

## Educational Activities

Be sure to visit the Education/Discovery Center (open 10am-4pm) during your visit to the zoo. Inside you will find several hands-on activities, as well as numerous live animal exhibits. Our mini-theater screens wildlife videos and feature films, which are shown daily.

Also available are live animal presentations in the zoo's outdoor amphitheater. In July and August, programs are available free of charge, with regular zoo admission.

For schools and other community organizations, the Education Department has a wide variety of program offerings that are available both here at the zoo, or at your facility. We also offer Zoo Camp during the summer months and special programming for parents and preschoolers.

Information on all educational activities is available at 201-634-3125/3124.



### Support The Zoo

There are numerous ways to support the zoo and its activities. Consider becoming a zoo member, an animal sponsor or purchasing an engraved paver for the zoo entrance. Information on all of these programs is available at the Zoo Office, the Education Center, the Zoo Ticket Booth, or by calling 201-634-3110.

## Directions

Located within Van Saun County Park

**From Rt. 4 East or West:** Exit at Forest Avenue. Bear right at the end of ramp onto Forest Avenue North. Park is 1 ½ miles on the right.

**From Rt. 17 North or South:** go to Rt. 4 East and follow directions above.

**G.S. Parkway North:** get off at exit 161 (Rt. 4 East) and follow directions above.

**G.S. Parkway South:** get off at exit 163 (Rt. 17 South) and follow directions above.

### Hours of Operation

10:00 am - 4:30 pm daily

Open every day of the year  
(Weather Permitting)



### Zoo Admission Fees

Admission is charged daily  
from May 1st - October 31st

Admission is free November 1st - April 30th

Bergen County Residents		Non-Residents	
Under 3	Free	Under 3	Free
Child (3-14)	\$2.00	Child (3-14)	\$5.00
Adult (15-61)	\$4.00	Adult (15-61)	\$8.00
Senior/Disabled	\$1.00	Senior/Disabled	\$2.00
Active Military	Free	Active Military	Free



**Bergen County Zoological Park**  
216 Forest Avenue  
Paramus, NJ

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## VISITOR SERVICES & ZOO RULES

**Animal Feeding:** Feeding is not permitted. All of the animals are on special diets.

**Pets:** With the exception of service animals, pets are not permitted within the zoo.

**Zoo Barriers:** These are here for the safety of both you and the animals. Do not cross any railing, fence or other barrier, as this can be very dangerous.

**Bicycles/Scooters/Skateboards:** These are not permitted inside the zoo.

**Gift Shop:** The General Store is located in the zoo's entry plaza, just inside the zoo gate.

**Restrooms:** Located in the Farmyard, as well as inside the Education/Discovery Center.

**Wheelchairs:** There are two (2) wheelchairs that can be accessed at the front entrance. We require an ID to hold while the patron is borrowing the wheelchair within the zoo.

**First Aid:** First aid stations are located at the zoo entrance (see a security officer) or at the Zoo Office.

**Animal Donations:** While we will help you find an appropriate outlet, the zoo does not accept injured or orphaned wildlife or unwanted pets.



## Our Mission

The Bergen County Zoo is a “New World” zoo, exhibiting wildlife from North and South America. You have the unique opportunity to view such rare and unusual species as Baird’s Tapirs, Andean Condors, American Alligators, Golden Lion Tamarins, South American Pampas, and many others.

The Bergen County Zoo provides a clean, aesthetically-pleasing facility that meets or exceeds the physical, environmental, and behavioral needs of the animals in its care. The goal of the zoo is to develop and maintain exhibits which emphasize natural behavior, encourage longevity, and promote breeding success. Our AZA accredited zoo actively participates in wildlife conservation endeavors through captive breeding programs and research

projects and supports conservation efforts throughout the world. The zoo provides a unique and effective educational experience that fosters an appreciation for the interrelationships between the animals and their environments. It provides an enjoyable recreational experience for the residents and visitors of Bergen County.

