

# Dream Day 2024

## Event Day Information

**Date:** Saturday 12 October 2024

**Location:** Melbourne Zoo

Enter via the main gate entrance on Elliott Avenue or the rail gate entrance on Poplar Road (adjacent to Royal Park Train Station).

**Time:** 9:00am – 5:00pm

*Please note you can enter the Zoo at any time between 9:00am – 4:30pm but the animals will begin going to bed from 4:30pm.*

### Entry Passes

Zoo staff will need to see your Entry Passes as you enter. Please show your Entry Passes email on your mobile phone or bring a printed version.

Your entry pass looks like this:



## Activities 10:00am – 3:00pm

Dream Day will feature fun activities and entertainment for the whole family throughout the day.

### Rail Lawns

- Ice Cream and Soft Drink Zone
  - LEGO Play Zone
  - Kidz Party DJ
  - Photobooth
  - Playgroup Victoria Play Zone
  - Toy Libraries Australia
  - Boats by Polyglot Theatre
- Come and play as you please between:  
10:00am – 12:00pm morning session  
1:00pm – 3:00pm afternoon session

### Carousel Park

- Badge Making
- Airbrush Tattoos
- Liberty Swing
- Carousel Rides
- Playground
- Drinks station

### Wild Seas

- Feel the Beat Tactile Silent Disco

### Quiet Zones

- Platypus Lawn
- Keeper Kids

### Roving Entertainment

- Botanical Beauties
- Bubble artist
- EscarGlow

### Keeper Talks

Auslan Interpreters will interpret all talks

<u>Orangutans</u>	<u>10:30am</u>
<u>Baboons</u>	<u>10:40am</u>
<u>Elephants</u>	<u>11:00am</u>
<u>Koalas</u>	<u>11:00am</u>
<u>Giraffes</u>	<u>11:30am</u>
<u>Snow Leopards</u>	<u>11:45am</u>
<u>Lions</u>	<u>12:30pm</u>

<u>Gorillas</u>	<u>1:00pm</u>
<u>Meerkats</u>	<u>1:15pm</u>
<u>Giant Tortoise</u>	<u>1:30pm</u> <i>Growing Wild</i>
<u>Elephants</u>	<u>2:00pm</u>
<u>Pygmy Hippo</u>	<u>2:30pm</u>
<u>Tigers</u>	<u>3:30pm</u> <i>Trail of the Elephants</i>
<u>Penguins</u>	<u>4:00pm</u>

## **Food and Drinks**

You will be able to buy food and drinks from selected food outlets during the day.

Outlet opening times:

- Meerkat Café at Main Gate: 9:00am – 5:00pm
- Rail Café near Rail Gate: 9:00am – 5:00pm
- Giraffe Café: 9:00am – 4:00pm
- Macaw Takeaway: 9:00am – 3:00pm

You are also welcome to pack a picnic to enjoy on the lawns with your family.

### **Please note:**

Melbourne Zoo is a straw-free venue. If you or a member of your family needs a straw to drink, please bring your own straw.

Dream Day is an alcohol-free event.

Free selected Streets Paddle Pop ice creams and a range of Schweppes soft drink cans will be available at the Ice Cream and Soft Drink Zone on the Rail Lawns. Schweppes soft drinks will also be available in Carousel Park.

In addition to the standard food and drink offers, the below discounted items will be available for Dream Day:

### **Hot Drinks (all outlets)**

\$2.20 Hot Beverage Small

\$2.70 Hot Beverage Large

### **Hot Food**

\$3.00 Chips (Macaw, Rail gate)

\$4.70 Dino nuggets on a bed of chips (Macaw)

\$8.50 Smashed cheeseburger - grass fed chargrilled beef, 2 types of cheese, onion, mustard, pickle, potato bun (Macaw)

\$8.50 Calamari & chips (Macaw)

\$5.00 Hot Diggity Dogs - grilled snag in a bun, big red sauce (Macaw & Rail Gate)

### **Bakery Food (available at Rail Café and Giraffe Café)**

\$4.00 Kid's pizza

\$4.00 Sausage bread

\$4.00 Vegemite scrolls

\$4.00 Glazed donuts

### **Fresh Food**

\$2.50 Kids cheese sandwich (Macaw, Meerkats, Rail Gate)

\$3.00 Kids ham & cheese sandwich (Macaw, Rail Gate)

\$6.00 Salad (Vegan or Protein) (Macaw, Meerkats only vegan)

\$3.50 Fruit salad (Macaw, Meerkats, Rail Gate)

\$1.50 Whole fruit (all outlets)

## **Come prepared**

Dream Day is an outdoor, all-weather event so please dress for all weather conditions. There will be some undercover areas during the event.

## **Accessible Facilities**

Melbourne Zoo has an easy-to-follow pathway system, with access for people using wheelchairs and strollers.

Melbourne Zoo has a Changing Places facility with extra features such as a tracking hoist, full-sized change table, larger-than-standard accessible toilet and more space. This is in front of the Lemur exhibit exit, near the public toilets. It can be accessed with a Master Locksmith Access Key (MLAK). Don't forget to bring your MLAK key with you.

If you forget your MLAK key, there is one at the Melbourne Zoo reception next to the Main Gate.

Other accessible toilets are located at:

- Main entrance on the way to the Gorilla Rainforest
- Main entrance by the Meerkat exhibit (Temporary event toilets)
- Lakeside Bistro
- Rail Lawns (both permanent and temporary event toilets)
- Main Drive roundabout
- Elephant Kiosk, near the Elephant Barn

## **Access for Assistance Animals**

We welcome visitors with assistance animals (such as guide dogs) that have completed their training and are certified by a registered authority.

Please bring your certification ID. with you.

There are identified exhibits and areas where assistance animals will not be permitted. This is due to quarantine restrictions and safety risks to zoo animals and staff, assistance animals and their handlers. Zoo staff can provide you with information about these areas when you arrive at the zoo.

## **Entry terms and conditions**

Melbourne Zoo has terms and conditions of entry, please go [here](#) for further information.

## **Travel information**

Melbourne Zoo is also easily accessible by car, train, tram and bus.

### **Car**

Parking is available around the outside of Melbourne Zoo for visitors. It costs \$2 for five hours and is run and monitored by parking inspectors from the Melbourne City Council. Please bring a \$2 coin with you or download the EasyPay App in advance.

### **Parking**

There are six accessible parking bays near the main entrance of Melbourne Zoo. Seven accessible parking bays are near the rail gate entrance.

### **Tram**

Tram route 58 West Coburg to Toorak runs from William Street in the city centre every day, stopping directly outside Melbourne Zoo.

### **Train**

Trains run from Flinders Street Station on the Upfield line every day, stopping at Melbourne Zoo's Royal Park Station.

### **Bus**

Bus route 505 from Moonee Ponds to Melbourne University stops outside Melbourne Zoo.

### **Travelling from Regional Victoria**

V/Line trains run from Geelong and Warrnambool, Ballarat, Maryborough and Ararat, Bendigo, Swan Hill and Echuca, Seymour, Shepparton and Albury, as well as Traralgon, Sale and Bairnsdale

The V/Line Family Traveller ticket allows each adult to take up to two children aged between four and 16 at no extra cost on weekends.