

Zoo Facts

Santa Barbara Zoo
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Hours of Operation	10 a.m.- 5 p.m. every day except Thanksgiving & Christmas
Ticket Prices	\$10 adults, \$8 kids (2-12)/seniors (60+), free children under 2
Parking	\$3 per vehicle. Free for Zoo members and reserved groups.
Directions	<p>The Santa Barbara Zoo is approximately 30 minutes north of Ventura, 75 minutes south of Santa Maria and 40 minutes southwest of Solvang.</p> <p><i>From 101 Going North:</i> Hot Springs/Cabrillo Exit, turn left on Cabrillo Boulevard and continue to the first stop light, Niños Drive. Turn right on Niños Drive. Entrance is 2 blocks on the right.</p> <p><i>From 101 Going South:</i> Milpas Street exit, turn right on Milpas. Continue on Milpas to Cabrillo Boulevard and turn left on Cabrillo. Turn left at the next light, Niños Drive. Entrance is 2 blocks on the right.</p> <p><i>From 154:</i> Follow 154 to its terminus at the juncture with 101, and turn onto 101 South. Follow directions above.</p>
Family Membership Price	\$65/year
Established	The Santa Barbara Zoo celebrated its 40 th anniversary in 2003, and was founded in 1963 by a dedicated group of community volunteers.
Mission Statement	The Santa Barbara Zoo is dedicated to the preservation, conservation, and enhancement of the natural world and its living treasures through education, research, and recreation.
Management	A private nonprofit organization, the Santa Barbara Zoo depends on the support of the community, not tax dollars, for operations and improvements. Most zoos are publicly funded municipal operations.
Number of Employees	80 in low season; over 200 in high season
Number of Volunteers	There are over 500 Zoo volunteers from special event helpers to Storytime readers to plant tenders, to more demanding animal care aides and docents. There are currently 50 volunteer docents who share their enthusiasm, knowledge and

appreciation of animals and the natural world with Zoo guests by providing interpretation, guided tours, animal handling presentations and hands-on discovery stations.

Land Area

Known as one of the world's most beautiful zoos, the Santa Barbara Zoo is located on 30 acres of lush botanic gardens overlooking the Pacific Ocean, Andree Clark Bird Refuge and Santa Ynez Mountains.

Animals

The Santa Barbara Zoo is home to 160 species of mammals, reptiles, birds and insects. More than 700 animals are exhibited in open, naturalistic habitats.

Plants

Thirty acres of lush botanic gardens feature formal gardens and lawns, native plants and trees, cacti and succulents, ornamentals, exotic species and less formal plantings arranged throughout the park to recreate natural habitats.

Education Programs

The heart of the Zoo's mission is education. Private grade-appropriate lessons relating the California State science standards are offered to school field trips. Multi-disciplinary, hands-on, and engaging are offered, ranging from the popular summer Zoo Camp to monthly programs for kids and adults.

Private Events

The Zoo is available for rental for events such as weddings, corporate events, birthday parties, and picnics.

Conservation Programs:

The Santa Barbara Zoo participates in the Species Survival Plan (SSP), a vital cooperative conservation program comprised of American Zoo and Aquarium Association (AZA) accredited partner zoos and aquariums. Over 200 different species are managed nationally, aimed at maintaining genetic diversity within captive populations, sustaining these captive populations, and guarding against extinction.

Animals being managed by SSPs at the Santa Barbara Zoo: black-footed cat (Endangered), African lion, Snow leopard (Endangered), Amur leopard (Endangered), western lowland gorilla (Endangered), Island fox (Endangered), golden lion tamarin (Endangered), Asian elephant (Endangered), white handed gibbon (Endangered), spectacled langur, red panda (Endangered) Malayan rhinoceros hornbill, Puerto Rico created toad, Chinese alligator (Endangered), radiated tortoise, and Asian small clawed otter (Threatened).

Operating Budget

2006: \$7 million

Membership

2006: 14,500 families

Attendance

2006: 461,000