

PARK & ZOO

Program Guide

FOR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY GROUPS



**ASSINIBOINE
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EDUCATION PROGRAMS

at Assiniboine Park and Zoo

Our Vision — Assiniboine Park and Zoo education programs connect people with nature and inspire them to be environmental stewards.

We offer a variety of curriculum-linked, interdisciplinary programs for students in Pre-K through Grade 12. Our early years programs encourage children to connect with the amazing diversity found in nature and progress into more action-based classes at the middle and senior years level. All programs incorporate learning objectives in science with connections to arts, culture, language, social studies and more. Many programs include hands-on activities and different styles of learning are encouraged through story, music, verbal presentations, tours, and teamwork. Programs are available year-round and run rain, shine or snow! All Zoo and Park programs include Zoo admission. Please visit assiniboinepark.ca/covid-19 for current COVID-19 admission requirements. Please review the information in this program guide, then contact us to book your visit.

Visit our website to book your program today!

If you have any questions please contact:

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Field trip funding for low income schools

As part of our mandate to create accessible programming, we have secured funding to assist qualifying Manitoba schools and registered childcare centres with program fees. Some schools and childcare centres may also qualify for a subsidy for a portion of their transportation costs to Assiniboine Park and Zoo. If your class or childcare centre needs field trip financial assistance and may be considered a rural or low socio-economic school or centre, please contact us for more information.



Education Program FEES AND BOOKING POLICIES

BOOKING AND PAYMENT POLICIES

- All programs are subject to a minimum charge of \$150 (plus GST), regardless of group size.
- Groups have up to 2 business days prior to their visit to adjust their numbers or they will be charged the original amount.
- Payments can be made with cheque, Visa, or Mastercard upon arrival for their program.

CANCELLATION AND WEATHER POLICIES

- If you need to cancel your program, please do so as soon as possible.
 - 15+ business days in advance = full refund
 - 11–14 business days = partial refund (cancellation is subject to a \$35 plus GST administrative fee)
 - 10 or less business days = no refund
- We reserve the right to cancel or reschedule any program. A full refund will be issued if the Education Department cancels your tour or program.
- All programs run rain, snow, or shine, with the exception of severe weather conditions (thunderstorms, high wind chills, unsafe travel conditions, school closures). Depending on the severe weather situation, attempts may be made to reschedule your program.

PROGRAM FEES

	60–90 Minute Program Fee	120 Minute Program Fee
Student Rate (K–12)	\$12.05 (plus GST)	\$13.05 (plus GST)
Registered Child Care Admission Rate	\$12.05 (plus GST)	\$13.05 (plus GST)
Extra chaperone admission rate \$20.70 (plus GST)		

Fees are subject to change.

Groups not associated with a school or registered childcare may purchase regular admission and add a program for \$2.75 (plus GST)/participant in a 60–90 minute program or \$3.75 (plus GST)/participant in a 120 minute program.

CHAPERONES

- Chaperones must be responsible adults (i.e. teacher, volunteer, or parent).
- Chaperones who fall within these ratios are included free of charge:
 - 1:10 K–6
 - 1:15 7–12
 - 1:25 Post Secondary
- Extra chaperones (above the ratio) are \$20.70/adult (plus GST).
- Bus drivers and one-on-one aides are free



THE ZOO EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Zoo Programs start at the 2595 Roblin Boulevard entrance unless otherwise stated on your confirmation email. A Program Leader will meet you and guide you to your program.

THE ABC'S OF ZOOS

Nursery/Kindergarten | 60 minutes

Discover the animals of Assiniboine Park Zoo by working your way through the alphabet during a fun, interactive session and a guided tour for “little feet” of tropical Toucan Ridge.

Learning Outcomes: Kindergarten Science
Maximum Students: 30

ANIMAL LIFE CYCLES

Grade 2 | 90 minutes

Learn about the life cycles of insects, birds, amphibians, fish, reptiles, and mammals. Students will tour through the Zoo to look at the animals’ daily life. This program is eggciting science!

Learning Outcomes: Grade 2 Science

ARCTIC FIELD RESEARCH: STUDYING & MANAGING POPULATION

Grades 7–10 | 120 minutes

The Zoo’s Conservation and Research Department conducts active field work in the Zoo and in the Churchill area. This program highlights how our research is contributing to a better understanding of Arctic species, including possible impacts from a changing climate. Students will engage with actual field data and learn new analysis techniques. Focus areas include: Behavioural Ecology of Seals in Western Hudson Bay and Population Dynamics of Arctic and Sub-Arctic Marine Species.

Learning Outcomes: Grade 7 Science and Social Science
Grade 10 Science

Maximum Students: 30



THE ZOO EDUCATION PROGRAMS

ARCTIC ADAPTATIONS

Grades 1–8 | 90 minutes

How do animals survive the cold winters of the Arctic tundra? Students will learn how animals survive in their habitat and study specific characteristics of animals here at the Zoo through age-appropriate activities.

Learning Outcomes: Grades 1–8 Science

CREATURE CLASSIFICATION

Grade 1 | 90 minutes

Some animals have limbs and lungs, while others have fins and gills. Discover the differences and similarities among various animal groups by examining a selection of biofacts and touring a section of the Zoo.

Learning Outcomes: Grade 1 Science

ENDANGERED SPECIES & CONSERVATION

Grades 7–12 | 90 minutes

Did you know that Assiniboine Park Zoo is involved in important conservation and research projects involving muskox, polar bears and even dolphins? Learn about what zoos are doing to Save Animals From Extinction (SAFE).

Learning Outcomes: Grades 7–10 Social Studies
Grade 7 and 12 Science

GAKINA NDINAWEMAAGANAG: KAKINOW NIWAHKOMAKANAK (ALL MY RELATIONS)

Grade 4, 5 & 6 | 90 minutes

First Nations, Métis, and Inuit people of Manitoba have distinct cultures connected by an intimate relationship with animals and the land. In this tour-based program, learn how all nature is inter-connected through Indigenous perspectives and explore how we can all be better stewards of the land.

Learning Outcomes: Grade 4–6 Social Studies
Grade 4–6 Aboriginal Languages and Culture
Grade 4 and 6 Science



THE ZOO EDUCATION PROGRAMS

TURTLE ISLAND ANIMAL STORIES

Grades 1–6 | 90 minutes

Storytelling is a significant part Indigenous cultures, it is one of the many ways for traditions and knowledge to be passed from one generation to another. Through storytelling, our educators will introduce participants to the animals of Turtle Island (ie. North America) and their importance to Indigenous beliefs, values, and ways of life.

Learning Outcomes: Grades 1, 2, 4 and 6 Language Arts and Social Studies

Maximum Students: 30

POLAR BEARS

Grades 1– 6 | 90 minutes

Learn the remarkable stories behind the Assiniboine Park Zoo's polar bears. Tour the Zoo's Journey to Churchill exhibit and discover how bears have adapted to survive in their habitat. Students will also explore the unique and sometimes challenging relationship between people and bears in the town of Churchill and the western Hudson Bay.

Learning Outcomes: Grade 1, 2, 4 & 6 Science
Grade 3 Social Studies

*May not include classroom component during May & June.

RAINFORESTS

Grades 2–7 | 90 minutes

Ever wonder what makes a rainforest, a rainforest? These ecosystems are often referred to as “the lungs of the planet”. Home to an amazing array of plants, animals, and insects, rainforests also provide valuable resources. Each layer of the forest hosts different plants and animals unique to that section. We'll learn about this valuable environment and why it's so important to conserve.

Learning Outcomes: Grades 2, 3, 5 and 7 Social Studies
Grades 3–4 Science



THE ZOO AMBASSADOR ANIMAL PROGRAMS

Join us in the Zoo classroom for an up close and personal encounter with our Animal Handler/Educator and a selection of three to five of our ambassador animals.

Enhance student learning with a one-of-a-kind, hands-on animal encounter. Each workshop is broken up into short segments that have participants using all their senses.

- All programs include hands-on animal contact.
- Maximum number of participants is 25 per program.
- Programs are 60 minutes in length.
- Ambassador animals include, but are not limited to: leopard and gargoyle geckos, anaconda, boa constrictor, box turtle, pancake tortoise, and giant African land snail.
- Availability is subject to animal care schedules. Choose from these age-appropriate programs:

ANIMAL ESSENTIALS (GR. 1)

Learn the basics of animal care for pets at home and animals at the Zoo. Meet a few of our animal ambassador and discover what our zookeepers do to take care of them and meet their needs. Students will also learn the value of teamwork as they work together to design their own animal exhibits.

LEARNING LIFECYCLES (GR. 2)

Learn about the lifecycles of reptiles and invertebrates and how this compares to our own. This experience is brought to life through encounters with ambassador animals of various ages, biofacts, and a guided lifecycle activity.

HOMES AND HABITATS (GR. 3 & 4)

Learn about different habitats (including soil) and the animals found within them, as well as what people can do to save these homes. This learning experience is brought to life with some of our ambassador animals and an interactive habitat modelling activity.

CREATURE CLIMATES (GR. 5 & 6)

Animals have adapted to survive in a variety of habitats from the Arctic to the Sahara Desert. Students will learn how habitats and climate influence the lives of reptiles and invertebrates. This learning experience is brought to life with some of our ambassador animals and an interactive guided activity.



THE ZOO GUIDED TOURS

Make the most of your Zoo visit with a tour with our knowledgeable guides. Themes and language level are adapted to age or group.

*Please note, tours do not include a classroom component.

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

Grades 1–12 | 90 or 120 minutes

Who would you like to see? We can customize your tour. Here are a couple of examples of how your guide will enhance your experience at Assiniboine Park Zoo:

- Manitoba Mammals – From bison in the south to polar bears in the north, learn more about the animals in our own “backyard”.
- Asiatic Animals – Lions and tigers and more, oh my! Explore the animals of a faraway land.

Learning Outcomes: dependent on grade level and focus of tour

JOURNEY TO CHURCHILL

Grades 1–12 | 90 minutes

Discover the animals of Canada’s north as we tour the award-winning Journey to Churchill exhibit. Learn about the Zoo’s role in conservation while observing these amazing animals.

PURRFECT PREDATORS: BIG CATS

Grades 4–6 | 90 minutes

Learn about the distinct characteristics of tigers and leopards and compare their vocalizations to smaller cats such as cougars and lynx. Find out why two-thirds of the world’s cats are endangered and learn what the Assiniboine Park Zoo is doing to conserve them.

Learning Outcomes: Grades 4 and 6 Science

ZOO CAREERS

Grades 6–12 | 90 or 120 minutes

Working at the Zoo includes more than just zookeepers. Whether you like animals, food or people, there’s a job for every kind of person here at Assiniboine Park Zoo. Get a look at the people that work behind the scenes to keep the animals, plants, and zoo visitors happy.

Learning Outcomes: Grade 9–12 Career Development.

THE CLIMATE CHANGE CHALLENGE

Grades 9–12 | 120 minutes

Your challenge should you choose to accept it. . .we are currently facing a climate crisis, and the outcome depends on you! Well, on all of us. Take part in this active team building program as you travel throughout the zoo collecting tips and clues on how we can all reduce our carbon footprint. Do your part and identify changes you can adapt into your daily routine to work towards a more sustainable lifestyle.

Maximum Students: 100

Dates: January–June



THE PARK EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Programs take place in the Acorn Activity Room at the Qualico Family Centre (330 Assiniboine Park Drive/near the duckpond). An Education Program Instructor will meet you at the entrance and guide you to your program.

NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY

Grades 3–8 | 90 minutes | Qualico Family Centre

Photography is a great way to connect with nature and take a closer look at the environment around you. Discover the Park through the lens of a camera and learn basic techniques that will help you take great outdoor photographs. Cameras are provided.

Learning Outcomes: Grades 3–8 Social Studies and Art

Maximum Students: 30

Dates: March–October

A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT

Grades 3–5 | 90 minutes | Qualico Family Centre

The riparian forest is very special and important habitat to our local rivers, plants, animals and people. Students will unearth the ecological secrets of the riparian forest through water quality investigations, forest walks, photography, and sensory activities designed to enhance their appreciation and understanding of forests.

Learning Outcomes: Grades 3–5 Social Studies

Grade 3 Science

Maximum Students: 30

Dates: April–early November

Looking for something else, visit our website for a full menu of programming options.

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