

San Diego Zoo

Curious Creatures Welcome

At the San Diego Zoo, a whole new world opens up for you when you're curious. You'll start to wonder: why is a giraffe's tongue purple? Can hippos float? And when you visit, there's a wildlife expert who knows the answer to every question, including how your visits support wildlife conservation worldwide. So come connect with over 600 species of wildlife. And bring us your wildest questions. At the San Diego Zoo, Curious Creatures Welcome.

zoo.sandiegozoo.org

OPERATING HOURS

Schedule and hours subject to change.

September 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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October 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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November 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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Operating Hours Key

9 a.m.–4 p.m.	9 a.m.–5 p.m.	9 a.m.–6 p.m.
9 a.m.–7 p.m.	9 a.m.–8 p.m.	9 a.m.–9 p.m.

CALLING ALL EXPLORERS

KIDS FREE

October 1–31

All October long, wildlife explorers ages 11 and younger can follow their natural curiosity to the Zoo for free. Their curiosity will run wild as they explore high above the treetops with orangutans and lemurs and dive underwater with polar bears and hippos. Come curious to discover incredible wildlife and embark on unforgettable adventures!

HALGLOWEEN

Weekends in October

Glittering, glimmering, and glowing lights illuminate the Zoo after dark every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday in October. There's spook-tacular fun for all ages with interactive entertainment and mystical adventures, plus tasty culinary treats for you to sink your teeth into.

WILD WEEKEND: AFRICAN FOREST

September 19–20

Central Africa is home to biodiversity hotspots with unique wildlife, including some of the most endangered primates on Earth. During this weekend, swing into family-friendly activities and educational fun for everyone. Then explore how we're saving, protecting, and caring for gorillas and other endangered species through our African Forest Conservation Hub.

Kids free during October when accompanied by an adult with a valid form of admission; one adult with a valid form of admission can bring up to 4 youths ages 11 and younger free.

For some experiences, spaces are limited, and additional charges may apply. Dates and offerings are subject to change; please visit sandiegozoo.org/upgradedexperiences for more information.





