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# El Paso Zoo and Botanical Gardens Update Hours of Operation in December

**EL PASO, Texas**—The City of El Paso is pleased to announce that the El Paso Zoo and Botanical Gardens will be moving to new winter and summer hours of operation beginning Wednesday, December 1, 2021.

The new hours of operation take into consideration the colder mornings in the winter and the hotter temperatures in the summer, providing guests with one weeknight when the zoo is open later. The zoo will remain closed on Monday and Tuesday to continue time for intensive cleaning of the facilities and animal care procedures.

“In the winter, when it is colder, the animals do not move outside until it warms up, and in the summer, guests want to get in early to beat the heat of the afternoon sun in El Paso,” said El Paso Zoo Director Joe Montisano. “We really looked at what was best for the animals and the guests, to provide the best overall zoo experience. The new hours take into consideration the changing temperatures and allow for continued intensive cleaning protocols.”

Beginning Wednesday, December 1, 2021, the El Paso Zoo’s new hours of operation will be:

**Winter Hours** (effective November through February)  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday

**Summer Hours** (effective March through October)  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday  
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday

The Zoo will remain closed on Monday and Tuesday. Last tickets are sold one hour prior to closing.

For more information, visit the El Paso Zoo and Botanical Gardens at [elpasozoo.org](http://elpasozoo.org) and be sure follow and like the zoo on social media ([Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#)).

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