



ZOO ATLANTA

Located in Atlanta, Georgia
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Atlanta's oldest cultural destination began the day a menagerie came to town – and never left. In March 1889, a traveling show bound for Marietta, GA, stalled just south of its destination when cash flow problems forced its owner into bankruptcy. Left behind by defecting circus employees, the animals began to draw crowds of curious onlookers. Two weeks later, businessman George Valentine Gress purchased the collection at public auction and donated the animals to the city of Atlanta. City leaders relocated them to picturesque Grant Park, a favorite local picnic and promenade destination. Featuring a jaguar, a hyena, a black bear, a raccoon, an elk, a gazelle, a Mexican hog, lionesses, pumas, camels and snakes, Atlanta's first zoological venue opened to the public that April.

A proud accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), the gold standard for animal care and welfare, Zoo Atlanta has a mission to save wildlife and their habitats through conservation, research, education and engaging experiences. The Zoo is home to more than 1,000 animals representing more than 200 species from around the world, many of them endangered or critically endangered. Highlights include giant pandas, including Ya Lun and Xi Lun, the only giant panda twins in the U.S.; one of North America's largest zoological populations of great apes; and a panda twins in the U.S.; one of North America's largest zoological populations of great apes; and a include the all-new African Savanna, featuring new and expanded habitats for African elephants, giraffes, zebras, ostriches, warthogs, and meerkats, and Savanna Hall, a state-of-the-art special event destination in the newly restored historic former home of the Atlanta Cyclorama.

Zoo Atlanta offers **FREE** admission to all active-duty, reserves, veterans, and retired military members of the U.S. Armed Forces. Valid military ID required at Zoo Admissions. All dependents and other guests must purchase tickets.

AFCTP Codes	Type	Sale Price
M821	Zoo Atlanta Adult	\$24.00
M822	Zoo Atlanta Child	\$18.00

All tickets are nontransferable, nonrefundable and exclude activities/events separately priced.