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Hero Section

Headline: SAVE WILDLIFE TOGETHER

Our world is losing species at an unprecedented rate. Horizon Zoo is dedicated to help preserve these amazing creatures, but we need your support.

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Plan Your Visit:

Plan to spend a majority of your day at the zoo. There's plenty of exhibits, shows, and tours for the whole family to enjoy. The zoo gates open at 9 am and close at 6 pm. You may want to arrive earlier to start the day with coffee at the Horizon Plaza or visit the gift shop.

Map & Accommodations

The zoo map includes all the information you need to find us by train, bus, car, or bike. Contact the Visitors' Center for help in finding somewhere to stay. Several hotels, cottages, and B & Bs are located near the zoo.

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Food & Drinks

Check out all of our delicious menus and latest offers by exploring our restaurants, concessions, and cafes. We're committed to protecting wildlife so you can be sure that all of the food that we sell is ethically sourced and, if possible, locally made.

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Accessibility

Horizon Zoo makes a concerted effort to ensure our pathways, exhibits, and facilities are accessible to all visitors. Wheelchairs and electric scooters can be rented. Service dogs are welcomed. Resources are available to those with sensory sensitivities.

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Zoo Attractions

Get closer to the wonders of the natural world.

Zookeeper talks are held daily at various animal habitats, giving visitors a chance to interact with members of the animal care staff and learn about the animals. This schedule is updated weekly.

Critter encounters allow you to get up close with some of your favorite animals. Our new exclusive giraffe feeding will give you a chance to hand feed one of our resident giraffes. You will be in awe of their long necks and adorable ossicones. In addition to the feeding, you will have exclusive access to

giraffe experts who will help you get to know each member of the herd. Just watch out for the giraffe drool!

Other Attractions

Stay in the Know (set up this section with <article> and <aside> elements)

Welcome Barclay to the Horizon Zoo

Posted by Joseph Summers, Zoo Director

October 28, 20XX

We're excited to welcome the wonderful little fennec fox, Barclay, to our Zoo. Barclay only weighs 2 pounds and measures 14 inches in length.

In the wild fennec foxes live in the deserts of North Africa. They have thick fur which helps to regulate their body temperature during the hot days and cold nights of the desert. Barclay has a tiny nose, reddish cream fur, and jet-black eyes. But his most noticeable feature is his enormous ears. These ears help him to dispel the desert heat and locate prey.

Barclay spends much of the day underground in his burrow. But he is often seen zipping around the exhibit looking for bugs to eat. We encourage you to come see Barclay in his new home at the African Exhibit.

Read More

Other articles listed in sidebar: (include as many article as needed to fill the sidebar)

Preparing for a Gorilla Birth

Posted by Leona Tucker, Veterinarian

December 18, 20XX

Help Make Our Green Wishes Come True

Posted by Nathan Porter, Operations Manager

November 10, 20XX

Hip-Hippo-Hooray for a Big Birthday Girl

Posted by Dana Lawson, Marketing Director

October 5, 20XX

A Symbol of Hope for a Vulnerable Species

Posted by Connie Lambert, Conservation

Biologist

Buzz 101: All Your Bee Questions, Answered!

Posted by Wilbur Mann, Zoo Educator

August 3, 20XX

Footer

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ZOO EVENTS PAGE CONTENT

Open Activities

Every weekend, public holidays and during school vacations we organize open activities for our visitors included in the entrance fee.

Animals feeding, play and learn games, storytelling, education exhibitions, elephants and dolphin show and many more. Choose the ones you prefer among the options we suggest every week!

Holiday Camps for Kids

During the Christmas and summer holidays, your children can come to the Horizon Zoo to spend their free time in a pleasant environment, enjoying, loving and respecting the animals.

We prepared different types of camps to discover the wonderful world of the Zoo, explore nature, meet new friends and become one of the guardians of animals.

Birthday Parties & Corporate Events

Create an exciting new adventure for your child's birthday. We have different birthday party options for kids ages 3 and up such as Really Big Reptiles Party, Aquatic Adventure Party, Animals and Art Party, and more.

Think about holding your next corporate event at the zoo. From business meetings and team-building experiences, to company picnics and holiday parties, every corporate event is a little more fun when held at the zoo.

Behind the Scene Tours

Your group can share an experience like none other: behind the scenes at the Horizon Zoo. Get a peek at what it's like to be a zookeeper. See the animals up close and personal. Each tour provides the enthralling, breathtaking experience of seeing the world's dramatic wildlife up close. This is a great opportunity for groups of all sizes and interests.

Animal Care tours take groups through the animal care facilities. Find out what it takes to provide healthy food for all of the animals here at the zoo by visiting with the staff at the Nutrition Center. Meet with our doctors at the Vet Hospital to learn more about the animals in their care and some of the very clever ways they treat some of the needs they require.

Educational Programs

Horizon Zoo's educational events are an integral part of the institution's commitment to conservation. The zoo offers engaging programs, exhibits and materials that educate our community and school children about wildlife.

Tens of thousands of school children and adults attend our classroom presentations, zoo tours, overnights, and outreach programs each school year. Summer and weekend programs for all ages bring the excitement of learning about wildlife to area residents. Materials are available to be loaned out from our Horizon Resource Center such as hands-on kits, videos and activity books.

Take a Ride

Our Horizon Express Train offers a 20-minute narrated tour weaving through tunnels and past favorite animal exhibits on a 1½-mile round trip. One of the zoo's most popular attractions, the railroad has transported more than 30 million visitors since 1960. The railroad operates year-round, weather permitting.

The wild animal carousel is a spinning delight for children of all ages. Take a spin on one of your favorite animals such as a giant turtle or a ferocious tiger. There are 30 brightly colored wooden animals to choose from.

ABOUT US PAGE CONTENT

Our Mission

The Zoo's mission is to inspire and educate people to join with it in the active support and conservation of wildlife and wild places. The Zoo is committed to serving its communities by engaging people with the wonder of the living world through personal encounters that foster lifelong harmonious relationships with nature.

Zoo At A Glance

- Animal Species: 425
- Individual Animals: 3,300
- Annual Attendance: 956,777
- 36,510 membership households
- More than 52,000 school children visiting as part of their education
- More than 2,000 volunteers contributing more than 41,000 hours

The Traits that Make Us Successful

Excellence

We ensure the highest standard of care for wildlife, provide excellent guest service, and create fun and transformational experiences that connect people to nature.

Conservation

We are committed to practicing and promoting activities and actions that benefit wildlife and the environment.

Innovation

We encourage creativity, strive to think differently and turn our ideas into actions.

Collaboration

We conduct ourselves in a manner that fosters respect and teamwork among staff, volunteers and our partners to achieve our mutual goals.

Integrity

We are transparent and committed to best practices and leading by example.

Passion

We are proud, energetic and passionate about saving wildlife and will inspire others to value the critical role of our zoo.

Testimonials from Employees and Visitors

Great Place to Work

★★★★★

One of the best places to work!! Great way to learn more about this fantastic zoo!! Every day the leads and management make sure that you get all breaks and that you feel comfortable working with the customers and animals.

Fun Job

★★★★★

You can't complain when working at Horizon Zoo. Fellow employees are nice and fun to work with. Managers and staff are friendly and helpful. Even though this was just a part-time job, it did help me learn a lot!

Great Research Program

★★★★★

I participated in a research program observing the activity of the elephants housed in the zoo. This was a great opportunity to learn and interact with new animal behavior software equipment.

Pros: Free zoo access, weekly lab lectures and special guests Cons: Long working hours

One of a Kind Zoo

★★★★★

We've been to a lot of zoos, but this one has its own uniqueness. The tiered levels of the zoo make it seem like you're literally going from one area of the world to another. It can be a workout, so wear comfortable shoes. We loved the exhibits and most of the animals had plenty of space. Our only qualm was the penguin exhibit and the lack of good flow there. Great for the kids.

MEET THE BIRDS PAGE CONTENT

The dazzling diversity of the world's birds is one of nature's wonders. Birds seem to come in almost every conceivable size, form and color. More than 9,000 species of birds are alive today, occupying all of the world's continents and habitats. Yet despite their amazing variety and diversity, all birds have one unique characteristic: *feathers*.

Feathers do a number of things. They protect a bird's skin from wet, cold and injury and their colors and shape play a large role in the mating game. Feathers are made up of the protein **keratin** (the same substance found in our hair, teeth and nails). They are lightweight enough to allow the bird to fly, yet are also strong and waterproof.

Saving Birds – You Can Help!

Thousands of bird populations and entire species are hanging on by their wingtips. Here are some ways you can help save birds that visit your home or that live in the wild.

Prevent Bird Collisions:

Migratory songbirds are attracted by lights and end up killed each year by colliding with lighted buildings at night. You can help by turning off the lights or close the blinds of your high-rise offices or apartment buildings.

Protect Birds from Pets

Unleashed dogs and outdoor cats can harm birds by disturbing, chasing, and even killing them. Cats kill somewhere between 1.3 and 4 billion birds every year in the U.S.

Use Cloth Grocery Bags and Reusable Bottles

Birds that mistakenly eat plastic trash can become ill or even die. Avoiding use of plastic bags and bottles not only saves birds but also reduces plastic pollution and conserves resources.

Birds at Horizon Zoo

Horizon Zoo is home to a variety of bird species. Featured this month are the following eight bird species.

(Include a thumbnail image and hyperlinked name for each of the following birds:)

American Wood Duck

Barred Owl

Carmine Bee-eater

Caribbean Flamingo

East African Crowned Crane

Magellanic Penguin

North American Bald Eagle

Two-horned Puffins

DONATIONS PAGE CONTENT

Help Support the Animals

Support for Horizon Zoo can be provided in a variety of ways such as through donating items from our wish list, adopting an animal, serving as a volunteer, becoming a member, or making a money donation of any amount.

Membership

Horizon Zoo offers several membership packages perfect for individuals, families, and grandparents. Memberships are the best value, paying for themselves in as little as two to three visits per year

(see member plan cards and form on next page)

Basic Level Benefits

- Unlimited standard admission to the zoo for one year
- 10% Discount at the gift shop and concessions
- E-mail newsletter, announcing exciting happenings throughout the year!
- Special “**Members Only Party**” at the zoo
- [Prices for individuals & families](#)

Donate Now

Deluxe Level Benefits

- **All Basic member benefits PLUS**
- Free parking for one vehicle per visit to the zoo
- Discounts on birthday parties and summer camp
- Free admission to Halloween and Christmas events
- [Prices for individuals & families](#)

Donate Now

Premium Level Benefits

- **All Basic and Deluxe member benefits PLUS**
- 6 One-Time Guest Passes
- 15% Discount (instead of 10%) at the gift shop and concessions
- One free guided tour for 4 people In April, June, and October
- [Prices for individuals & families](#)

Donate Now

Money Donations

Working together, we can ensure that the opportunity to enjoy wildlife and wild places will be here for future generations. Your tax deductible gift helps fund Horizon Zoo's wildlife conservation and research efforts, as well as valuable education and animal care programs. By donating today, you can help us save animals from extinction.

If you would prefer to just make a money contribution, please complete the following form:

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Name:

Your full name

Email:

Your email address

Would you like to make a money donation to the Horizon Zoo

☐ Yes ☐ No

Please indicate the amount of the money donation that you would like to make to Horizon Zoo.

☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 ☐ Other

How frequently would you like to make this donation?

One Time Gift

If you would like to make a memorial or tribute gift, provide additional information below

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