

## **Celebrate Pride at Assiniboine Park this Weekend**

**For immediate release:** Winnipeg, May 22, 2024 – This weekend, the Assiniboine Park Conservancy will host Pride in the Park, with activities for people of ages taking place on Saturday at Assiniboine Park Zoo and Sunday at The Leaf.

“We want the Park to be a safe space for all, where everyone feels welcome, accepted, and comfortable to be themselves,” said Laura Cabak, Director of Communications & Public Relations, Assiniboine Park Conservancy. “This weekend, we are happy to show our pride and support for the 2SLGBTQIA+ community!”

Fifteen percent of sales from admissions to the Zoo on Saturday, May 25 and The Leaf on Sunday, May 26 will be donated to two organizations that support the local 2SLGBTQIA+ community here in Manitoba – Sunshine House and Rainbow Resource Centre.

### **Activities at the Zoo | Saturday, May 25**

The following activities will take place at Aunt Sally’s Farm from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm.

- The Rainbow Way Chalk Circle | Create a colourful design or write a Pride message along the pathway to Aunt Sally’s Farm.
- Show Your Pride Selfie Station | Take a photo at the selfie station at the Zoo entrance and share your Pride on social media or with family and friends.
- Fabulous Face Painting | Artists from Heather’s Pretty Parties will be at Aunt Sally’s Farm creating bright and colourful designs to make bright faces even brighter!
- Pride Rocks! | Design your own Pride Rock with paints and river stones. Spread kindness by leaving your rock somewhere outside in the Park.
- Button-Making/Souvenir Station | Pick up a Pride in the Park pronoun button or customize your own. Buttons are available for a suggested donation of \$2 with all funds raised going to Sunshine House and Rainbow Resource Centre.

Pride-themed enrichment will decorate animal habitats at various times throughout the day. Enrichment items and activities offer animals new opportunities to play, explore, and discover.

All activities are included with Zoo admission. The Zoo is open daily from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

### **Activities at The Leaf | Sunday, May 26**

The following activities will take place between 11:00 am – 3:00 pm in publicly accessible areas of The Leaf and can be enjoyed with or without paid admission to the biomes.

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Pride Among the Plants – a family-friendly drag performance – will take place in the Mediterranean Biome from 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm and is included with biome admission.

The biomes at The Leaf are open daily from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm.

Details and a full schedule of Pride in the Park activities can be found at [assiniboinepark.ca](http://assiniboinepark.ca).

The Assiniboine Park Conservancy is also looking forward to participating in the annual Pride Parade through downtown Winnipeg on Sunday, June 2.

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