



**Zoo Atlanta Family Pass  
Frequently Asked Questions  
FOR LIBRARY PATRONS**



## **Part I: Accessing and using the Zoo Atlanta Family Pass**

### **How does the Zoo Atlanta Family Pass program work?**

When you check out, watch and returns the Zoo Atlanta Family Pass DVD to your lending library on time and in good condition, the librarian will provide you with an authorized receipt. Bring the receipt to Zoo Atlanta Monday through Thursday along with the library card used to checkout the DVD. *Do not bring the DVD itself*; only the receipt and library card are needed. One authorized receipt is good for free admission for up to four people. Larger family groups must pay for any additional admissions that they require.

### **How long may I keep the DVD, and may I renew it if I don't have a chance to watch it?**

The DVD is due back to your library 7 days after you check it out. It may not be renewed.

### **Is the DVD my pass and do I take it to Zoo Atlanta for admission?**

No, you must return the DVD to your local library. When you return the Zoo Atlanta Family Pass DVD to the lending library *on time and in good condition*, you will receive an authorized receipt for free admission for up to four people from your librarian.

### **How much time do I have to use the pass at the Zoo? Are there rain checks or make-up dates?**

The pass must be presented at Zoo Atlanta *within 4 weeks* of your return of the DVD. Because Zoo Atlanta is a rain-or-shine destination, there are no rain checks or make-up dates. Under extenuating family circumstances, such as illness, however, individual libraries may extend the timeframe allotted for use of the pass by reissuing it for a second consecutive 14-day period from the date of a patron's request and return of the original pass.

### **Am I permitted to request a hold if the DVD has been checked out by another cardholder?**

Officially, holds are not permitted on the Zoo DVD. However, many libraries permit cardholders to request a temporary hold on the pass, provided it is currently checked in and available for circulation. Depending on each library system's policy, this hold window might be as short as 30 minutes, until the close of business that day or up to a maximum of 24 hours. Contact your local library branch for more information about their specific policy.

### **Why do some library branches have only one copy of the DVD, while others have multiple copies?**

Zoo Atlanta provided each Georgia public library branch with one pass. Because of the popularity of the program and the vast differences in service populations of facilities, Zoo Atlanta provided GPLS with additional DVDs to place into circulation at those libraries with the highest service populations and with the greatest demand. For example, the average service population at the 34 facilities of the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library is approximately 31,000, while the single library in Conyers-Rockdale County serves over 90,000 people. Georgia counties with large populations but few facilities may stock more than one copy in order to "level the playing field" for citizens across the state.

## **Part II: Making the most of your trip to Zoo Atlanta**

### **Who do I contact if I have questions about my upcoming visit?**

Call the Zoo Atlanta general information line at 404.624.WILD. You may also visit the Zoo Atlanta website, [zooatlanta.org](http://zooatlanta.org), for more details on daily activities that may be useful in planning your visit.

### **Where do I present my receipt?**

Present your receipt at Admissions at the Zoo entrance. You must present a completed and receipt with an authorized signature from your library to receive admission; admittance will not be permitted without the authorized receipt.

### **What are the Zoo's hours of operation?**

Zoo Atlanta is open seven days a week, 363 days a year; closed only on Thanksgiving and Christmas. The Zoo is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., with ticket booths closing at 4:30 p.m. During Daylight Savings Time, the Zoo is open until 6:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday only, with ticket booths closing at 5:30 p.m.

### **What does the Zoo Atlanta Family Pass include?**

The pass is valid for general admission only; pass does not include concessions or rides.

### **How long should I plan for my family's visit?**

This will vary, of course, depending on the size and interests of your party, but most families should plan to spend between three and four hours at the zoo in order to see its many highlights.

### **Can I use the pass for special events?**

The pass may be used for events that are included with general admission, including but not limited to Boo at the Zoo, Party for the Planet and Fiesta de la Familia. The pass may *not* be used for paid events such as Brew at the Zoo, JAZZOO, Safari Day Camps or NightCrawler overnights.