



2016 FACT SHEET

- DESCRIPTION:** Founded in 1876, The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore is the third oldest zoo in the United States and is internationally known for its conservation and research contributions. The Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA), assuring excellent care for animals, a great experience for visitors and a better future for all living things.
- LOCATION:** Situated on more than 160 acres in Druid Hill Park, one mile from I-83 (Jones Falls Expressway) and 10 minutes north of Baltimore’s Inner Harbor.
- HOURS:** The Zoo is open daily from 10 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. *The Zoo is closed Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.* The Zoo is open Friday through Monday in January and February. **This summer, the Zoo opens at 9:30 am Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, May through Labor Day.**
- ADMISSION:** Adult (age 12-64) \$18.00, seniors (65+) \$15.00 and children ages 2-11 \$14.00. Children under 2 are free.
- Tickets purchased online are good for 1 year from date of purchase.
- Parking is free.**
- GROUPS:** Planning on bringing a large group to the Zoo? Our Group Sales Department offers a discounted admission rate for your group of 15 or more. Call 443-552-5277 for details.
- BIRTHDAYS!** Celebrate your child’s birthday at the Zoo! Bring your crew or have the Zoo do all the work. Contact the Group Sales office for details – groupsales@marylandzoo.org
- MEMBERSHIP:** Enjoy free, unlimited admission to The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore and more than 100 participating zoos and aquariums across the country. Zoo members also receive invitations to members-only events, free subscriptions to members-only publications and more! Call 443-552-5281 for details or visit www.marylandzoo.org.
- INFORMATION:** For information about The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore, visit us online at www.marylandzoo.org, or call the “Mane Lion” at 410-366-LION. “Like” us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/marylandzoo or follow us on Twitter @marylandzoo

Other Social Media sites: Tumblr - www.marylandzoo.tumblr.com

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YouTube - www.youtube.com/marylandzootv

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“MANE” ATTRACTIONS:

PENGUIN COAST – Closer than ever! See the country’s largest colony of African penguins in their new habitat, which also happens to be the largest exhibit of its kind in North America! Featuring 360 degree viewing, including underwater viewing window, this is the Zoo’s newest and most remarkable exhibit!

Flamingos on exhibit! Check out our flock of flamingos just along the boardwalk into Africa.

Samson the elephant turns eight this year! Samson was born on March 19, 2008 weighing 290 pounds. At his first birthday, he was over 1,000 lbs and now weighs close to 7,000 lbs.

Panamanian Golden Frogs are on exhibit in the Chimp Forest. Visit these very endangered critters and learn more about efforts to conserve these charismatic frogs.

The Jones Falls Zephyr is open daily. Hop on this bright red train for a one mile ride through the beautiful woods of the Jones Falls watershed right here in the Zoo! Rides are \$3 each, \$2 for Zoo Members.

Giraffe Feeding Station! Guests can get up-close-and-personal with the zoo’s giraffes as they literally eat right out of your hands. Giraffe browse can be purchased for \$2 – open from 10:30-3, weather permitting.

Polar Bear Watch, the Zoo’s state-of-the-art polar bear exhibit. Visitors can watch Anoki cavort in and out of the water from a Tundra Buggy®, like those used in the Arctic on scientific expeditions.

Visitors learn about animals in their own backyard, as well as those in more exotic locales, when they take a trek through the **Maryland Wilderness**, home to the award-winning **Children's Zoo**, or embark on an **African Journey**.

The Marsh Aviary is buzzin’! Twenty-three new bird residents are flying about in the newly reconstructed Marsh Aviary, including our newest resident Garrett, the sandhill crane that was found wandering around Garrett County in 2015. Aviary birds are Maryland natives and are right at home here at the Zoo.

Prairie Dog Town! Our prairie dogs have a fun habitat close to the entrance at Schaefer Plaza. You can spy them on the way in AND the way out.

GUEST AMENITIES

Concessions - **Whistle Stop** and **Side Tracks** are in the Zoo Central near the Farmyard. There are fresh salads, sandwich wraps, and pizza as well as a number of fun, healthy choices for kids, too!

Check out **Pizza Depot** and **Railway Express** (house made BBQ) for additional lunch options.

The Oasis Stand is near the Elephant Overlook and features quick snacks and drinks. **The Bait Shack**, located at Penguin Coast, offers quick snacks and drinks.

Wild Things Gift Shop has a new look and loads of new merchandise. Members get 10% off all purchases!

ANIMALS:

The Zoo's animal collection encompasses more than 1,500 birds, mammals, amphibians and reptiles, representing nearly 200 species. Animals are displayed in natural settings replicating their native habitats.

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CONSERVATION:

The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore is known for its participation in research, the AZA's Species Survival Plans and other zoological activities here and around the world. Among current significant projects:

- **Project Golden Frog:** A conservation consortium among U.S. and Panamanian institutions consists of field studies, captive propagation and education with the primary goal of ensuring against the extinction of the endangered Panamanian Golden Frog due to an incurable fungal disease.
- **Avian Malaria Project:** The Zoo has the largest captive colony of black-footed penguins in North America and supplies two-thirds of the captive population. It is world-renowned for its collaborative efforts in avian malaria research on the wild black-footed penguin population in South Africa.
- Participation in several Species Survival Plan (SSP) programs, which carefully plan for the future of threatened and endangered species to ensure their genetic viability.

ADOPT:

Need a special gift for someone? Look no further than The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore! From reptiles to mammals, birds to amphibians, we have a unique gift from our ADOPT-An-Animal program. Call 443-552-5280 for details or visit www.marylandzoo.org.

RENTALS:

The Mansion House, Waterfowl Lake Pavilion, Lakeside Pavilion and Penguin Coast are available for special events. Call 443-552-5277 for details.

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