



Assiniboine Park Conservancy

Zoo Lights Presented by Red River Co-op Returns to Assiniboine Park Zoo November 21 – January 1

— Tickets on Sale Now —

For immediate release: Winnipeg, November 3, 2025 – One of Winnipeg's most beloved holiday traditions is back! Zoo Lights presented by Red River Co-op returns to Assiniboine Park Zoo for 30 dazzling nights, from Friday, November 21, 2025, to Thursday, January 1, 2026.

"We can't wait to celebrate the beauty of winter and the magic of the holiday season at Zoo Lights," said Laura Cabak, Director of Communications and Public Relations, Assiniboine Park Conservancy. "It's a time to embrace cherished traditions, share joyful moments with loved ones, and create lasting memories that shine bright long after the holidays have passed."

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- **Over 1.75 million lights** illuminating a two-kilometre winter walking trail.
- **Dazzling displays**, including the Enchanted Jungle, alongside returning favourites like the LOVE sign and life-sized Zoo Lights Express train.
- **Frosty fun and games** such as LED hula hoops, Manitoba's largest light maze, a glow in the snow arcade, and new activities like croquet, box hockey, and snowshoeing.
- **Santa Claus** visits nightly until December 23.
- **Cozy fire pits**, perfect for warming frosty fingers and toes and roasting s'mores.
- **A new indoor display area** featuring a stunning show of cascading aurora lights.
- **Delicious food and drinks**, including hot chocolate, savoury snacks, sweet seasonal treats, and specialty beverages for an extra holiday indulgence.
- **Live entertainment** with carolers, fire dancers, and light performers adding festive sparkle throughout the evening.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Sensory Night – Wednesday, December 3**
A modified Zoo Lights experience designed for guests with sensory sensitivities, featuring reduced capacity, adjusted lighting, and softer sound levels.
- **New Year's Celebrations**
 - New Year's Eve (December 31) – Ring in the new year with live music, light shows, festive food and drink specials, and countdowns throughout the night. All ages welcome!
 - New Year's Day (January 1) – Keep the celebration going with live music and cozy festivities on the first evening of 2026.

TICKETS

- November dates: \$8.75 + GST (ages 3+)
- December dates and January 1: \$17.50 + GST (ages 3+)
- Children 2 and under: FREE

Tickets can be purchased online or at the Zoo during regular daytime hours of operation. Evening walk-ups welcome on event days, subject to availability.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Assiniboine Park Conservancy is seeking enthusiastic volunteers (ages 18+) to help bring Zoo Lights to life. Volunteers must commit to at least two shifts and enjoy spending time outdoors in winter weather. Volunteers will receive complimentary snacks, refreshments, and other rewards.

Zoo Lights is proudly supported by presenting sponsor Red River Co-op, through a multi-year partnership with the Assiniboine Park Conservancy. For the full schedule, FAQs, and volunteer information, please visit the [Assiniboine Park website](#).

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