

Learn About Endangered Species this Weekend at Assiniboine Park Zoo

For immediate release: Winnipeg, June 5, 2024 – This weekend, Zoo visitors are invited to enjoy fun, family-friendly activities while learning about endangered species. The Zoo is home to several endangered and vulnerable species like snow leopards, Amur tigers, and white-handed gibbons. Visitors will enjoy special activities, interactive discovery stations, zoo chats, and more as we celebrate and bring attention to the vulnerable species in our care.

“As a modern Zoo, we have an incredible opportunity to educate visitors about wildlife species from all corners of the planet and the challenges they face in the wild,” said Dr. Chris Enright, Senior Director of Zoological Operations, Assiniboine Park Zoo. “Our hope is that this will help inspire them to take action to protect species at risk around the world and here in Manitoba.”

Activities will take place between 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 8, and Sunday, June 9, in the event tent on the west side of the Zoo near Winston’s Ice Cream Shoppe (unless otherwise indicated). Please visit the [event page](#) on our website for a detailed schedule.

- **Meet Winston** the Zoo's polar bear mascot at the Zoo entrance.
- **Conservation Counts** – Chat with folks from the Zoo’s conservation team and learn about the behind-the-scenes work they do to research and protect animal species in Manitoba.
- **Emily Thoroski, the Environmental Musician** – Emily’s songwriting combines her love for music and nature to help inspire people to get involved in environmental conservation.
- **Endangered Species Scavenger Hunt** – As you explore the Zoo, learn about the global endangered status of many animal species and what we can do to protect them.
- **Chalk Art Challenge** – Create a conservation message, draw your favourite animal, or just make a cool design along the chalk art trail.
- **Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS)** – Learn how our friends from CPAWS are educating and inspiring communities to work together to protect precious ecosystems across the country.
- **Monarch Teachers Network** – Learn how this wonderful organization is working to the conserve the monarch butterfly and other pollinator species native to Manitoba.
- **Super Souvenir Station** – Pick up a custom Zoo-themed greeting card, a colourful animal cut-out, or a cute cat toy at the souvenir station. Items are available for a suggested donation of \$2 toward the Snow Leopard Trust.
- **Zoo Chats** – Learn about bison, squirrel monkeys, Amur tigers, polar bears, white-handed gibbons and other amazing animals.

The Zoo is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Activities are included with Zoo admission. More information about visiting the Zoo can be found at assiniboinepark.ca.

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