

2024 Zoo Event Calendar

January

1/6-1/7 GloWILD final days

1/15 Martin Luther King Day

1/16-1/19 International Hoof Care Week

It's time to come learn about all the care and upkeep that go into the maintenance of hoofed animals. Their hooves need special maintenance and attention. This lesser-known topic is one we want to share with you! Come learn what farriers do (those who shoe horses) and all kinds of information on this type of animal care!

February

2/14 UnValentine's Day

2/16 – 2/19 Great Backyard Bird Count

The Little Rock Zoo invites you to join in the global project called "The Great Backyard Bird Count". Started in 1998 by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and National Audubon Society, the Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) was the first online citizen-science project (also referred to as community science) to collect data on wild birds and to display results in near real time. Learn more here: <https://www.birdcount.org/>

2/17 Mardi Gras Parade and Festivities

Join us to for a fun Mardi Gras Celebration on Saturday, February 17th. Amos the alligator will sleep through the party but you can visit Gambit, our resident King Snake, in the Reptile house and have some King Cake in Café Africa! The Little Rock Zoo staff will have Mardi Gras decorated Floats, Golf Carts and Ambassador Animals! Guests are welcome to join the parade with decorated strollers or pull wagons (please no balloons, no beads or plastic).

March

3/1 National Pig Day

Come join the Zoo as we celebrate National Pig Day on March 1.

National Pig Day is an event to honor the pig and was officially established in 1972 by Mary Lynen Rave and Ellen Stanley. National Pig Day promotes awareness about pigs and highlights them as man's most intelligent and domesticated livestock species.

3/16 Dragon Exhibit Opening

3/16-3/24 Spring Break at the LR Zoo

3/31 Bunny Brunch in the historic Café Africa

Don't miss your chance to join Breakfast with Bunny at the Little Rock Zoo! This ticketed, special event will be held on Sunday, April 9, 2022, from 8:30 am to 10:30 am in Café Africa. For guests who purchase tickets, this will be a special breakfast buffet of delicious offerings including a ham carving station and an omelet station. Guests may have their pictures taken with the Easter Bunny, have animal encounters, and enjoy other crafts and activities!

April

4/7 Eclipse Party on the Path Picnic

The Little Rock Zoo would like to invite Eclipse-loving guests from near and far to have an unforgettable day at the Zoo that is full of good food, fun games and local entertainment!

4/8 Eclipse Party on the Path Experience at the Little Rock Zoo

The Little Rock Zoo is hosting an Eclipse experience that you will not want to miss! Come watch this memorable phenomenon along with the rhinos, elephants, great apes and more!

4/13 Party for the Planet

4/25 World Penguin Day

It's World Penguin Day at the Little Rock Zoo!

Did you know that the penguins at the Little Rock Zoo are from a tropical climate? Did you know that most penguin species are not cold weather?

Join us for our special presentations to celebrate World Penguin Day on **April 25**, and learn all about this amazing creatures and their wild cousins.

The celebration is included in the price of your admission.

4/26 Wild Wines VIP Night

The Friday night VIP experience happens in and around Café Africa and the Civitan Pavilion and features premium wine from O'Looney's Wine and Liquor with food from the best area restaurants. Lively music from The Rodney Block Collective will keep you moving and guests will visit with the Zoo's Animal Ambassadors. Your ticket for Friday night's VIP Night includes admission to the Saturday night "Mane" event.

4/27 Wild Wines "Mane" Event

At Wild Wines, guests enjoy food from the area's best restaurants paired with hand-selected wines and liquors from O'Looney's. Special appearances by some of the Zoo's Animal Ambassadors will make this experience truly unforgettable! It's why AY Magazine readers have voted have voted Wild Wines best fundraising event in the state year after year!

May

5/9 Cinco de Rhino

Join Generation Zoo for Cinco de Rhino - a Cinco de Mayo celebration for the conservation of rhinos!

5/12 Mother's Day Brunch in the historic Café Africa

Treat your mother to a brunch at the Little Rock Zoo! Plus there will be special animal ambassador encounters and kids will have the opportunity to make something special for Mom.

5/18 International Heritage Breed Day

We are celebrating the heritage breeds Visitors will be able to learn about agriculture in Arkansas and heritage breeds by visiting the Arkansas Heritage Farm Exhibit.

Heritage breeds are traditional livestock breeds that were raised before industrial agriculture became a mainstream practice. These breeds were carefully selected and bred over time to develop traits that made them well-adapted to the local environment.

They thrived under farming practices and cultural conditions that are very different from those found in modern agriculture.

Heritage breeds are important for our future and the future of our agricultural food system.

These are traditional, historic breeds that retain essential attributes for survival and self-sufficiency – fertility, foraging ability, longevity, maternal instincts, ability to mate naturally, and resistance to diseases and parasites.

Come visit the Farm to see all of our different heritage breed animals.

5/19-5/25 Bear Awareness Week

Because bears are often feared and misunderstood, are an important part of our natural and cultural history, we are celebrating Bear Awareness Week 2023! We will have activities and events to education, delight and engage you.

Check back for details.

5/31 Wizards and Lizards Cosplay Night

Enjoy the Zoo after hours! The family fun starts at 6 and goes until 9. Come dressed in your favorite cosplay and enjoy the Dragons, live music, adult beverages and great food!

June

6/17-6/23 National Pollinator Week

Did you know that butterflies, bees, and moths are not the only pollinators? There are many other species of animal that help to disperse seeds for plants to grow!

More details to come- please check back!

July

7/16 World Snake Day

We are celebrating World Snake Day at the Little Rock Zoo!

Did you know that snakes don't use their teeth to chew? Did you know that Iceland, Ireland, Greenland, Newfoundland, and Antarctica are all too cold for snakes? Did you know that snakes can eat things 75-100% their own size?

Join us for our special presentations to celebrate World Snake Day at the Zoo, **July 16, 2024**, and learn all about this amazing species and their wild cousins. This day is dedicated to celebrating our slithery friends around the globe.

Come see the many snakes that call the Zoo home and learn why they are important to their environment!

The celebration is included in the price of your admission.

7/ 29 Global Tiger Day

We are celebrating Global Tiger Day at the Little Rock Zoo!

In honor of our observation of Global Tiger Day on July 29, we hope you'll join us in celebrating and raising awareness of this iconic endangered species.

Stop by the Zoo to learn more about our tigers and how you can support tiger conservation

7/27 -7/28 Christmas in July at the LR Zoo
Santa is stopping by Little Rock Zoo on his summer vacation.

August

8/10 World Elephant Day

It is time to celebrate another incredible species housed here at the Little Rock Zoo. We are having a BIG celebration at the Little Rock Zoo, and it is all about our wonderful Asian elephants. Come to the Zoo as we learn more about the species that Babe, Sophie, and Zina are a part of. Come join us on Friday, August 12, 2022, as we give special attention and love to our Asian elephant girls!

The day's activities, included in the regular cost of admission, will include lots of fun activities and demonstrations designed to teach guests all about elephants in general and our Asian elephants specifically.

More details soon!

8/19 World Orangutan Day

In honor of International Orangutan Day on August 19, we hope you'll join us in celebrating and raising awareness of this iconic endangered species. At the Little Rock Zoo, we have an orangutan family including Berani (mom), Bandar (father), and Kasih (infant).

The family can be seen in the orangutan exhibit each day: enjoying their exhibits, their toys and daily treats. Stop by the observation window to get a better view.

On Awareness Day, we will have activities and other surprises for the public to enjoy and learn how we can take action to preserve these amazing animals.

September

9/7 International Vulture Awareness Day

Come celebrate International Vulture Awareness Day on September 7th at the Little Rock Zoo! Learn why vultures are beneficial to humans and to the environment.

9/12 Zoo Brew and Cocktails, Too!

Come out to taste dozens of brews and cocktails in your souvenir cup as you enjoy the Zoo at night! Meet some new animal friends and listen to great live music as you sample and sip throughout the Zoo! Enjoy the best food trucks in central Arkansas serving up the hottest local cuisine (food sold separately).

9/22 World Rhino Day

We are celebrating World Rhino Day at the Little Rock Zoo. Join us on September 22 to celebrate this special species and the representatives we have here at the Zoo: Andazi (mom) and Kevin (son)

The activities for the day are included in the cost of admission.

9/24 World Gorilla Day

We are celebrating World Gorilla Day at the Little Rock Zoo!

Did you know that as largest of the primate species, gorillas rank amongst the most recognized and the most endangered species in the world? Did you know the gorilla's lifespan can be up to 50 to 60 years in care?

Join us September 24th to celebrate gorillas, one of the most endangered species in the world. Don't forget to bring your old cellphones to recycle with ECO-CELL to help us raise funds for gorilla conservation and reduce the demand for mining that threatens gorillas.

Learn interesting facts like these and more on September 24, 2023, at the Zoo.

The activities for the day are included in the cost of admission.

October

10/12 World Sloth Bear Day

It is time to celebrate another incredible species housed here at the Little Rock Zoo.

We are having a celebration at the Little Rock Zoo, and it is all about our wonderful sloth bears! Come to the Zoo as we learn more about the species that Paabu, Sahasaa, and Khali are a part of. Join us for our sloth bear celebration on October 12, 2024, as we give special attention and love to this unique Asian species of bear.

10/12 Howl - O – Ween Party in the Plaza

Join us Howl-O-Ween Parties on the plaza on the last three Saturdays in October! Our fun-filled Saturdays will fill you with fright and delight! Come dressed in your Halloween best, be amazed at our magic show, meet our fairytale characters, play at any of our playgrounds, or enjoy a ride on the scared-y cat carousel and trick-or-treat train!

10/15 Carousel Centennial Party

10/19 National Reptile Awareness Day

We are celebrating reptiles at the Little Rock Zoo!

Did you know that snakes smell through their tongues? Did you know that most reptiles lay eggs? Did you know there are 10,000+ species of reptile?

Learn interesting facts like these and more on Saturday, October 21, 2023, at the Zoo as we celebrate reptiles! All activities are included with the regular cost of admission.

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10/26 World Lemur Day

We are celebrating World Lemur Day at the Little Rock Zoo!

Zoo staff will be on hand to host activities and answer questions about lemurs.

Did you know that Madagascar is the only place lemurs naturally call home? Did you know that there are over 100 species of lemur? (The Little Rock Zoo has three species.) Did you know that besides humans, lemurs are the only primates that have blue eyes?

Learn interesting facts like these and more on October 26 at the Zoo.

The activities are included in the cost of admission.

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November

11/29 World Anteater Day

We are celebrating anteaters at the Little Rock Zoo!

Zoo staff will be on hand to host activities and answer questions about reptiles.

Did you know that anteaters don't have teeth? Did you know that anteaters are fast runners? Did you know anteaters have knife-like claws?

Learn interesting facts like these and more on November 29, at the Zoo as we celebrate anteaters! All activities are included with the regular cost of admission. Check back for more information soon!

December

12/4 International Cheetah Day

In honor of International Cheetah Day on Monday, December 4, we hope you'll join us in celebrating and raising awareness of this iconic species. At the Little Rock Zoo, we have a cheetah group: Padfoot and Prongs (brothers) and Maggie (female).

This group can be seen at the Cheetah Outpost each day: enjoying their habitats outfitted with anthills and great views of the veldt animals, playing with their toys and devouring daily treats.

Did you know that cheetahs' tails act like rudders as they run- helping to keep their balance? Did you know that both the fur and skin of the cheetah are spotted? Learn these facts and more during our International Cheetah Day-- check back for more details.