



Guests at Brookfield Zoo can see bottlenose dolphins in the underwater viewing gallery at Seven Seas as well as feed giraffes. King, a black rhinoceros, can be seen outdoors in one of the habitats on the south side of Brookfield Zoo's Pachyderm House. Photos courtesy of Chicago Zoological Society.

A World of Wonderment for 100 Years

RESERVE YOUR TICKETS IN ADVANCE TO VISIT BROOKFIELD ZOO

ABOUT A 45-MINUTE DRIVE from the Northwest Suburbs, Brookfield Zoo is a perfect close-to-home destination for the family to explore the outdoors and see animals from around the world, including Hope and Hudson, the zoo's polar bears who were recently introduced to each other. Additional animals not to miss are the Mexican wolves—Sibi, Viviette, and Amigo; Ahava and Malaya, two of the zoo's snow leopards; African painted dogs; Leo, a red panda; and grey seals at Pinniped Point.

Beginning on May 29, and continuing daily through October 3, as well as on weekends in October, guests will once again have the opportunity to feed the reticulated giraffes. For \$10, zoo-goers can get up close to these majestic creatures and feed them some of their favorite nutritious treats. For a more pre-historic visit, Brookfield Zoo has brought back its popular Dinosaurs Everywhere! exhibit through September 6. A few surprises will be featured on some of the 40 animatronic dinosaurs to make them more lifelike. Located throughout the 216-acre park, zoogoers will be able to see their favorite dinosaurs, including the Argentinosaurus that measures 110 feet

in length and stands three-stories tall on the zoo's West Mall. Additionally, this year, there are 12 miniature brontosaurus named Benita along the dinosaur trail. Let the zoo know if you find one or all of them by sharing photos on social media—tag the zoo at #BrookfieldZoo. Guests can download the zoo's map at CZS.org/ZooMap to see where the animatronic dinos are located.

Hamill Family Wild Encounters is now welcoming guests. There, you can see wallabies, reindeer, llamas, goats, feed the parakeets in the aviary (extra fee required), and feed the goats (just remember to bring your two quarters). Several indoor animal buildings are also open with limited capacity, including the Swamp, Living Coast, and underwater viewing areas at Great Bear Wilderness and Seven Seas home to the zoo's bottlenose dolphins. In addition, outdoor gift shop kiosks and food stands are open.

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Because the zoo is open with limited capacity, advance admission and parking tickets are required for both guests and zoo members. Reservation times are available in 20-minute increments.

Tickets must be reserved at CZS.org/OnlineTicketing. To minimize person-to-person contact, the zoo will remain a cashless environment—only credit card transactions will be accepted for purchasing food and merchandise. When entering the zoo, all guests ages 2 and over must wear face coverings. Once inside, face coverings should be worn if not able to maintain a social distance of at least six feet from staff and guests who are not members of the same family. This includes when making transactions, and while inside restrooms. Before arriving at the zoo, guests are encouraged to visit CZS.org/KnowBeforeYouGo to review the safety protocols, as well to get updates on what animal habitats and other amenities are open.

Admission to Brookfield Zoo is \$24.95 for adults, \$17.95 for children ages 3-11, and \$19.95 for seniors 65 and over. Parking is \$15. All tickets are nonrefundable. Brookfield Zoo is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays, and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends. Beginning May 29, the zoo's summer hours will be from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. 

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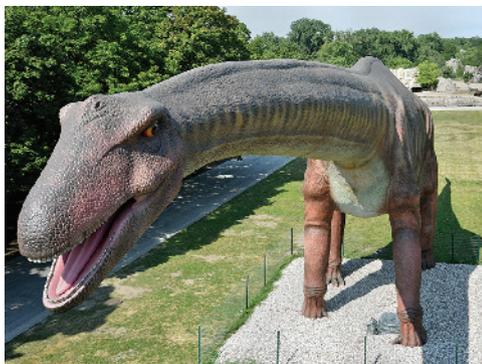


Virtual and Onsite Events at Brookfield Zoo



Virtual 5k Spring Run/Walk Now through May 30, 2021

Brookfield Zoo's first-ever Virtual 5k Spring Run/Walk takes you outdoors to enjoy the warmer weather. You choose the time and place—take a hike in a forest preserve, jog along a waterfront trail, or stroll through a neighborhood. Or, run the full 5k to compare your time with other runners. \$30 per person. Each participant receives a beanie, virtual medal, and completion certificate. Race materials will be mailed. To register, visit CZS.org/SpringRun2021.



Dinos Everywhere! Now through September 6, 2021

The zoo's popular Dinosaurs Everywhere! exhibit returns for a limited time through September 6, 2021. This year, 12 miniature brontosaurus named Benita are along the dinosaur trail. Share your photos on social media—tag the zoo at #BrookfieldZoo. Download the zoo's map at CZS.org/ZooMap to see where all the animatronic dinos are located. The exhibit was created by Don Lessum, advisor to the movie "Jurassic Park" and is on loan from Dino Don, Inc. and The Wildlife Conservation Society. Free with zoo admission.

Virtu-Whirl

Saturday, May 1, 7 p.m.

The Chicago Zoological Society's 40th annual Whirl is once again virtual. This year's Virtu-Whirl highlights the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Chicago Zoological Society, the nonprofit organization that manages Brookfield Zoo. Special programming celebrating this notable milestone will be featured. Also, during the event, participants will be able to bid on dozens of fabulous auction items and contribute with a monetary donation in a paddle raise. Visit CZS.org/VirtuWhirl or call 708-688-8670. Donate at CZS.org/Donate.



Virtual Lecture—The Conservation of the Guam Kingfisher: Past, Present, and Future Tuesday, May 25, 7 p.m.

Join Tim Snyder, curator of birds for the Chicago Zoological Society, as he shares the history and conservation efforts for the Guam kingfisher. Learn about the many challenges this program has encountered along the way and how they were overcome. Learn how the Chicago Zoological Society is contributing to reintroduce these beautiful birds back to wild. The lecture is free, although a \$10 donation is appreciated. Online reservations are required at CZS.org/LectureSeries.



Virtual Paint Night

Saturday, June 5, 3-5 p.m.

Are you a "Penguin Picasso" or "Vincent Van Goat"? Pick up your paintbrush, put on your smock, and get your palettes ready for Virtual Paint Night. Partnered with Pinots Palette's Naperville studio, this class will be a live virtual event. Can't make it on the 5th? You have up to seven days to watch the recorded video. The cost, \$35 plus shipping, includes all you need to paint your work of art—canvas, paint, and brushes. To register, visit: CZS.org/Events.



Virtual Lecture—Mr. Gadget: An Overview of Brookfield Zoo's Environmental Quality Program - Tuesday, June 8, 7 p.m.

Learn about Brookfield Zoo's comprehensive environmental monitoring program from "The Gadget Guy", John Kanzia, environmental quality manager for the Chicago Zoological Society. From monitoring water quality and indoor air quality to noise and sound levels, Kanzia utilizes a combination of over 30 instruments to ensure the animals' habitats are the best they can be. The lecture is free, although a \$10 donation is appreciated. Online reservations are required at: CZS.org/LectureSeries.