

Star Party: Friday, Sept. 14 - Begins at 7:00pm
Telescope viewing in front of Visitor Center – **no fee**
Constellation tour at 8:00pm.

Public Lands Day: Saturday, Sept. 22: 9am –12pm
Exhibits, giveaways, children's activities and more!
Fees: no fee for Visitor Center programs, but regular admission fees apply to enter the zoo.

Full Moon Walk: Saturday, September 22
A guided tour through the zoo by the light of the full moon.
Reservations required – call (575) 887-5516.
Entrance begins at 7:00pm
Regular admission fees apply for Full Moon Walk

OCTOBER

Pre-School StoryTime continues.

Desert Starlight: Friday, October 12
Telescope viewing in front of Visitor Center – **no fee**
Begins at 4pm with solar viewing.
5:30pm: PowerPoint program in Visitor Center
6:30pm – 9:30pm: Telescope viewing of planets and deep sky objects. Constellation tour at 7:30pm.

Wolf Awareness Day: Saturday, October 13

Last Full Moon Walk of 2018: Saturday, Oct. 20
A guided tour through the zoo by the light of the full moon.
Reservations required – call (575) 887-5516.
Entrance begins at 6:15pm.
Regular admission fees.

NOVEMBER

Pre-School StoryTime continues.

Star Party: Saturday, Nov. 10 - Begins at 5:30pm
Telescope viewing in front of Visitor Center – **no fee**
Constellation tour at 6:30pm.

DECEMBER

Pre-School StoryTime continues.

Holiday Bells Concert:
Saturday, Dec. 1: 11:00am
Holiday music performed on hand bells by the Touch of Joy Ringers from First Presbyterian Church.
Visitor Center: no fee to attend this event.

Holidays with the Animals:

Saturday, December 8: 1:00-3:00pm
Face-painting, activities: children make holiday cards and treats for their favorite Living Desert animals.
Visitor Center: no fee to attend this event.

ZOO HOURS

OPEN EVERY DAY EXCEPT CHRISTMAS

MEMORIAL DAY through LABOR DAY
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Last entrance into the zoo is 3:30 p.m.

LABOR DAY through MEMORIAL DAY
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Last entrance into the zoo is 3:30 p.m.

GIFT SHOP
OPEN 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. ALL YEAR

ENTRANCE FEES:

6 and under: Free
7 – 12: \$3.00
13 & up: \$5.00

Other special events and programs are scheduled throughout the year, so watch the local paper or check on-line at www.nmparks.com

For more information about the Living Desert and to view updated versions of this brochure, visit the Friends of the Living Desert website at www.livingdesertnm.org

All events are subject to change.



LIVING DESERT ZOO AND GARDENS STATE PARK

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January – December 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ACCREDITED BY THE
**ASSOCIATION
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AQUARIUMS**



JANUARY 2018

Pre-School StoryTime resumes:

9:30-10:30am every Friday when school is in session.

Songs, story, craft.

No fee for Visitor Center program, but regular admission fees apply to enter the zoo.

Consider the purchase of an economical Friends of the Living Desert membership to cover your admission fees for an entire year.

Friday, Jan. 12, 19, and 26 at 9:30am

Maggie the Bear's Birthday Party: Saturday, Jan. 20:

1-3pm: Children's activities and face-painting

3:30pm: Watch Maggie open her birthday present!

Fees: no fee for Visitor Center programs, but regular admission fees apply to enter the zoo to see Maggie.

FEBRUARY

Pre-School StoryTime at 9:30am on Feb. 2, 9, and 23.

Docent Training: Four Wednesdays in February:

Feb. 7, 14, 21, and 28.

9:00am – 12:00pm and 12:30 – 2:00pm

Learn about the Chihuahuan Desert and become a volunteer teacher and tour guide!!

Bring a sack lunch. **Fee** - \$35

For more information, talk to Sandra Cosand or Kathryn Law at (575) 887-5516.

Sweetheart Serenade: Saturday, Feb. 3 at 2:00pm

Sentimental favorites performed by the Cavernaires Barbershop Chorus.

Bring your mother, wife, or sweetheart!

Fees: no fee for Visitor Center program, but regular admission fees apply to enter the zoo.

MARCH

Pre-School StoryTime at 9:30am on March 2, 9, and 16.

Docent Training continues: Four Wednesdays in March:

March 7, 14, 21, and 28.

9:00am – 12:00pm and 12:30 – 2:00pm

Bring a sack lunch.

Star Party: Saturday, Mar. 17 - Begins at 7:30pm

Telescope viewing in front of Visitor Center – **no fee**
Constellation tour at 8:30pm.

APRIL

Pre-School StoryTime at 9:30am on April 6, 13, and 20.

Star Party: Saturday, April 14 - Begins at 7:30pm

Telescope viewing in front of Visitor Center – **no fee**

Constellation tour at 8:30pm.

Earth Day Festival & Taste of Living Desert:

Saturday, April 21: 9:00am-1:00pm

Celebrate Earth Day with this free community event.

Information booths, raffles, door prizes, give-aways including free books, solar viewing, and **Party for the Planet** children's activities.

The Carlsbad Horticulture Society Gift Shop is also hosting the **Taste of Living Desert** with New Mexico foods for visitors to sample, a native plant sale, and a book signing and sale.

Visitor Center: no fee to attend this event, but regular fees apply to enter the zoo.

MAY

The last Pre-School StoryTime of the school year is

Friday, May 4 at 9:30am.

Star Party: Friday, May 11 - Begins at 7:30pm

Telescope viewing in front of Visitor Center – **no fee**

Constellation tour at 8:30pm.

Endangered Species Day:

Saturday, May 19 from 1:00 - 3:00pm

Learn about the Chihuahuan Desert endangered species exhibited at the Living Desert.

Activities in Visitor Center are free, but regular fees apply to enter the zoo.

Full Moon Walk: Saturday, May 26

A guided tour through the zoo by the light of the full moon.

Reservations required – call (575) 887-5516.

Entrance begins at 8:00pm

Regular admission fees apply for Full Moon Walk.

JUNE

Carlsbad Gem and Mineral Show:

Friday, June 15 - Sunday, June 17: 9am-4pm

Exhibit and sale of minerals, fossils and jewelry.

Visitor Center: no fee to attend this event, but regular admission fees apply to enter the zoo.

Star Party: TBA Begins at 8:00pm

Telescope viewing in front of Visitor Center – **no fee**

Constellation tour at 9:00pm.

Full Moon Walk: Wednesday, June 27

A guided tour through the zoo by the light of the full moon.

Reservations required – call (575) 887-5516.

Entrance begins at 8:00pm

Regular admission fees apply for Full Moon Walk.

JULY

Zoo Camp: 8:30am – 12pm each day

July 9 – 13 and July 16 – 20 for children 7 – 12 years.

Children have fun while they learn! Songs, crafts, activities, zoo exploration, guest speakers and more. This year's Zoo Camp theme will be Mammals of the Chihuahuan Desert.

Registration begins June 1. Fees to be determined.

For more information, call (575) 887-5516.

Star Party: Friday, July 13 - Begins at 8:00pm

Telescope viewing in front of Visitor Center – **no fee**

Constellation tour at 9:00pm.

Full Moon Walk: Friday, July 27

A guided tour through the zoo by the light of the full moon.

Reservations required – call (575) 887-5516.

Entrance begins at 8:00pm

Regular admission fees apply for Full Moon Walk.

AUGUST

Star Party: Friday, Aug. 10: Begins at 7:30pm

Telescope viewing in front of Visitor Center – **no fee**

Constellation tour at 8:30pm.

International Vulture Awareness Day:

Saturday, August 25 1:00-3:00pm

Learn about Nature's Sanitation Engineers!

Visitor Center: no fee unless you enter the zoo.

Full Moon Walk: Saturday, August 25

A guided tour through the zoo by the light of the full moon.

Reservations required – call (575) 887-5516.

Entrance begins at 7:30pm

Regular admission fees apply for Full Moon Walk.

SEPTEMBER

Pre-School StoryTime resumes: the first one for the

new school year is the Friday after Labor Day: Sept. 7

9:30-10:30am every Friday when school is in session.

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