



Assiniboine Park Conservancy

Zoo Lights Presented by Red River Co-op Returns to Assiniboine Park Zoo November 22 – January 5

— Tickets on Sale Now —

For immediate release: Winnipeg, November 8, 2024 – Zoo Lights presented by Red River Co-op will return to the Assiniboine Park Zoo this holiday season and run over the course of 35 nights from Friday, November 22, 2024, to Sunday, January 5, 2025.

“Since we launched the event in 2019, Zoo Lights has become a beloved holiday tradition,” said Laura Cabak, Director of Communications and Public Relations, Assiniboine Park Conservancy. “It’s a joyful celebration and a wonderful way to bring people together at this special time of year.”

Zoo Lights features over 1.5 million lights and a stunning array of illuminated displays along a two-kilometre walking loop within the Zoo. This year, guests will enjoy photogenic favourites like the LOVE sign and the cascading aurora borealis lights, plus exciting new and improved displays and experiences.

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

NEW AND IMPROVED LIGHT DISPLAYS

- 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.
- Zoo Lights Express – a life-sized, festive train display.
- Zoo Lights Arcade – featuring glow in the snow fun and games (ladder toss, skee-ball, and corn hole).
- Hoops and Swoops – a bright, cheerful display where guests can play with LED hula hoops.
- PLUS Manitoba’s largest light maze.

SENSORY NIGHT – WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

- The Zoo Lights experience will be modified to provide a more comfortable experience for guests with sensory regulation or processing needs.
- Modifications will include lighting and audio adjustments and reduced capacity.

MOMENTS AND MEMORIES

- Enjoy a warm welcome and get your groove at the DJ Shack as you enter the Zoo.
- Santa will be at Zoo Lights every night until December 23. Bring a camera or phone to capture your special moment. Other winter characters will join us after Santa returns to the North Pole.
- Gather around one of the cozy fire pits along the route and warm your fingers, toes, and frosty nose.

HOT EATS AND TASTY TREATS (\$)

- A variety of tasty food and beverage options will be served at the Bison Snack Shack, Tundra Grill, Winston’s, the Marquee event tent, and BeaverTails food truck.
- Menu items include mini donuts, soft pretzels, burgers, hot dogs, and other grab and go snacks, plus homemade soup, mac and cheese, and more. There will also be hot chocolate, coffee, and a selection of hot and cold beverages just for grown-ups.
- Grab a s’mores kit and roast your marshmallows over one of the fire pits.

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 and can stay as long as they like (until closing).
- Tickets can be purchased in advance online or in person at the Zoo during regular daytime hours of operation. Evening walk-ups are welcome during the event, but subject to availability.

APC is currently recruiting volunteers to support Zoo Lights. Volunteers enjoy numerous benefits including a complimentary Zoo Lights gift and the opportunity to earn free tickets for daytime Zoo admission and more. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, commit to at least two shifts, and be able to spend extended periods of time outdoors in all kinds of weather.

Zoo Lights is supported by presenting sponsor Red River Co-op, through a multi-year partnership with APC. The full event schedule, hours of operation, frequently asked questions, and more information about volunteer opportunities can be found at zoolightswpg.ca.

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 Pelsher 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*

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