

Assiniboine Park Conservancy Hosting a Party for the Planet this Weekend at the Assiniboine Park Zoo and The Leaf

For immediate release: Winnipeg, April 22, 2024 – In celebration of Earth Day and Earth Month, the Assiniboine Park Conservancy is inviting visitors to a Party for the Planet this weekend with activities taking place at the Assiniboine Park Zoo and The Leaf.

“At Assiniboine Park, we believe every day is Earth Day, but this weekend, we hope the special activities we have planned will inspire our visitors to learn what they can do to reduce their impact on the environment and take action at home, at school, and at work to protect wildlife and wild places,” said Laura Cabak, Director of Communications & Public Relations, Assiniboine Park Conservancy.

Party for the Planet at the Zoo | Saturday, April 27

Visitors can learn about the animals at the Zoo and participate in activities that inspire them to care for the planet. The following activities are included with regular Zoo admission unless otherwise noted (\$).

- **Breakfast with the Bears | 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (\$)**
Join our bears for breakfast at the Tundra Grill and a Q&A with our animal care team at 10:00 a.m.
- **Climate Action Team | 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**
Learn how you can fight climate change from members of Manitoba’s Climate Action Team.
- **Crafts and Scavenger Hunt | 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**
Join our friends from the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society for crafts and a scavenger hunt.
- **Interpretive Stations | 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**
Learn about prairie songbirds and pollinators at this interactive station.
- **Selfie Station | 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**
Take a photo or video of yourself and share your commitment to climate action.
- **Zoo Chats**
Learn about red pandas (1:00 p.m.) and bison (2:00 p.m.) from the people who know them best.

The Zoo is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Party for the Planet at The Leaf | Sunday, April 28

Visitors can celebrate their love of nature and learn how to live more sustainably. The following activities are free and will take place in public areas of The Leaf that are accessible without paid admission.

- **LEED Sustainability Tour at The Leaf | 2:00 p.m.**
Join us on a tour exploring some of The Leaf’s sustainability features.
- **Medicine Walk | 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.**
Learn about Indigenous medicine plants in the Gardens at The Leaf with Knowledge Keeper Carl Smith.

- Interpretive Stations | 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Learn about prairie songbirds and pollinators at this interactive station.
- Workshops with the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society | 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 - Nature Journaling @ 11:00 a.m. – Receive your very own nature journal and explore activities you can do at any age to deepen your connection to the natural world.
 - Manitoba Butterflies @ 12:00 p.m. – Learn about Manitoba butterfly species, how to engage in citizen science, and ways to support local pollinator species in your yard.
 - Prairie Plants @ 1:00 p.m. – Learn about native plants that support local wildlife and the vital role this plays in preserving one of North America's most endangered ecosystems.
- Traditional Indigenous Games Workshop | 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Meet us at the Fire Node in the Indigenous Peoples Garden for interactive games following a presentation by Norbert Mercredi, an experienced land-based physical education/health facilitator. Suitable for ages 12+. Walk-ups are welcome, but please plan to arrive for 2:00 p.m.

The biomes at The Leaf are open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

More information and detailed schedules are available on our [website](#).

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