Summer Hours of Operation

Assiniboine Park Zoo
Daily 9 am to 5 pm (gates close 4:30 pm)

Conservatory
Daily 9 am to 5 pm

The Park Café (Qualico Family Centre)
Daily 8 am to 4 pm

Nature Playground
Daily 8 am to sunset

Pavilion Art Galleries (WAG@The Park)
Daily 9 am to 5 pm

Please visit the Park website for holiday hours of operation.

It’s patio season at the Park Café!
Patio open daily from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm weather permitting.
Located in the Qualico Family Centre next to the Riley Family Duck Pond.

NEW SUMMER MENU!

CANADIAN FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday, July 1
Children’s activities, live music, fireworks, and more!

GO GREEN!
Send an email to info@assiniboinepark.ca with “Go green!” in the subject line.
Include your first name, last name, and preferred email address.
Our next newsletter will show up in your inbox instead of your mailbox!

Dinosaurs Alive!® presented by Artis REIT is back for another season of dino discovery at Assiniboine Park Zoo.

“People of all ages – particularly children – are fascinated by dinosaurs. Learning about them requires us to imagine the world as it used to be millions of years ago and Dinosaurs Alive!® makes that a little easier,” said Karen Lind, Manager, Education & Programs, Assiniboine Park Conservancy.

Dinosaurs Alive!® brings to life 16 animatronic giants from our prehistoric past, from the Tyrannosaurus rex (king of the dinosaurs) to the Quetzalcoatlus (the largest known flying animal). This year, a sea monster with a Manitoba connection has been added to the exhibit.

Though technically not a dinosaur, Tylosaurus (TIE-low-SAUR-us) pembinensis was a ferocious beast that ruled the waters that covered Manitoba during the Cretaceous Period. Turtles, fish, sharks, ammonites, plesiosaurs, and even flightless diving birds swam through the shallow interior seaway. Stalking all of them was Tylosaurus.

When full grown, Tylosaurus could reach 13 to 14 meters in length and is estimated to have weighed 5,000 kg. This giant of the seas had some interesting adaptations that made it a formidable predator. The buoyant streamlined body, powered by a two-lobed tail fin, allowed Tylosaurus to forage over a wide area in search of food. Its jaws could unhinge to such a degree that prey the size of a T. rex skull could be swallowed.

“Learning about dinosaurs and other prehistoric animals is a great way to learn about our planet and the evolution of plants and animals,” added Lind. “The relatives of dinosaurs can still be found alive on earth today – we have some here at the Zoo in Toucan Ridge. They aren’t as fierce as a T. rex or enormous as Omeisaurus, but we can learn a lot from these distant dino relatives.”

Dinosaurs Alive!® is here until October 9 and is included with Zoo admission. Don’t miss it!

GO BIG this summer with a membership at Assiniboine Park and Zoo. See back for details.
RESEARCH

CONSERVATION AND RESEARCH REPORT

Less than 1% of the native prairie habitat that once covered Manitoba remains to this day. The loss of this habitat and other factors have resulted in the dramatic decline of several highly specialized grassland species, including the Poweshiek skipperling, a small orange-brown butterfly whose historic range once covered the southwest corner of Manitoba and the American mid-west. Today, only two or three pockets of Poweshiek habitat remain, including one here in Manitoba.

“The Poweshiek skipperling is a specialized prairie species that is on the verge of extinction,” said Dr. Stephen Petersen, Head of Conservation & Research, Assiniboine Park Conservancy. “When we lose a species, there can be ripple effects throughout the ecosystem that we can’t predict. It tells us that something is not working with how we are managing these landscapes.”

The Assiniboine Park Zoo is collaborating with Missouri Zoo’s Prairie Butterfly Conservation Program, the Nature Conservancy of Canada, and University of Winnipeg to establish a head-start program for the Poweshiek skipperling and other grassland butterflies at risk.

“Head-start programs bring animals or young-in from the wild so we can raise them in a safe, controlled environment until they are old enough to survive on their own,” said Petersen. “They are then released into the wild to increase or re-establish natural populations.”

Last year, Assiniboine Park Zoo established our program with a closely-related butterfly species, the Garita skipperling, giving researchers the opportunity to develop the skills, techniques, and infrastructure for raising Poweshiek skipperlings this summer at the Zoo. This important work received support from the Disney Conservation Fund through contributions to the AZA Conservation Grants Fund and the US Fish and Wildlife Service CFDA Program.

“We have dedicated staff and volunteers who will raise the skippers from egg to adulthood over the years,” said Petersen. “The butterflies in this program will be released into the wild next summer to help the Manitoba population recover.”

SUMMER KEEPER TALKS AT THE ZOO

Learn about our animals from the people who know them best! We offer 14 keeper talks daily through June, July, and August. Each month, the talks will explore a different conservation theme. The schedule is posted on the Zoo website and signs throughout the Zoo.

ASSINIBOINE PARK ZOO IS ONCE AGAIN HOME TO WHITE-HANDED GIBBONS

Maya (female, 6 years) was born at the Assiniboine Park Zoo in January 2011. Her parents, Mel and Manju, both lived at our Zoo before being transferred to Safari Niagara in 2011 when the former monkey house was temporarily re-purposed and eventually decommissioned during construction of the McFeetors Heavy Horse Centre.

Samson (male, 15 years) was born at the Edmonton Valley Zoo in June 2002. His father Chan was born at Assiniboine Park Zoo in 1992 and lived here for two years, before moving to Edmonton.

Maya and Samson now live in the former lion pavilion, which received a total make-over to get ready for the gibbons. White-handed gibbons are small tailless apes with soft, thick fur that can vary from black to a pale fawn colour. They live in trees and are among the fastest of all primates, using their very long arms to swing effortlessly among the branches.

Sadly, they are also an endangered species due primarily to habitat loss and hunting. White-handed gibbons are native to the tropical forests of Southeast Asia, where palm oil production is on the rise. When a forest is cut down and converted to a palm oil plantation, it is estimated that 85% of the species that live in that area will lose their home.

Palm oil is found in many food products, cosmetics, soaps, candles, and even fuel. When you visit the Zoo, learn what you can do to bring change to the palm oil industry by supporting companies that use traceable, sustainable palm oil.

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NOW OPEN for the season

- Australian Walkabout – get up close and personal with emus and kangaroos
- Shirley Richardson Butterfly Garden – butterflies will be added in late June
- Bison Snack Shack & Winston’s Ice Cream Shoppe – Serving up hot eats and cool treats weekends until the end of June, daily starting July 1 $.
- Dino-Store – offering a selection of dino gifts and souvenirs $.

VOLUNTEER PROFILE

HELEN AND WAYNE BLACKMORE

Helen and Wayne Blackmore have a long history with the Park and Zoo as visitors and members. Now, in retirement, they are also volunteers.

“The animals and zookeepers really make it an interesting experience and we enjoy meeting visitors and making sure they enjoy their time at the Zoo,” said Helen.

Wayne’s career in the RCMP took the couple and their family on numerous adventures all over rural and northern Manitoba, but didn’t exactly prepare them for the creative role they have undertaken as volunteers.

Helen and Wayne are part of a team that creates paper mâché enrichment items for the animals and worked on the life-sized dino footprints set along the pathway in Dinosaurs Alive!®. Helen also contributed to a yarn bombing project that added a splash of floral colour to some Zoo fences.

Most recently, the artistic duo were part of a volunteer team that has created approximately 500 feet of faux vines for the new gibbon enclosure. The labour intensive process of transforming used hoses into realistic looking vines was definitely a labour of love.

“We are really excited to see the gibbons in their new habitat swinging from those vines,” said Wayne.

In 2016, volunteers contributed over 38,000 hours of service in the Park and Zoo, enriching the visitor experience and filling an important role within the organization. Volunteer recruitment for 2017 closes June 15. For more information please visit our website.
By Margaret Redmond, President & CEO, Assiniboine Park Conservancy

On July 1, thousands of people will gather at Assiniboine Park to celebrate Canada Day. This annual tradition will kick-off a summer of celebration as Canadians from coast to coast commemorate our nation’s 150th birthday.

As we celebrate this important milestone, we have the opportunity to reflect on our past, present, and future. Canadian history may go back 150 years, but the history of our people, the history that shapes who and what we are, goes back much further. From the First Nations to the waves of immigrants past and present, Canadian culture is as varied, diverse, and beautiful as our breathtaking natural landscape.

It’s a celebration of this diversity that will define and strengthen us for future generations. This is the vision behind Canada’s Diversity Gardens. This summer you will see signs of change in the Park as we lay the groundwork for Canada’s Diversity Gardens. This is just the beginning and we have a long journey ahead of us. We invite you to learn more about this exciting project and imagine a place where nature, culture and community unite, a place that inspires us to live in harmony with nature and each other.

Please give today and help us make Canada’s Diversity Gardens a reality.

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CELEBRATING CANADA’S NATURAL AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY

YOUR LOVE FOR THE PARK & ZOO

DOUBLE YOUR GIFT with a donation to the ParkShare Endowment Fund

The first $400,000 in donations to the fund will be matched!

Assiniboine Park is a natural oasis in the heart of the city, a joyful gathering place, and common ground for people from all walks of life. Unfortunately, due to financial barriers, some segments of our community are unable to experience all the wonders that Assiniboine Park and Zoo have to offer.

The ParkShare Endowment Fund, held at The Winnipeg Foundation, was established with the goal of bridging these gaps. As the endowment matures, it will provide a long-term, sustainable source of funding to cover the costs of transportation, admission, and education programs for children, youth, and senior groups facing financial barriers. Shirley Richardson and her family have pledged to match the first $400,000 in gifts to the fund.

Share your love of the Park and Zoo. DONATE NOW!

Call 204 927 8080 or donate online.
assiniboinepark.ca/parkshare

JOIN US FOR

An evening in WHITE

GARDEN PARTY 2017 • WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

The annual garden party in support of Canada’s Diversity Gardens will be held on Wednesday, August 30 in the beautiful Leo Mol Sculpture Garden.

Last year, the sold-out event welcomed 400 guests for an evening of 1960’s inspired food, fashion, and fun and raised $116,000 in support of Canada’s Diversity Gardens.

This year’s event, presented as “An Evening in White”, promises to be another memorable evening and will include a garden experience enhanced with white lights and exclusive Coal and Canary candles, fabulous food, delicious signature cocktails, decadent desserts, live music, sparkling take-home gifts courtesy of Park and Buzz, an experience auction, and more!

Presenting Patrons Bob & Kim Silver invite you to purchase your tickets today. Please visit our website for details.

Please give today and help us make Canada’s Diversity Gardens a reality.
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Go-go boots, beehives, and pops of colour were fashionable at last year’s 1960’s inspired Garden Party. This year will be An Evening in White!

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**TRICERA-TOTS | AUGUST**

Join us for some prehistoric play time. We provide the snacks and colossal amounts of fun! For children 3 – 5 years of age with an adult partner.

- **Dates:** August 9 – 30 (4 classes)
- **Time:** 10:00 am to 11:30 am
- **Fee:** $66 + GST
- **Location:** Polar Playground (Tundra Grill)

**Get Fit4Two®**

Get fit and have fun in beautiful Assiniboine Park. Stroller Fitness is a great way to work out with baby along for the ride. Classes available in July and August.

*Member discount does not apply to programs offered by independent third parties.*

**Sleepovers AT THE ZOO**

Fridays, September through April

Join us for a night at the Zoo and explore the nocturnal side of the animal kingdom! Sleepovers offer a unique and immersive Zoo experience that is both educational and entertaining. Share this opportunity with your child’s teacher, scout or guide leader.

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$230 + GST (3-day week) | $185 + GST (4-day week)

**Camp FOLKLORAMA IN THE PARK**

- **Dates:** August 9 – 30 (4 classes)
- **Time:** 10:00 am to 11:30 am
- **Fee:** $66 + GST
- **Location:** Polar Playground (Tundra Grill)

**JAZZ IN THE LEO MOL SCULPTURE GARDEN**

Showtimes: Sundays from 3 pm to 4 pm

- **July 9:** Lianne Fournier
- **July 16:** Rosemarie Todaschuk
- **July 23:** Dave McInnes
- **July 30:** Chuck Copnace

**Supporting Sponsors:**

- **The Winnipeg Foundation**
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- **Peace Days**

**MOVIES IN THE PARK**

- **Early Feature (7 pm)**
  - **August 4:** Sing
  - **August 11:** Finding Dory
  - **August 18:** Moana
  - **August 25:** Trolls

- **Late Feature (9:15 pm)**
  - **August 4:** La La Land
  - **August 11:** Captain America: Civil War
  - **August 18:** Arrival
  - **August 25:** Rogue One: A Star Wars Story

**Supporting Sponsors:**

- **Payworks**
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**YOGA IN THE PARK**

- **Join us Wednesday at 6:45 am from June 28 to August 30 for free outdoor yoga classes at the Lyric Theatre.**
- **We are kicking things off on International Yoga Day (Wednesday, June 21) with a special evening class at 7 pm.**
- **We'll be screening your favourite summer blockbusters on a cinema-style outdoor screen. You bring the chair and blanket; we supply the fun!**

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**CASINOS OF WINNIPEG SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT SERIES**

The Summer Entertainment Series schedule is subject to change. Please check our website for the most current schedule.

**SUMMER MUSIC SERIES AT THE LYRIC THEATRE**

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**Ballet IN THE PARK**

- **Featuring Canada’s Royal Winnipeg Ballet**
  - **July 26 – 28**
  - **Showtimes:** 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm daily
Make it a summer to remember with a MEMBERSHIP AT ASSINIBOINE PARK & ZOO

Members enjoy unlimited Zoo visits, exclusive offers, discounts, and more!

Upgrade your membership! Unlock new experiences with Membership Plus or make a difference with a Conservation Membership.

Purchase your membership online at assiniboineparkzoo.ca!
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On August 17, the Assiniboine Park Conservancy will host the annual Wildest Dreams event at the Zoo. We are partnering with community agencies to invite children and families facing health and/or socio-economic challenges for a once-in-a-lifetime Zoo experience.

Your donation today will help us deliver a truly memorable experience, but it doesn’t end there. Donations in support of our July Wildest Dreams campaign make educational programs more accessible to children in need throughout the year!

In July, Wildest Dreams wolf stuffies will be available for sale at Wild Things Unique Gifts, Arctic Treasures Gift Shop (in the Zoo), and special events in the Park.

Make their Wildest Dreams come true.

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Assiniboine Park Conservancy Board of Directors

Our volunteer Board of Directors is comprised of community leaders whose affection for Assiniboine Park translates into a deep sense of responsibility to our stakeholders. They provide valuable guidance and essential connections to the communities we serve.

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- art
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- jewellery
- collectibles
- fashion accessories
- seasonal home décor
- children’s clothing and toys
- souvenirs

ART IN THE PARK
AT THE PAVILION
One of Winnipeg’s most recognizable and beloved landmarks, The Pavilion is home to the largest collections of works by Ivan Eyre, Walter J. Phillips, and Clarence Winters. Through a partnership with the Winnipeg Art Gallery (WAG), Park visitors enjoy free entry to expertly curated exhibitions year-round.

Current Exhibitions:
Wasteland Dreamland: Early Works by Ivan Eyre, 1957-1969
Featuring paintings, drawings, and sculptures by Ivan Eyre.

Competing Natures
Featuring the work of Manitoba artists W.J. Phillips and Marcel Dzama.

The Dream of Canada
A photo exhibition featuring Canada’s national historic sites, parks and marine conservation areas.

Remembering the Real Winnie
Featuring objects and memorabilia from Lieutenant Harry Colebourn’s personal collection.

July is Wildest Dreams Month!

2017 FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS

FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS START AT $199

$10

Please make a gift in support of Wildest Dreams.
1. CALL 204 927 8080
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