



Discount Indianapolis Zoo Tickets

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Adult	\$13.00
Child (2-12)	\$9.00
Senior (62+)	\$11.00

May Hours:

May 1-21: Open 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday – Thursday; 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Friday – Sunday

May 22-31: Open 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday – Thursday; 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Friday – Sunday

Enjoy Mother's Day at the Indianapolis Zoo



The Indianapolis Zoo is celebrating moms of all species during Mother's Day Weekend, with activities happening throughout the Zoo May 9-10! Every mother who joins us this weekend will receive a special "proud mom" sticker at the front gate. Then head over to Café on the Commons for a free, tasty treat to satisfy your sweet tooth. Next, get ready for a fun scavenger hunt that will take you to see our Zoo moms and learn some great animal facts. There will be photo ops the whole day to capture special memories. Don't forget to check out the Nursing Mom's Nest presented by Riley Hospital for Children at

Indiana University Health while you're here. Located in Encounters, this private space offers a place for moms to care for and breastfeed their babies.

Image courtesy of Erik Markov

What is animal enrichment?

Have you ever noticed our animals displaying unique behaviors or interacting with special objects in their exhibits? Chances are you were watching animal enrichment activities. Zookeepers offer a variety of enrichment types to stimulate the animals' senses and encourage natural behaviors.



Although many people think of animal enrichment as play, that's only one aspect of enrichment. In the wild, animals use a variety of skills to find food, avoid predators, find mates, build homes and countless other activities. At the Zoo, keepers provide for all the animals' survival needs, but it's important to encourage instinctual behaviors to keep our animals healthy both mentally and physically.

Offering new and different forms of enrichment helps keep the animals engaged and stimulated. The type of enrichment keepers offer depends on the behavior they're trying to encourage — from digging and foraging, to sniffing and scent-marking, to searching and exploring and so much more. In

Encounters, the taveta golden weavers receive a variety of grasses to encourage their creativity in building nests. In Deserts, the meerkats enjoy exploring long, cardboard tubes, which are similar to the burrows they dig in the wild. Many animals receive balls, boxes and other items they can forage through to find hidden treats. Others are encouraged to hunt and explore when scents are sprinkled around their exhibit.

Providing enrichment is just one of the many ways our keepers help our animals stay happy and healthy. Watching animal enrichment activities is also educational for guests. Seeing the animals' abilities in action helps people to better understand and appreciate how amazing these creatures are, and that's what inspires people to care about animal conservation.



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