

Christmas in the WILD

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-  GUEST SERVICES
-  SHOPPING
-  STROLLER/WHEELCHAIR RENTALS
-  RESTROOM | AED
-  SMOKING AREA
-  FOOD/BEVERAGE LOCATION

Our medical team is available to help guests in the park, contact any team member for assistance.

Notice: Security cameras in use throughout the Zoo.

ZooTampa is a smoke-free environment except in designated smoking areas.

*Due to construction, guests may need to turn around at Manatee Cove or Stingray Shores to enjoy all of our Florida wildlife.



MOBILE APP

Download our mobile app for live walking directions to points of interest in the Zoo.



Jingle Bell Circle

Marvel at a stunning 30 ft. tall Christmas tree sparkling with thousands of brilliantly colored lights and enjoy continuous light shows, snow and special appearances by the Snow Queen and her dancing snow fairies.

North Pole Lane*

Meet Santa and his friends in a winter wonderland filled with twinkling lights, merry music, and unforgettable memories. Enjoy holiday treats, games with elves, write and send a letter to Jolly Old St. Nick, decorate cookies with Mrs. Claus, participate in holiday shopping, and more.

Caribbean Christmas

Transport to the islands with a festive display of bright pink flamingo lights and catch the Hymn-Prov show for holiday laughs and cheers.

Candy Cane Carousel

Embark on an unforgettable ride with red and white lights sprinkled all around the carousel for a candy cane celebration. Then have an unforgettable encounter with Randolph the reindeer in his holiday barn.

Realm of the Nutcracker

The holiday classic story, cherished by audiences of all ages, comes to life during a modern dance party featuring Clara, the Nutcracker, Rat King, and the Sugar Plum fairies.

Ticky Tacky Christmas

Roaring Springs transforms into a land of tacky, where holiday decorations get silly, and the area comes alive with untraditional Christmas music.

Gingerbread Jubilee

Join Mayor Molasses and the citizens of Gingerbread Village as they invite all guests to celebrate Christmas with them at an unforgettable jubilee.

Ice Cavern

The Africa tunnel transforms into a frosted dreamscape featuring glowing lights and the occasional snowstorm.

Illuminate

The Ituri Pass in Africa transforms into a classic Christmas experience with brilliantly illuminated lanterns, magical stilt walkers, and a classical musician celebrating the beauty of the season.

Snowasis

Enjoy a family meal while surrounded by dozens of decorated snow-flocked Christmas trees in this winter wonderland.

Merry & Bright Lightshow

Enjoy a festive holiday light show playing continuously through the night in front of ZooTampa's own holiday house.

Rockin' Wreaths

Dance in Africa Circle to lively Christmas tunes played by an interactive DJ.

*Experience available only until December 23.



FREE PARKING

MEMBER EVENTS

DISCOUNTS ON FOOD & MERCH

FREE GUEST(S) EACH VISIT

MEMBERS GET UNLIMITED ADMISSION THROUGH THE END OF 2026
PLUS MEMBER PERKS & FREE PARKING!
AND MUCH MORE!

Every ZooTampa membership supports our mission to protect and preserve endangered, threatened and vulnerable wildlife.
Visit Guest Services or [ZooTampa.org/Membership](https://www.zootampa.org/Membership) to become a member today!

FLORIDA WATERS
MANATEE RESCUE
OTTER OASIS
REPTILE & AMPHIBIAN DISCOVERY
COMING SPRING 2026!



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AT ZOOTAMPA

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THE BRIGHTEST
EVENT OF THE YEAR!



ENJOY FESTIVE TREATS & DRINKS

Check out our Foodie Guide to find all the savory and sweet dishes throughout the Zoo.



FOODIE GUIDE

'TIS THE SEASON FOR GIVING GIVE BACK TO OUR ANIMALS

Look for the Giving Tree  in our Africa realm or scan the QR code below to make a donation.
Every donation goes directly to our enrichment fund, providing us with items to create thoughtful enrichment for our animals!



GIVE DONATION



FIND VERY MERRY GIFTS!

Visit our gift shops throughout the Zoo to find WILD gifts for the Zoo enthusiast in your life!



ANIMAL CONNECTIONS

- 4:00 PM **Inca Tern Chat**
The Canopy Aviary in Manatee Circle
- 4:30 PM **Orangutan Gift Giving**
Orangutan Habitat, Primates
- 4:45 PM **Elephant Chat**
Elephant Habitat, Africa
- 5:00 PM **Wildlife Connection**
ZooVentures Theater, Florida
- 5:30 PM **Lemur Chat**
Lemur Habitat, Primates
- 6:00 PM **Giraffe Chat**
Giraffe Habitat, Africa
- 6:30 PM **Wildlife Connection**
Outside Reilly's Reserve, Africa
- 7:00 PM **Red River Hog Chat**
Red River Hog Habitat, Africa
- 7:30 PM **Binturong Chat**
Binturong Habitat, Asia
- 8:00 PM **Wildlife Connection**
ZooVentures Theater, Florida
- 8:15 PM **Goodnight Penguins**
African Penguin Habitat, Africa
- 8:45 PM **Panther/Bear Chat**
Panther or Bear Habitat*, Florida

SHOW TIMES

- Cookie Decorating with Mrs. Claus***
North Pole Lane, Across from Indian Rhino Habitat
4:30 PM | 5:30 PM | 6:30 PM | 7:45 PM | 8:45 PM
- Meet Santa***
North Pole Lane, Across From Indian Rhino Habitat
- Hymn-Prov**
Saunders Theater, Caribbean Christmas, Florida
4:00 PM | 5:00 PM | 6:00 PM | 7:00 PM | 8:00 PM | 9:00 PM
- Christmas Carolers**
Outside of Reilly's Reserve, Africa
5:00 PM | 6:00 PM | 7:00 PM | 8:00 PM | 9:00 PM
- Kiss Goodnight**
Jingle Bell Circle - 30 Minutes Before Close
End the night with the biggest celebration featuring all of our jolly characters in one place!

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