



LOCATION

The Central Florida Zoo & Botanical Gardens is located in Seminole County, between Orlando and Daytona on the I-4 corridor, exit 104.

Physical Address: 3755 West Seminole Boulevard, Sanford FL 32771

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 470309, Lake Monroe FL 32747

HOURS OF OPERATION

The Zoo is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Last admission is sold at 4:15 p.m. and the last entry is at 4:30 p.m. We are closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

Seminole Aerial Adventures opens daily at 9 a.m. Last admission to the Rainforest course is at 2:30 p.m. Last admission to the Kids' and Upland courses are at 3 p.m.

The Wharton-Smith Tropical Splash Ground is open daily at 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. unless the weather is below 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

ADMISSION FEES

Zoo Prices:

Adults (13–59): \$19.50

Children (3–12): \$13.75

Seniors (60+): \$15.95

Children under the age of 3 are free.

Parking is free.

Seminole Aerial Adventures Prices:

Kids' Course: \$14.95

Upland Course: \$35.95 (*Upgrade to Rainforest after completion for an additional \$12.00*)

Rainforest Course: \$45.95

ANNUAL PASS HOLDER INFORMATION

The Zoo offers a variety of annual pass options that include unlimited Zoo admission for a year with the exception of select blackout dates. Annual pass holders receive discounts for select education programs and camps, birthday parties, and purchases at the Zoofari Outpost Gift Shop above \$5.00. Annual pass holders may bring accompanying guests to the Zoo for \$10 admission per guest. They also enjoy the benefits of discounted admission to over 150 institutions who participate in the Association of Zoos and Aquariums' Reciprocal Program.

Annual Pass Holder Prices:

Single: \$55.00

Senior Plus: \$69.00

Family: \$99.00

Premier Family: 145.00

MISSION

The Central Florida Zoo & Botanical Gardens is a 501(c)3 non-profit education and conservation resource that provides experiences that excite and inspire children and adults to learn and act on behalf of wildlife.

ASSOCIATION OF ZOOS AND AQUARIUMS (AZA)

AZA The Central Florida Zoo & Botanical Gardens is an accredited member of the Association of Zoos & Aquariums, the nation's highest standard for animal care and wellbeing. Every five years the Zoo undergoes a rigorous inspection to maintain



accreditation. The Central Florida Zoo has been continuously accredited since 1986. The Zoo also participates in a variety of AZA programs, including the Species Survival Plan[®], or SSP. These programs are breeding programs designed to ensure the genetic diversity and survival of certain species in a coordinated effort across zoos and aquariums. Currently, the Central Florida Zoo & Botanical Gardens participates in approximately 30 SSPs, including giraffe, greater one-horned rhino, clouded leopard, and more. Notable SSP births in recent years include cotton-top tamarins, red-ruffed lemur, Grand Cayman rock iguanas, and clouded leopard.

HISTORY

Sanford has a long-standing history of having a city zoo, dating back to 1923. The Central Florida Zoological Society was established and the Zoo moved to its current location in the summer of 1975.

VISION

The Zoo strives to empower guests to respect, value, and care for natural resources. We are committed to contributing to local and global conservation efforts through collaboration, practices, and partnerships.

ANIMALS

The Zoo is home to more than 350 animals, representing over 100 species from the Americas, Africa, Asia, and Australia. Visitor favorites include our North American river otters, giraffe, greater one-horned Indian rhinoceros, Florida black bears, cougar, and Amur leopard.

BOTANICAL GARDENS

In 2007, the Central Florida Zoo earned the official status of a Botanical Garden. Situated within a protected wetland, our grounds are carefully maintained by experienced horticulture professionals. We feature a variety of species throughout of Butterfly, Health & Wellness, Succulent, Spiny Plant, and Wildflower Gardens.

ACTIVITIES

For an addition cost, guests can feed giraffe, ride the train or carousel, or participate in our intimate rhino encounter.

Our Seminole Aerial Adventures course is a separately ticketed attraction.

EDUCATION

Our education department reaches over 150,000 students per year through programs, guided tours, outreaches, and camps.

CONSERVATION

As an AZA accredited institution, we are active participants of several Species Survival Programs. Guests are given the option to round-up purchases to the nearest dollar, with the excess change going directly into our conservation fund which is donated to conservation organizations throughout the world.

We operate the Orianne Center for Indigo Conservation (OCIC)—a state-of-the-art facility who works to breed and raise Eastern indigo snake, a threatened species native to the southeastern United States. The OCIC introduces individuals into native habitats located in southern Alabama and the Florida panhandle in hopes a sustainable population will begin to thrive in their natural habitat.

VOLUNTEER

The Central Florida Zoo & Botanical Gardens relies greatly on the hard work and dedication of its volunteers. Positions include docents, Zoo Crew, Teen Teamers, interns, and more. The Zoo also hosts a number of corporate volunteer groups for several projects throughout each year.