

Assiniboine Park Conservancy Hosting a Party for the Planet, April 29-30

For immediate release: Winnipeg, April 26, 2023 – 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 Leaf, the Park, and Assiniboine Park Zoo.

"This weekend, we are inviting our visitors to celebrate nature, explore how we are all interconnected, and learn what we all can do to protect our planet," said Laura Cabak, Director of Communications & Public Relations, Assiniboine Park Conservancy. "We hope these experiences will inspire them to take action to conserve wildlife, preserve habitat, and reduce their impact on the environment."

Party for the Planet at The Leaf | Saturday, April 29

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.

- Vegetable plant giveaway (*while quantities last*)
- Workshops:
 - Plants, Trees, and all Things Green (Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society)
 - Butterfly Mindfulness (Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society)
 - Composting with Worms (Green Action Centre)
- Appearances by sustainable superheroes from Heather's Pretty Parties
- Family-friendly crafts explore the magic of seeds
- Sustainability tour
- Sustainable storytime with drag artists from Sunshine House

The following activities require admission to the biomes.

- Seed paper giveaway (to the first 200 visitors)
- Live performance of Songs from the Inland Sea by Daniel Jordan in the Mediterranean Biome

The biomes at The Leaf are open daily from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm. Party for the Planet activities will take place throughout the day between 9:00 am and 8:00 pm.

International Astronomy Night at Assiniboine Park | Saturday, April 29

The Assiniboine Park Conservancy and Royal Astronomical Society of Canada (Winnipeg Centre) invite you to look beyond the earth and join us for a free guided evening of stargazing at the Riley Family Duck Pond from 8:30 pm – 11:30 pm. This event is weather dependent and may be cancelled due to inclement weather.

Party for the Planet at the Zoo | Sunday, April 30

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 (\$).

- Vegetable plant giveaway (while quantities last)
- Pancake breakfast at the Tundra Grill (\$)
- Zoo chats hosted by animal care professionals featuring polar bears, wolves, and gibbons.
- Arctic scavenger hunt
- Family-friendly crafts make your own sustainable bird-feeder
- Interactive conservation and education stations
- Sunflower planting station
- Appearances by sustainable superheroes from Heather's Pretty Parties
- Sustainable storytime with drag artists from Sunshine House

The Zoo is open daily from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Party for the Planet activities will take place between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm.

More information and detailed schedules are available on our website.

Party for the Planet activities are presented by TC Energy with support from Assiniboine Credit Union and the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.

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