

Assiniboine Park Zoo to Re-open Tuesday, June 15

For immediate release: Winnipeg, June 11, 2021 – The Assiniboine Park Conservancy (APC) is pleased to announce that the Assiniboine Park Zoo will re-open on Tuesday, June 15. Zoo members are invited to enjoy a members-only preview on Sunday, June 13 and Monday, June 14. The re-opening of the Zoo will include the highly-anticipated Dinosaurs Uncovered exhibit.

Though it was not required to do so under public health orders, APC made the decision to close the Zoo on May 9 based on the circumstances at the time and out of care and concern for the Zoo's staff, volunteers, animals, and community. The plan to re-open was made after careful consideration and in consultation with Manitoba Public Health.

"As a large, mostly outdoor attraction, we are pleased to be in a position to safely re-open the Zoo and so grateful to our members, visitors and community for their patience and support," said Bruce Keats, Chief Operations Officer, Assiniboine Park Conservancy.

Guests are asked to purchase tickets online in advance to facilitate quick, contactless entry. Tickets purchased online are not date-specific and valid for use within 90 days of date of purchase. On-site options are available for those who are unable to purchase tickets online.

Before visiting the Zoo, guests are encouraged to pre-screen using the Province's <u>online screening tool</u>. Do not visit the Zoo if you are feeling unwell (even with mild symptoms) or are required to self-isolate for any reason under current public health orders.

Important information to help guests plan their visit:

- The Zoo will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.
- Take-out food and beverage service will be available at the Tundra Grill restaurant and Zoo concessions.
- Please follow the marked one-way path of travel throughout the Zoo.
- Capacity will be managed throughout the Zoo based on physical distancing guidelines.
- Masks are mandatory in all indoor spaces, including the Zoo entrance, and recommended outdoors when physical distancing cannot be maintained.
- Keep your distance and avoid gathering with other visitors. Maintain a distance of at least two meters (six feet) from other visitors, staff and volunteers.
- Physical distancing also applies to animals. Please respect all habitat barriers and barricades.

Adjustments to Zoo operations will be made as permitted and required in response to evolving public health orders and guidelines. Guests are encouraged to visit our <u>website</u> to find the most up to date information before visiting the Zoo.

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