



Assiniboine Park Conservancy

Celebrate International Red Panda Day this Weekend at the Assiniboine Park Zoo

For immediate release: Winnipeg, September 19, 2025 – Assiniboine Park Zoo is hosting Red Panda Weekend this Saturday and Sunday in celebration of International Red Panda Day. Guests of all ages are invited to join in on the fun with interactive, family-friendly activities while learning about red pandas and efforts underway to protect the species in the wild.

Red pandas are native to the mountain forests of Nepal, India, Bhutan, China, and Myanmar (Burma) and classified as endangered on the IUCN Red List. According to the [Red Panda Network](#), there may be fewer than 2,500 individuals remaining in the wild. Habitat loss, poaching, and climate change continue to threaten the species, which has suffered a population decline of over 50% in just two decades. Conservation initiatives, including community-based habitat protection and education programs, are critical to their survival.

“Red Panda Weekend offers a unique opportunity for visitors to connect with one of the Zoo’s most beloved species while learning about the critical conservation efforts underway to protect them,” said Laura Cabak, Director of Communications and Public Relations at Assiniboine Park Conservancy. “With interactive games and activities, special Zoo Chats, and exclusive souvenirs, the event is designed to engage guests of all ages.”

Event Details

Red Panda Weekend activities take place on Saturday, September 20 and Sunday, September 21 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the large tent on the west side of the Zoo (except for Zoo Chats).

- **Face Painting** – Let your imagination run wild with face-painting by Mama K Paints – fun for kids of all ages!
- **Souvenir Station** – Support red panda conservation! Make a small donation to the Red Panda Network and receive a special keepsake. Choose from a custom button, greeting card, tiny tail, or a unique piece of art.
- **Adaptation Station** – Learn how these arboreal experts have adapted survive and thrive in the wild.
- **Red Panda Ranger Challenge** – Take on fun, educational challenges and collect stamps in your Red Panda Ranger passport! Activities include:
 - Balance beam course
 - “Protect the Environment” plinko
 - Feed the (cartoon) red panda game
 - Red panda scavenger hunt
 - Recycling challenge (hosted by Recycle Everywhere)

PLUS: Zoo Chats, costumes, photo-ops, appearances by Winston, our polar bear mascot, and more!

The Zoo is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Red Panda Weekend activities are included with regular Zoo admission. For more information, visit assiniboinepark.ca.

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