

# NAPLES ZOO

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**News Release**

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## **Zoo Open Easter Sunday! First Time Since the 1960s** **Easter Bunny to Visit Naples Zoo** **with Treats for Wild Relatives!**

### **Lions, Tigers, Primates, and Kangaroos Hunt for Easter Eggs at Zoo**

Hunting for Easter eggs is fun for everyone, even the animals at Naples Zoo. While kids are getting ready for exciting egg hunts around town, zookeepers along with residents from Southwest Florida Brookdale Senior Living Communities are helping out the Easter Bunny by preparing large colorful papier-mâché eggs stuffed with treats for the Zoo's rare animals. Different animals will be treated each day. During this special three day event, Zoo guests will enjoy watching animals claw and gnaw into these special treat-filled eggs. Zoo staff will also hide colorful edible eggs on the primate islands at noon each day.

Plus, the Easter Bunny is making special appearances to greet children throughout the weekend. Families can also get together and enjoy searching out the wild answers from the zoo's colorful interpretive graphics to a special Easter Scavenger Hunt. One winning family will be picked each day to receive a free Family Zoo Membership. Kids can also join in the decorating fun. Plain papier-mâché eggs will be available to decorate for a nominal fee on a first come/first served basis. Proceeds benefit the zoo's Behavioral Enrichment Fund for the animals.

Since the animals were first introduced in 1969, the Zoo has been closed on Easter Sunday. With more families looking to spend time together on the holiday weekend, Naples Zoo like other zoos in the nation is opening its doors on Easter Sunday.

**Photo:** Download a **print quality photo** of lions with egg at [www.napleszoo.com/press](http://www.napleszoo.com/press)

**When:** **Friday, April 6 through Sunday, April 8**

**Why:** Events like this are part of the daily animal enrichment program. Proper animal husbandry includes not only cleaning, nutritional diets, veterinary care, and daily record keeping, but also behavioral enrichment including toys to play with (or destroy), supplemental foraging activities, and even the use of scents to increase curiosity about objects. By rotating activities, animals consistently engage in something fun and thought provoking.

**Where:** 1590 Goodlette-Frank Road (across from Coastland Center mall)  
Adult admission: \$18.50. Child admission: \$9.95. Discount tickets available online at [www.napleszoo.com](http://www.napleszoo.com). Under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

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