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**MEDIA ADVISORY: Detroit Zoo, Belle Isle Nature Center to Reopen Thursday,
Jan. 23**

ROYAL OAK, Mich. — Following a temporary weather closure, the [Detroit Zoo](#) and [Belle Isle Nature Center](#) will reopen for regular daytime hours on Thursday, Jan. 23.

After closely monitoring weather forecasts and ensuring conditions are safe, the Detroit Zoological Society team is excited to welcome guests back to the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak and the Belle Isle Nature Center in Detroit. The facilities had been closed on Jan. 21 and Jan. 22 due to extreme cold weather impacting the region.

We thank our guests and the community for their patience and understanding during this time and look forward to reopening our doors. Throughout the temporary closure, the safety of our guests, staff and the animals in our care was always our top priority.

For more information about hours and operations, please visit [detroitzoo.org](#) and [belleislenaturecenter.org](#).

Guests who pre-purchased a Zoo ticket for the closure dates of Jan. 21 or 22 will have their ticket honored for daytime Zoo admission on any future visit. Refunds will not be issued if guests decide not to visit at a later date.

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About the Detroit Zoological Society:

[The Detroit Zoological Society](#) – a renowned leader in humane education, wildlife conservation, animal welfare and environmental sustainability – operates the [Detroit Zoo](#) and [Belle Isle Nature Center](#). One of Michigan's largest paid family attractions, the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak hosts more than 1.2 million visitors annually. Its 125 acres of award-winning naturalistic habitats are home to more than 2,000 animals representing more than 200 species. The Belle Isle Nature Center sits on a 5-acre site on Belle Isle State Park in Detroit. For hours, prices, directions and other information, call (248) 541-5717 or visit [detroitzoo.org](#).