

**LOCATION**

8225 N. Wickham Rd., Melbourne, FL 32940

**HOURS OF OPERATION**

The Zoo is typically open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Final admission is 3:30 p.m. It is closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. Please check our website for a current schedule.

**ADMISSION FEES ONLINE**

Adults (12-64): \$34.95

Seniors (65+): \$28.95

Children (3-11): \$22.95

Children under 3: Free

**MEMBERSHIP FEES**

Please visit our website for the most up-to-date Membership Fees: <https://brevardzoo.org/membership/>. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, we receive no recurring government funding for operations. Your purchase of a membership enables us to continue to serve our community with vital animal, conservation and education programs.

Membership perks include unlimited visits for named members during normal zoo operating hours, early admission for members at 9 a.m. and \$3 off guest admission.

**MISSION**

We Share Our Joy of Nature to Help Wildlife and People Thrive.

**HISTORY**

East Coast Zoological Foundation (ECZF) was formed in 1986 to fund and construct a new zoo for Brevard County. Brevard Zoo celebrated its grand opening on March 26, 1994. ECZF owns the land, equipment and the species in our care. Brevard Zoo is the sister campus to Bowen Aquarium, currently set to break ground in 2026.

**LAND AREA**

72 acres (51 developed, 21 wetlands)

**LAYOUT**

The Zoo consists of six "loops": Expedition Africa, Lands of Change: Australia and Beyond, Wild Florida, Rainforest Revealed (features animals from Latin America),

Caribbean Trail and Paws On (features a Barnyard, local aquatic species and water play).

## **ACTIVITIES**

For an additional cost, guests can: feed giraffe, kangaroo and small parrots; kayak next to animal habitats; enjoy multiple aerial obstacle courses (including ziplining); get an up-close experience with our sloth, rhinos or okapi; or ride a train.

## **ANIMALS**

The Zoo is home to more than 700 animals representing 170 species from the Americas, Africa, Asia and Australia. Visitor favorites include our lions, jaguar, giraffe, rhinos, okapi, zebras, monkeys, otters, kangaroos, bears and alligators.

## **ANIMAL WELLNESS**

The physical, mental and social wellbeing of our animal residents is the Zoo's top priority. In addition to dozens of keepers, the Zoo employs board-certified veterinarians, veterinary technicians and commissary staff. The Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.

## **EDUCATION**

Our education programs are as inspiring as they are informational. It is our mission to spark an interest in science, conservation and the outdoors through one-of-a-kind adventures that motivate our community to help wildlife thrive.

We make scientific learning engaging, fun and hands-on with nurturing programs including our Nature Preschool, homeschool classes, adults-only adventures, animal encounters, behind-the-scenes tours, night hikes, scouting adventures, sensory-friendly spaces for persons with varying exceptionalities and our unique and highly-rated Zoo School. We're fostering generations of nature lovers.

Each year, the Zoo touches the lives of more than 39,000 participants through its many educational initiatives.

## **CONSERVATION**

A dedicated conservation department works with wildlife agencies and the community to restore oysters, clams, seagrass and mangroves in the Indian River Lagoon, plant buffer zones, rescue manatees, protect native amphibians, oversee conservation breeding programs for critically endangered Florida grasshopper sparrows, Perdido Key beach mice and frosted flatwood salamanders, monitor the local diamondback terrapin population and more. Behind-the-scenes rehabilitation centers care for sea turtles, Florida black bear cubs and manatees in need.

We believe conservation begins at home, which is why we take extensive measures to ensure our business practices are as sustainable as possible, from composting on-site to

offering guests and staff multiple places to recycle at the Zoo.

As part of East Coast Zoological Foundation's Conservation Fund, each guest is given the opportunity to be conservationist. Twenty-five cents of each daily ticket purchased, and \$5 from each membership purchased, goes towards one of our featured conservation partners.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

As a community Zoo, we encourage public involvement in all aspects of our operations. We are dependent upon and very grateful to our volunteers, who assist with everything from special events to educational programs. In 2025, more than 500 volunteers contributed more than 135,000 hours of work.

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

Facebook: [Brevard Zoo](#)

Instagram: [brevardzoo](#)

YouTube: [Brevard Zoo](#)

TikTok: [brevardzoo](#)

LinkedIn: [Brevard Zoo](#)