

## **35 Nights of Zoo Lights Start Tonight at Assiniboine Park Zoo**

**For immediate release:** Winnipeg, November 22, 2024 – It has been all hands-on deck this week as the Assiniboine Park Zoo prepares to welcome visitors to the opening weekend of Zoo Lights presented by Red River Co-op. The after hours, ticketed event will run over the course of 35 nights between November 22, 2024, and January 5, 2025.

“With mild winter weather in the forecast, we are looking forward to a wonderful opening weekend at Zoo Lights and a festive start to the holiday season!” said Laura Cabak, Director of Communications and Public Relations, Assiniboine Park Conservancy.

Here is what visitors can look forward to during 35 nights of Zoo Lights!

- More than 1.5 million lights and dazzling displays along a two-kilometer walking loop within the Zoo.
- Photogenic favourites like the LOVE sign, glowing bison, giant moose, and cascading aurora borealis lights.
- New displays like Zoo Lights Express, a life-sized, illuminated train.
- Manitoba’s largest light maze, LED hula hoops, and other interactive, glow-in-the-snow activities.
- Photos with Santa and other wintery characters
- Roasting s’mores (\$) and warming fingers and toes around cozy fire pits.
- Mini donuts, hot pretzels, homemade soup, BeaverTails, fancy hot chocolate, and other tasty treats (\$).
- LOOP by Olivier Girouard, Jonathan Villeneuve and Ottoblix, a captivating installation that blends art and technology, inviting guests to engage with its dynamic design and interactive features.
- Sensory Night (Wednesday, December 11) – Adjustments will be made to provide a more comfortable experience for guests with sensory regulation or processing needs.
- Adults Only Night (Friday, January 3) – Enjoy grown-up good times with live music in the Marquee event tent and drink specials throughout the evening.

### **TICKET INFORMATION**

- Tickets are \$17.00 + GST (age 3+). Children 2 and under are FREE.
- Tickets are date and time specific. Guests must enter the Zoo within the 30-minute time frame indicated on their ticket but can stay as long as they like (until closing).
- Some time slots and evenings are expected to sell out. Visitors are encouraged to plan ahead and purchase tickets in advance.
- Tickets can be purchased online any time or in person at the Zoo during daytime hours of operation. Evening walk-ups are welcome during the event, but subject to availability.

Zoo Lights is supported by presenting sponsor Red River Co-op, through a multi-year partnership with the Assiniboine Park Conservancy.

“Red River Co-op is thrilled to be a part of the Zoo Lights tradition, it is a wonderful opportunity for family and friends to celebrate the season!” said Craig Gilpin, CEO of Red River Co-op.

The full event schedule, hours of operation, frequently asked questions, and more information about the event can be found at [zoolightswpg.ca](http://zoolightswpg.ca).

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**ABOUT LOOP:** *LOOP by Olivier Girouard, Jonathan Villeneuve and Ottoblix is a co-production of Quartier des spectacles Partnership and Ekumen, distributed by QDSinternational.*

**Credits:**

- *Concept and Execution: Olivier Girouard, Jonathan Villeneuve and Ottoblix*
- *Illustrators: Gérard Dubois, Marianne Ferrer, Estelle Frenette-Vallières, Éléonore Goldberg, Jacques Goldstyn, Pinabel, Camille Pomerlo, Mathieu Potvin, Todd Stewart, Amélie Tourangeau, Marie-Hélène Turcotte, Urban9*
- *Design Animations: Mélanie Boudreau Blanchard, Trina Daniel, Galilé Marion-Gauvin, Daria Pelsner et Mathieu Tremblay (Ottoblix)*
- *Industrial Design: Sébastien Dallaire (generique design)*
- *Electronic Design & Programming: Thomas Ouellet Fredericks*
- *Technical Support: Adsum Lab*
- *Mechanical Consultant: Jérôme D. Roy (Terrafirma)*
- *Audio Programming: Dominic Thibault*
- *Sound: Olivier Girouard*
- *Engineers: Concept paradesign*
- *Coproduction: EKUMEN and Quartier des Spectacles Partnership*
- *Distribution: Quartier des Spectacles International*
- *Executive Production, Touring: Jack World*