

Enjoy Spring Break at Assiniboine Park Zoo and The Leaf

For immediate release: Winnipeg, March 21, 2024 – Spring break is around the corner and the Assiniboine Park Conservancy is inviting the community to enjoy family-friendly fun and outdoor adventure at the Assiniboine Park Zoo and The Leaf from Saturday, March 23 to Sunday, March 31.

"Be sure to include Assiniboine Park and Zoo on your spring break to do list. Choose your own adventure and enjoy a tropical staycation at The Leaf or discover the wonders of wildlife at the Zoo!" said Laura Cabak, Director of Communications & Public Relations, Assiniboine Park Conservancy.

AT THE ZOO

Activities at the Zoo will include face painting, storytelling, musical performances, crafts, Zoo Chats, and more! Activities are included with regular Zoo admission. Please see our <u>website</u> for a detailed schedule of activity dates and times.

- Game Zone Test your skills in our outdoor games area! Challenge your family and friends to a rousing game of ladder toss or corn hole.
- Zoo Chats Learn more about our amazing animals from the people who know them best. Join our Animal Care team for Zoo Chats featuring polar bears, camels, bison, gibbons, and more!
- Fabulous Face Painting Face painting artists from Heather's Pretty Parties will be on hand to bring colourful designs and big smiles to the faces of kids of all ages.
- Conservation Corner Chat with members of our Conservation & Research team about the work they do at the Zoo and in the field. Learn how you can support wildlife conservation!
- Create & Connect Crafts Get crafty with our volunteer Create & Connect squad. Make a cool animal-themed craft and take it home as a souvenir.
- The Environmental Musician Emily Thoroski combines her love of music and nature to entertain and inspire listeners to get involved in environmental conservation.
- Colourful Characters Take your picture with costumed characters from Heather's Pretty Parties.
- TiBert et Douzie This dynamic duo will entertain with music and storytelling that will get you dancing and make your heart sing!
- Easter Breakfast with the Bears Watch our playful polar bears enjoy some enriching Easter entertainment while you enjoy a delicious breakfast at the Tundra Grill.

The Zoo is open daily 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. More information about visiting the Zoo can be found on our <u>website</u>.

AT THE LEAF

Activities at The Leaf include a scavenger hunt, gardener chats, story time, and the opportunity to explore the new *Brasil Moderno* display. Activities are included with regular Leaf admission. Please see our <u>website</u> for a more detailed schedule of activity dates and times.

- Scavenger Hunt Test your knowledge and observational skills with an engaging scavenger hunt that will have you looking high and llow throughout the biomes at The Leaf.
- Gardener Chats Check in with our Horticulture team as they share their stories and passion about the plants in The Leaf.
- Story Time Settle down for story time with our amazing volunteers in the beautiful Mediterranean Biome. Story time is geared towards pre-school and early elementary ages.
- Brasil Moderno The colourful new display in the Babs Asper Display House is inspired by the tropical landscapes of Brazil and the work of renowned Brazilian landscape architect and environmentalist Roberto Burle Marx. Look for Brazilian flags in the Hartley and Heather Richardson Tropical Biome identifying plants that grow naturally in the rainforests of Brazil.

The biomes at The Leaf are open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. More information about visiting The Leaf can be found on our <u>website</u>.

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