

Kids Stuff

Daring day trips

WOODLAND PARK OFFERS FAMILY FUN THIS SUMMER

The Woodland Park Zoo offers a variety of exhibits and events during the summer. Woodland Park is located at 5500 Phinney Ave. N. in Seattle. Come to the zoo, see and learn about many animals such as lions, hippopotamus, elephants, zebras, giraffes, snakes, bears, monkeys, orangutan and penguins, just to name a few. Visit www.zoo.org to learn more information.

- Meet Yola and her Gorilla Family; 12:30-closing daily, weather permitting.

- Feed the Giraffes! Come feed the giraffes from 10 to 11 a.m. and 3 to 4 p.m. every day (except Tuesdays). Cost is \$5 per person, free for children under 5 years of age

with paying adult.

- Taiga Viewing Shelter. See river otters swim playfully underwater and bears hunting for trout.

- Come meet the pack of meerkats, African Savannah mongooses.

- Meet the warthogs and Visayan warty pigs!

- Humboldt Penguin Exhibit - see the birds preen, swim, build nests and squabble over territory in this 17,000 square foot exhibit.

- Pink Flamingo Exhibit - See these impressive 40-42 inch tall Chilean Flamingos. This exhibit evokes the coastal salt marshes and estuaries of the temperate forest zone of Chili, specifically the island of

Chiloé where flamingos find winter refuge. More than 25 flamingos grace this 4,000 square foot exhibit.

- Red, White and Zoo - This event, to be held June 30-July 1, will feature animals throughout the zoo receiving Fourth of July favorites such as star-shaped popcicles, watermelons and corn-on-the-cob.

- Willawong Station - The Bird Feeding Experience:

This walk-thru aviary will offer visitors a fun opportunity to feed birds in a controlled, safe environment. The aviary includes over 100 free-flying birds, primarily small colorful Australian parrots. Kids just love this exhibit! \$2 per seed stick.



VISIT POINT DEFIANCE ZOO AND AQUARIUM



Photo credit Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium

You might want to consider a day trip to the Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium in Tacoma. It is the only facility in the Pacific Northwest to exhibit large sharks and to offer Camel Rides! Up to three people can ride at once. Rides are offered for \$8 (\$6 for zoo members) daily between 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., weather permitting (must be 3 years or older). The zoo is large enough to offer an awesome array of animals yet small enough to let you really get close to them. This fun and affordable 29-acre zoo is located inside the 700-acre Point Defiance park and is home to more than 1,000 animals.

Feel the soft skin of a

stingray and the sandpaper-like skin of small sharks.

Enjoy the action-packed animal show at Wild Wonders Outdoor Theater noon weekdays and 3:30 p.m. on weekends.

There are animal presentations and close encounters offered daily at the zoo.

To get to the zoo from I-5, take exit 132 and follow signs to Hwy. 16. Exit at Sixth Avenue and turn left. Take the next right onto Pearl Street and follow signs to Point Defiance Park. Directional signs will lead you to the zoo. For more information visit www.pdza.org or call 253-591-5337.



NW Trek

Northwest Trek Wildlife Park is a treasure for wildlife enthusiasts. The tram tour through the 435-acre free-roaming area offers the opportunity to spot these wild animals. The 715-acre park has a little bit of everything: lakes, trails, meadows and plenty of animals. Northwest Trek

is home to more than 200 North American animals representing more than 30 species.

There are many events planned at Northwest Trek this summer. From a Slug Fest to the Elk Rut, Northwest Trek is bustin' out all over.

For reservations and more information, www.nwtrek.org

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The fun is at Olympic Game Farm



families for over 40 years. For more than 28 years, the Olympic Game Farm worked exclusively with Walt Disney Studios and many others on features for theatre and television

Come and visit the animals at Olympic Game Farm in Sequim! Olympic Game Farm is home to more than 20 animal species, both endangered and non-endangered and many of the animals are veterans of the silver screen.

The Olympic Game Farm has been entertaining

including: "The Grizzly Adams Series", "The Incredible Journey", "Charlie The Lonesome Cougar", "Beach-combers" and many more.

The farm has hundreds of animals on site for families to "Get Face to Face with Wildlife" from the comfort of their vehicles on the famous

Driving Tour.

In addition to the drive tour, visit the Historic Studio Barn, and the Freshwater Aquarium as part of the walking tour (groups of 10 or more; scheduled two weeks in advance Memorial through Labor Day). Mini-tours are also offered.

Olympic Game Farm is the place to get face to face and experience wildlife at close range. You'll have the opportunity to really see a tiger's stripes, a rare white Siberian tiger, a Kodiak bear's huge size or to get slobbered by a buffalo! Also visit the Reptile House with snakes and lizards and the Fresh Water Aquarium!

The driving tour leaves visitors with vivid memories of these amazing creatures. Experiences, which at first are hard to imagine, become pleasantly surprising:

friendly llamas eat bread from your hand, performing bears, grazing elk, zebra and buffalo. You will also see many animals which are on the endangered species list, such as timber wolves, Bengal tigers, and African lions.

In addition to the endangered species, Olympic Game Farm is home to coyote, bobcats, and many more species.

Bring your own bread on the tour to feed the animals or purchase bread



at the Game Farm for \$2 per loaf. Basic 100 percent whole wheat is the only bread permitted (no white, sourdough or multi-grain bread is allowed).

Olympic Game Farm is located at 1423 Ward Road in Sequim. For more information visit www.olygamefarm.com

Daring day trips: not for the faint of heart



These two adventures, The Great Wheel and Wings Over Washington, are for those who do not have a fear of heights. They are both located at Pier 57- Minor's Landing, 1301 Alaskan Way in Seattle.

• The Great Wheel

This giant ferris wheel is 175 ft. tall and is the tallest ferris wheel on the west coast and the only one built over water. www.seattlegreatwheel.com or call 206-623-8607.

• Wings Over Washington

Take a ride in the state-of-the-art "flying theater" that will transport you on an aerial adventure! www.wingoverwa.com or call 206-602-1808.



Outback Kangaroo Farm

The Outback Kangaroo Farm in Arlington offers a fun day with kangaroo and exotic animal tours. The unique, 40-minute tours are both educational and recreational.

The menagerie of furry and feathered residents at the farm include: kangaroos, wallabies, wallaroos, llamas, alpacas, lemurs, tortoise, pygmy goats, flying squirrels, peacocks, Patagonian cavy, mini donkeys, parrots and emus.

Tour schedules are Wednesday through Sunday at 10 a.m., 12 p.m., 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Be sure to arrive promptly.

Visit the Outback Kangaroo Farm in Arlington to experience a little of the Australian Outback. The farm is located at 10030 State Route 530 NE, Arlington. For more information visit www.outbackkangarooofarm.com or call 360-403-7474

