



32 Nights of Zoo Lights Start Tonight at Assiniboine Park Zoo

For immediate release: Winnipeg, November 26, 2021 – 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 32 nights between November 26, 2021 and January 2, 2022.

Over 17,000 tickets have already been pre-sold for the run of the event. Tickets are time and date specific, with capacity limited in each time slot. Some time slots and evenings are expected to sell out early. Visitors are encouraged to plan ahead and purchase their tickets in advance to avoid potential disappointment.

“We are very excited for the return of Zoo Lights and expect to welcome more than 5,000 visitors over the course of the first three nights,” said Laura Cabak, Director, Public Relations & Communications, Assiniboine Park Conservancy. “We’re looking forward to a great opening weekend!”

Here’s what visitors can look forward to during 32 nights of Zoo Lights!

DAZZLING LIGHT DISPLAYS

- Close to 1.5 million lights and displays spread out along a two-kilometer pathway loop including photogenic favourites like the LOVE sign at Vandenberg’s Lovers Lane, the walk-through tunnel on the Tundra Trail, and the glowing golden bison.

LIVE MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT

- A diverse line-up of live music and entertainment that includes performers like Trio Bembe, Sierra Noble, Sol James, The Bannock Babes, Boogey The Beat, Mama Cutsworth, DJ Hunnicutt, Marco Castillo, The James Culleton Super Fun Show, and many more!
- Themed nights curated by Folklorama, West End Cultural Centre, Winnipeg Folk Festival, Times Change(d) High & Lonesome Club, The Good Will Social Club, The Village Idiots, sākhiwē festival, and Real Love Winnipeg.

HOT EATS AND TASTY TREATS (\$)

- Mini-donuts, pulled pork on a bun, veggie chili, poutine, nachos and cheese, and a variety of other tasty meals and treats can be purchased at the Tundra Grill, Winston’s, and two heated event tents.
- A selection of curated hot and cold cocktails are available for grown-ups.

TICKET INFORMATION

- Tickets are date and time specific. Guests must enter the Zoo within the 30-minute time frame indicated on their ticket. Tickets do not have a designated exit time.
- All guests, regardless of age, require a ticket to be counted toward capacity. Tickets for children 2 years of age and under are FREE. Tickets for all guests 3 years of age and older are \$12.75 + GST.

MANITOBA PUBLIC HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

- All guests aged 12 and older must be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 and show valid proof of vaccination. Adults must also present photo ID.
- Children aged 11 and under who are not eligible to be immunized may attend when accompanied by a fully vaccinated adult with valid proof of vaccination.
- Masks are mandatory in all indoor spaces, including the Zoo entrance, washrooms, and event tents. Masks are recommended outdoors when physical distancing cannot be maintained.

The full schedule, hours of operation, and other helpful information can be found at zoolightswpg.ca.

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