



The Indianapolis Zoo

One of top ten animal exhibitions
in the world!



Indianapolis Zoo opened to the public in 1988. Begun in 1964 at George Washington Park on East 30th Street, it now receives over a million visitors per year at its location along the White River.

As the world class institution that it is, it has the distinction of being the first zoo in the world to be accredited as a zoo, aquarium and botanical garden (throughout the grounds there are 23,000 plants). In comparison to other big city zoos, as the fluctuating measure that such rankings are, in 2017, the Indianapolis Zoo was judged second in the world behind the world famous



San Diego Zoo. No matter the judging panel or criteria that has been set, the Indianapolis Zoo still hovers in and out of the top ten animal exhibitions in all the world!



Inside its 60 acres, there are 3,800 animals of more than 320 species and subspecies. The Indianapolis Zoo is revered throughout the world for its cutting edge elephant reproduction research. It was here that the first and second African elephants in the world were successfully conceived and born through artificial insemination. And recently, the Indianapolis Zoo was named one of the best zoos for orangutans by Zoophoria.net.