



## **Celebrate Pride in the Park at Assiniboine Park Zoo and The Leaf**

**For immediate release:** Winnipeg, May 22, 2026 – The Assiniboine Park Conservancy (APC) is inviting the community to celebrate Pride in the Park with special events that celebrate connection, creativity, and the diversity and joy of the 2SLGBTQI+ community. Pride in the Park includes family-friendly daytime activities at the Assiniboine Park Zoo and a vibrant adults-only evening event at The Leaf.

“Pride in the Park is an opportunity to celebrate community and create welcoming experiences where people can come together, have fun, and feel a sense of belonging,” said Lindsay Hughes, Manager of Communications, Assiniboine Park Conservancy. “We’re proud to support and celebrate the diversity of our community and look forward to welcoming visitors to the Park and Zoo for these special events.”

**Fifteen percent of admission sales from Zoo Pride Day and Leaf After Dark: Pride Edition will be donated to Rainbow Resource Centre and Sunshine House, two Manitoba organizations that provide important support and services to the 2SLGBTQI+ community.**

**Zoo Pride Day | Sunday, May 24**  
**11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. | All ages welcome**

Visitors can enjoy family-friendly Pride activities throughout the Zoo, including rainbow and Pride-themed animal enrichment, face painting, crafts, button-making, rock painting, a scavenger hunt, and a colourful community chalk walk. The Zoo is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pride Day activities will take place from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and are included with Zoo admission.

**Leaf After Dark: Pride Edition | Wednesday, May 27**  
**7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. | Adults 18+**

This special Pride-themed edition of Leaf After Dark will transform the biomes at The Leaf into a vibrant adults-only celebration featuring live drag performances, music, and entertainment. Guests can enjoy performances from local drag artists Nila Ganda, Ruby Chopstix, and Traycee, and music from Winnipeg artist Hera, with Pride-themed cocktails and mocktails available for purchase throughout the evening. Leaf After Dark entertainment is included with admission to the biomes.

Visitors can also enjoy free Pride-themed crafts and face painting in the Tannis M. Richardson Classroom at The Leaf. These activities are open to all guests and can be enjoyed without purchasing biome admission.

APC staff and volunteers will also participate in the annual Winnipeg Pride Parade on June 7.

More information about Pride in the Park can be found at [assiniboinepark.ca](https://assiniboinepark.ca).

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