

Assiniboine Park Zoo Closed January 8 – 19 for Maintenance Biomes at The Leaf Closed January 8 – 10 for Display Change

For immediate release: Winnipeg, January 4, 2024 – The Assiniboine Park Conservancy is reminding visitors of upcoming closures at the Assiniboine Park Zoo and the biomes at The Leaf. These closures are scheduled in advance as part of regular operations and the Conservancy's ongoing commitment to delivering excellent visitor experiences.

ASSINIBOINE PARK ZOO: Closed January 8 - 19, 2024

The Zoo will remain open this weekend before closing on Monday. This will be the last opportunity for visitors to enjoy the annual Zoo Lights event, which ends on Sunday, January 7.

The Zoo will be closed to the public from Monday, January 8 through Friday, January 19 for annual maintenance. Work planned during the annual closure includes removal of Zoo Lights displays, minor repairs, painting, and deep cleaning in buildings throughout the Zoo. Visitor services, retail, and food and beverage operations within the Zoo will also be closed during this time.

After the closure, the Zoo will re-open on Saturday, January 20 and resume regular daytime hours of operation (open daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.).

BIOMES AT THE LEAF: Closed January 8 - 10, 2024

The biomes will remain open this weekend before closing on Monday. This will be the last opportunity for visitors to enjoy the Celebration holiday display, which ends on Sunday, January 7.

The biomes at The Leaf will be closed to the public from Monday, January 8 through Wednesday, January 10, for a display change and garden maintenance.

During the closure, the Babs Asper Display House will be completely transformed in preparation for the opening of <u>Fleurs de Villes VOYAGE</u>, which runs from January 11 – 21. The spectacular travel-themed showcase will feature 15 one-of-a-kind fresh floral mannequins created by local floral designers, taking inspiration from Manitoba's diverse multi-cultural heritage and travel destinations around the world. The show is included with regular biome admission.

At the end of the Fleurs de Villes VOYAGE show, the biomes will be closed temporarily on January 22 while The Leaf horticulture team once again transforms the Babs Asper Display House with a new *Flora of the Philippines* display. The biomes will re-open from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday, January 22 then resume regular hours of operation on Tuesday, January 23 (open daily from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.).

Please note, the scheduled biome closures will not impact Gather Craft Kitchen & Bar. The restaurant will remain open daily providing lunch and dinner service from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Visitors and members are reminded to purchase/reserve tickets to visit the biomes in advance to ensure availability and avoid line-ups upon entry.