. Hear great stories about a variety of animals in the following popular locations:

- Living Northwest Trail: 11:00 a.m.
- Banyan Wilds: 11:30 a.m.
- Tropical Rain Forest: 12:30 p.m.
- Temperate Forest: 1:00 p.m.
- African Savanna: 3:30 p.m.

#### Penguin Snack Time: 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays

The zoo’s Humboldt penguin colony has more than 40 individuals all with different “penguinalities.” Come and hear about the recent action, drama and comedic stories between the individual penguins while watching the colony receive their morning snacks.

#### Gorilla Talk: 3:00 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays

Woodland Park Zoo is home to two gorilla troops. Come see the gorillas receive their daily snacks and learn about the family structures, fantastic animal care and what you can do to support animals in the wild.



**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 health care and discover what Woodland Park Zoo is doing to protect these iconic cats.

**Make Enrichment for Animals – Kea Parrot: 11:15 a.m. 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 kea parrots. Head to Alvord Broadleaf Theater for this hands-on building experience.

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

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

**Keeping It Wild at Wildlife Theater: 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 Clinic: 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 go outdoors and learn about gardening. Bring your questions Sundays starting May 26 and select Thursdays.

**Horticulture Talks: 2:00 p.m. Tuesdays**

The zoo's gardeners take care of plants from all around the world right here on zoo grounds. Join a zoo gardener to learn about some of the tropical plants you will encounter in the Tropical Rain Forest aviary.

**For younger audiences**

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

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. 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 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, story time will feature butterflies and pollinators. After the story time continue your butterfly experience at the Butterfly Garden.

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

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: 1:30–2:00 p.m. daily, closed Tuesdays**

Enjoy an up-close meet and greet with rhino Glenn. 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 Encounter: 11:00 a.m.–noon daily, closed Fridays**

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...****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. ADA ramp access. Cost: \$3 a ride, in addition to zoo admission.

**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**

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).

Parking: \$8 first two hours, \$3 each additional hour 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).

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

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