



Assiniboine Park Conservancy

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

For immediate release: Winnipeg, September 18, 2024 – Assiniboine Park Zoo is hosting Red Panda Weekend this Saturday and Sunday in celebration of International Red Panda Day. People of all ages are invited to come and enjoy fun, family-friendly activities and learn about red pandas and conservation efforts to protect the species.

Red pandas are found in the mountain forests of Nepal, India, Bhutan, China, and Myanmar (Burma). According to the Red Panda Network, there may be as few as 2,500 red pandas remaining in the wild as their population has declined by over 50% in 20 years.

“Red Panda Weekend is a great opportunity to visit the Zoo and celebrate this furry and fascinating creature while also learning about conservation efforts to protect them,” said Dani Wenger, Communications Coordinator, Assiniboine Park Conservancy. “Between the games, crafts, a special Zoo chat and the opportunity to take home a nice souvenir, there’s something for everyone to enjoy!”

All activities listed below take place on Saturday, September 21 and Sunday, September 22 from 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Big Tent on the West side of the Zoo (except for the Zoo Chat).

Red Panda Zoo Chat - 2:00 p.m. at Toucan Ridge

Learn about red pandas from the people who know them best! Join our animal care team at the red panda habitat at Toucan Ridge for a special Zoo Chat.

Face Painting

Have your face painted with a beautiful design – fun for kids of all ages! We’re thrilled to have artists from Heather’s Pretty Parties on site for Red Panda Weekend.

Red Panda Ranger Challenge

Become a Red Panda Ranger! Pick up a passport and get a stamp for each of the following activities: balance beam course, protect the environment Plinko, feed the red panda game, red panda scavenger hunt, and the recycling challenge, hosted by Recycle Everywhere.

Red Panda Souvenir Station

Make a small donation to the Red Panda Network and pick up a cute button, a custom-made greeting card, a tiny tail, or a unique piece of artwork.

Red Panda Adaptation Station

Learn fascinating and funny details about these amazing animals at our adaptation station.

Plus: crafts, costumes, a selfie station, appearances by Winston, our polar bear mascot, the Environmental Musician, 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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