



# ZOO

review

With 150 animals added, the Kansas City Zoo is now better than ever.

The Kansas City Zoo and Zoological Park offer visitors a chance to get up close and personal with many animals from all over the world.

Spanning 200 acres, the Kansas City Zoo has more than 1,300 animals in naturalistic settings. You will marvel at the animals on the plains and in the forests and enjoy the familiarity of domesticated animals from around the world. There is also a children's zoo that the kids will really love.

A variety of animals live in the zoo's 95-acre African exhibit. "Kenya" features 17 acres of plains with giraffe, five species of antelope, and wonderful views of cheetah, lions, black rhinos, and hippos. The Congolese Forest offers close encounters with leopards and lowland gorillas. The Tanzanian area showcases an extraordinary chimpanzee troupe, while baboons, lemurs and tortoises are right at home in "Uganda."

Experience the activity and wonder of the land down under. You can also get close to the most powerful animal that walks the earth (the elephant) at the Okavango Delta in "Botswana." The Okavango Elephant Sanctuary on the Delta is home to six female and two bull African elephants. Lucky visitors will experience the massive animals near their watering hole, where they enjoy swimming.

"Australia" offers an amazing array of animals, including a walk-through aviary, free-roaming kangaroos and the "Wonders of the Outback Museum," where visitors can view a variety of Australian reptiles.

You can encounter domesticated animals at the Blue River International Farm and the International Festival. Cozy up with potbellied pigs, llama, alpaca, goats, sheep, a miniature horse and much more. Children can also enjoy a memorable pony ride and learn more about farm life.

In honor of Kansas City's 150th birthday, the zoo has added 150 animals to their already large collection.

The zoo also offers educational programs that encourage children and adults to learn about animals as they participate in fun activities, tour the zoo and make crafts. There's even an IMAX® Theatre where you can surround yourself with dolphins and other animals.

*The Kansas City Zoo and Zoological Park is located off I-435 and 63rd St. in Swope Park (6700 Zoo Drive). Parking is \$2. The zoo is open year round, except Christmas and New Year's Day. Summer hours (April 1–October 14) are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Winter hours (October 15–March 31) are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information and upcoming events, visit their web site at [www.kansascityzoo.org](http://www.kansascityzoo.org) or call (816) 513-5700.*



Sienna, a Masai giraffe calf, stands tall (opposite page). A red panda takes refuge in a tree (left). Three meercats curiously poke their heads out to see what's happening (below).



A joey and its mother explore their territory (left). A hippopotamus stops by a nearby watering hole to take a much-needed drink (below).

