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MARYLAND ZOO ADMISSION PRICES DROP WITH THE TEMPERATURES

Beginning December 1, all tickets \$15 through February 2022

November 29, 2021 (BALTIMORE, MD) – As the weather outside turns frightful, The Maryland Zoo will remain delightful with discounted winter pricing. From Wednesday, December 1, 2021, until Monday, February 28, 2022, admission is \$15 per person. For Zoo members and children under two, admission remains free.

“We invite visitors to bundle up and enjoy some fresh air and quality time with friends and family this winter at the Zoo,” said Kirby Fowler, president & CEO of The Maryland Zoo. “Visiting with our animals can add some sunshine to the colder months as many of our animals enjoy the colder weather and are more active.”

Timed entry tickets must be purchased or reserved online in advance. Zoo members must reserve in advance on Saturday and Sunday only. Per Baltimore City mandate, masks are required for all guests ages two and up regardless of vaccination status in all indoor locations within the Zoo.

The Zoo will be open daily from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. throughout the month of December with the exception of Christmas Day when the Zoo will be closed. Beginning Saturday, January 1, 2022, and continuing through Monday, February 28, 2022, the Zoo will be open four days a week - Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The Zoo will resume 7-day-a-week operations and regular ticket pricing on Tuesday, March 1, 2022.

Below are highlights of a winter visit to the Zoo along with a list of animals you can expect to see during your trip to the Zoo. The health and safety of the Zoo’s wildlife is considered first and therefore this list may change depending on weather conditions.

- Train and Carousel rides remain open (weather and equipment pending - the train and carousel cannot operate in weather below 35 degrees, high winds and/or sleet or snow.)
- Prairie dogs will remain on exhibit. They may choose to stay underground in extreme winter conditions but will likely be out regularly throughout the winter.
- The bald eagle will remain on exhibit.
- African penguins will have outdoor access and may be visible, especially during feeding time (10:30 and 3:30 daily).
- Penguin Encounters, and Penguin, Rhino and Otter training experiences are available during Zoo hours.

- Great white pelicans and white-breasted cormorants will remain on exhibit as weather allows.
- Red-crested pochards will remain on exhibit in the African Aviary. Blue duikers and all other birds are off exhibit for the season.
- The Chimpanzee Forest will remain open and guests will see chimps, colobus monkeys, lemurs, red-tailed guenons, and Panamanian golden frogs indoors. Several chimp groups will rotate through the indoor chimp habitat.
- The Giraffe House will remain open and giraffe and okapi can be viewed indoors. Due to potential heat loss in the building, if the temperature drops too low, the building may need to be closed early.
- Flamingos will be on exhibit throughout the winter and are typically not affected by colder weather.
- Elephants, Rhino, zebra and ostrich will be outdoors on days when the temperature allows (typically 40+ degrees).
- The Amur leopard, lions, and cheetahs will be visible on exhibit for most of the season. The leopard is sometimes out in the snow!
- Bobcat, otters, and hellbenders are on exhibit in all weather.
- The Marsh Aviary will be open and most birds will be out unless the weather is severe.
- The Farmyard area, including the goat corral, will be open weather permitting. Alpaca, goats, sheep, donkeys, pigs, swans and peafowl are visible there throughout the winter.

For tickets and additional information about the Zoo, please visit our website at www.MarylandZoo.org or Facebook (www.facebook.com/marylandzoo) for up-to-date information on the Zoo in the winter and possible weather-related closings.

About The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore

Founded in 1876, The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore is the third oldest zoo in the United States and is internationally known for its contributions in conservation and research. More than 1,500 animals are represented in the Zoo's varied natural habitat exhibits in areas such as the award-winning Penguin Coast, Northern Passage (formerly known as Polar Bear Watch), the Maryland Wilderness, and African Journey. Situated in Druid Hill Park near downtown Baltimore, the Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums. For more information, visit www.marylandzoo.org.

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