

LOWRY PARK



It's a jungle out there and a zoo in here!

Lemurs and tigers and bears, oh my! Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo is home to many exotic creatures -- more than 2,000 to be exact - who make the "far away" seem more familiar.

From playful primates to amazing albino alligators, the zoo is brimming with more friends and more to do. It's your zoo to explore and enjoy.

Recognized by Child magazine as the # 1 zoo in America for families, the zoo offers many up-close experiences and interactive exhibits to put people in the picture. "We know first-hand that zoos need to be safe and fun places to visit, and we work hard to make sure that every guest has a meaningful experience and plans to return," said Craig Pugh, acting director.

Visitors can make a connection with wildlife through exciting interactions. Aviaries known as Lorikeet Landing and Bushland Budgies offer a dizzying array of brightly-colored, highly social birds that will perch on visitors while sipping nectar or nibbling a seed stick. Stingray Bay invites guests to touch and feed dozens of these slippery creatures in a 16,000-gallon touch pool. Wallaroo Station, a 4.5-acre Australian-themed family zoo, is an outback adventure where children can touch, feed and even ride animals like llamas and ponies. And the zoo's newest exhibit area, Safari Africa, features a giraffe feeding platform for an eye-to-eye view, rides atop a Dromedary camel, and a white rhino

encounter.

"We are proud to be one of the few U.S. zoos that offers such a wide variety of experiences with animals outdoors year-round, combining up-close encounters with water play areas and great rides that families can enjoy together," noted Pugh.

To inspire visitors to return, there is always something new at Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo. A pair of rare albino alligators made their debut in 2008 - two of only about 40 white alligators found in zoos or aquariums. The white wonders are the inspiration for the zoo's newest and wildest adventures known as "Gator Falls."

Guests can get their feet wet (and a whole lot more) on the Gator Falls water flume ride. Riders float in a log and explore "Old" Florida with a birds-eye view as the ride weaves around and ends with a 30-foot drop over the white alligator exhibit.

With new and exciting additions happening all the time, visitors are sure to experience something new. **Fun is in our nature!**

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