

# News

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HEAR US ROAR!  
SAINT LOUIS ZOO OPENS NEW ANIMATRONIC DINOSAUR EXHIBIT

Dinoroarus presented by The Boeing Company brings to life 16 giant animatronic dinosaurs that move, roar and even spit in this one-of-a-kind walk-through outdoor exhibit on display now through September 1, 2008 at the Saint Louis Zoo.

Prehistoric reptilian mega-stars from 11 species include the huge, menacing ***Tyrannosaurus rex*** (tye-RAN-uh-sawr-us-rehks), the regal-looking ***Triceratops*** (tri-SARE-uh-tops), the spitting ***Dilophosaurus*** (Di-LOFE-ah-sawr-us), a herd of gentle, long-necked giant ***Omeisauruses*** (o-MY-ee-sawr-us) and the duck-billed ***Parasaurolophus*** (**PAR-ah-sawr-OL-off-us**) with babies in a nest. Other favorites include ***Apatosaurus*** (ah-PAT-uh-sawr-us), ***Coelophysis*** (see-low-FY-sis), ***Dimetrodon*** (dye-MET-ruh-don), ***Pachycephalosaurus*** (pak-ee-SEF-uh-lo-sawr-us), ***Suchomimus*** (sook-oh-MIME-us) and ***Stegosaurus*** (STEG-uh-sawr-us) with its baby.

“We hope that youngsters will get the idea that there are always new scientific ideas to discover,” says Dr. Jeffrey Bonner, president & CEO of the Zoo. “We think ‘Dinoroarus’ will be fun and educational.

“Learning about dinosaurs is kind of like ‘CSI’, using really old evidence,” he adds. “Paleontologists ask questions about why certain dinosaurs moved to different places, and why their food supplies or habitats were threatened. And those are exactly the kind of questions that the Saint Louis Zoo’s WildCare staff and their partners ask about species today.”

At Dinoroarus, young paleontologists can unearth some Jurassic treasures in a hands-on fossil dig. Using brushes and sifters just like the professionals, Zoo guides will help kids search for teeth, bones, shells and more. Sensory tables for the youngest adventurer include sorting and matching activities.

Along the trail in this land before time, visitors will discover connections between dinosaurs and live animals at the Zoo, how dinosaurs have been depicted in pop culture and theories on their extinction.

Thrill seekers can also experience “Dino Island 2” in a 3-D motion simulator, and souvenir shoppers can mill around Dinostoreus.

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Admission to Dinoroarus is \$3.00 for non-members, and \$1.50 for Zoo Friends members. Children under two are free. Admission to the exhibit is free to all the first hour the Zoo is open (9-10 a.m. through May 22 and 8-9 a.m. in summer.)

The motion simulator is \$4.00 per person. A \$5.00 Dino Pass includes admission to the exhibit and the motion simulator.

Groups of 15 or more may call (314) 646-4709 in advance for group discounts.

The Zoo is open daily year-round from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. In summer, May 23 through September 1, 2008, the Zoo will be open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and until 8 p.m. on Fridays for Dinoroarus and Jungle Boogie during North Star Summer Zoo Hours. The Zoo will close at 5 p.m. on June 20, July 23 and August 27. No concert on June 20 and July 4.

For more information, visit [www.stlzoo.org](http://www.stlzoo.org) or call (314) 781-0900.

Dinoroarus is sponsored by The Boeing Company and UMB Bank.

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*The Saint Louis Zoo is widely recognized for its innovative approaches to animal management, wildlife conservation, research and education. One of the few free zoos in the nation, it attracts about 3,000,000 visitors a year.*

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