



Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo

"Critter encounters and lively new exhibits make Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo as exciting as a theme park."

-- Southern Living Magazine, December 2006

Recognized as the #1 zoo in the United States by *Parents* magazine (2009) and *Child* magazine (2004), Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo features 2,000 animals on 56 acres of lush, natural habitats comprising seven main exhibit areas: Asian Gardens, Primate World, Manatee and Aquatic Center, Florida Wildlife Center, Free-Flight Aviary, Wallaroo Station children's zoo, and Safari Africa. The Zoo has *more to do*, including water play areas, rides, educational shows and restaurants.

Zoo Highlights:

- **NEW IN 2008**, guests can enhance their outdoor adventure by hopping on "Gator Falls," a water flume ride over a section of the Florida Wildlife Center. Ride a log down the "river" and explore Florida's native wildlife by water, including a new white "albino" alligator habitat. Watch out for falling waters as the ride plunges 30 feet at splash down.
- In 2007, the zoo introduced a collection of new exhibits within Safari Africa named after the Ituri Forest, a dense tropical rain forest in the northern part of the Congo River Basin. This exciting area adds 1.5 acres of exhibits featuring new African species including cheetah, okapi, pygmy hippo, red river hogs and shoebill storks. The zoo also welcomed a colony of African penguins to a new outdoor exhibit near the entrance to Safari Africa.
- Safari Africa, an 11-acre exhibit area, features a young African elephant (born at the zoo in October 2005) and herd. Guests can feed a giraffe and ride a dromedary camel. The zoo also offers two family rides in this area -- the narrated "Safari Ride" which offers great views of Africa by open-air tram and the Treetop Skyfari Sky Ride which soars high above the zoo.
- Wallaroo Station, a 4.5 acre children's zoo, was designed especially for families with young children. Kids can feed small Australian parrots known as "Budgies," cool off in the "Billabong" water play area, ride a pony, pet the goats, look into the eyes of a kangaroo, romp in the "Woolshed" playground, or take a spin on one of two great children's rides.
- The Florida Manatee and Aquatic Center, housing The David A. Straz Jr. Manatee Hospital, offers compelling views of these amazing creatures from both above and below the water. Guests will also have the ability to see into the hospital area where keepers provide critical care for injured, sick and orphaned manatees.

- For those who enjoy opportunities to feed the animals, Lorikeet Landing, Bushland Budgies and Stingray Bay offer up-close encounters with these fascinating creatures. And don't miss great educational shows – the “Spirits of the Sky” birds of prey show is a visitor favorite.

About Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo

Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo is operated by the Lowry Park Zoological Society, an independent 501(c)(3) charitable organization committed to excellence in education, conservation and research. The zoo is located at 1101 W. Sligh Avenue in Tampa, one mile west of I-275 (exit 48). The Zoo is open seven days a week, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Parking is free. The Zoo is a nonsmoking facility with smoking allowed only in limited designated areas as marked by visitor information signs. Visit LowryParkZoo.com or call (813) 935-8552 for more information.

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