



Assiniboine Park Conservancy

Celebrate International Red Panda Day this Weekend at the Assiniboine Park Zoo

For immediate release: Winnipeg, September 13, 2023 – In honour of International Red Panda Day, Assiniboine Park Zoo is hosting **Red Panda Weekend** this Saturday and Sunday. People of all ages are invited to enjoy fun, family-friendly activities and learn about red pandas and conservation efforts to protect the species.

Red pandas are found in the mountain forests of Nepal, India, Bhutan, China and Myanmar (Burma). According to the Red Panda Network, there may be as few as 2,500 red pandas remaining in the wild as their population has declined by over 50% in the past 20 years.

“The most significant threat to biodiversity around the world is the loss, fragmentation, and degradation of habitats. It happens to red pandas in the Himalayas, and it happens to species in our own backyards,” said Dr. Chris Enright, Senior Director of Zoological Operations, Animal Management and Conservation, Assiniboine Park Conservancy. “We hope our Zoo visitors will learn about red pandas, their importance to their ecosystem, and the actions communities have taken to protect them and their habitats and be inspired to support conservation efforts here and around the world.”

All activities listed below take place on Saturday, September 16 and Sunday, September 17 from 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm at the Big Tent on the West side of the Zoo (with the exception of the Zoo Chat).

Red Panda Zoo Chat 1:00 pm at Toucan Ridge

Learn about red pandas from the people who know them best! Join our animal care team at the red panda habitat at Toucan Ridge for a special Zoo Chat.

Face Painting

Have your face painted with a beautiful design – fun for kids of all ages! We’re thrilled to have artists from Heather’s Pretty Parties on site for Red Panda Weekend.

Red Panda Ranger Challenge

Become a Red Panda Ranger! Pick up a passport and get a stamp for each of the following activities: balance beam course, protect the environment plinko, red panda trivia dunk tank, red panda scavenger hunt, and the recycling challenge hosted by Recycle Everywhere.

Red Panda Souvenir Station

Make a small donation and pick up an awesome red panda souvenir or bid on a unique piece of artwork created by one of the Zoo’s own red pandas, available for auction at Wild Things Unique Gifts until September 30 at 5:00 pm. All funds raised will support the [Red Panda Network](#).

Red Panda Adaptation Station

Learn fascinating and funny details about these amazing animals at our adaptation station.

Plus: crafts, costumes, a selfie-station, appearances by Winston the polar bear, and more!

The Zoo is open daily from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Red Panda Weekend activities are included with regular Zoo admission. For more information visit [assiniboinepark.ca](#).

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